



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Second Sunday of Lent  
 March 8, 2009**

**Pastor:** Father John Stites  
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**Deacon:** Deacon Jose' Flores

**Coordinator of Religious Education:**  
 Mrs. Jean Byrne – 419-453-3702

**Youth Minister**  
 Mrs. Renee Kelch – 419-453-2159

**Sacristan/Banners/Bows:**  
 Mrs. Anne Landwehr – 419-453-3391

**Liturgy Committee:**  
 Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685

**Director of Music/Flowers:**  
 Mrs. Irene Miller – 419-453-3275

**Maintenance:**  
 Mr. Dave Koester – 419-453-3513

**Parish Center Manager:**  
 Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891

**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**  
 Mrs. Patty Koester – 419-453-3513

Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center  
 Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 3 PM  
 Phone: 419-453-3513 Email: [immac@bright.net](mailto:immac@bright.net)

**Home Bound Support Group:**  
 Mrs. Mary Lou Miller – 419-453-3480  
 Mrs. Mary Ann Beining – 419-453-3680

**Parish Council:**  
 Mr. Jim Hoersten -Pres.  
 Mrs. Lenora Ball  
 Mr. Ron Hemker  
 Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum  
 Mrs. Nancy Vetter  
 Mr. Brad Turnwald  
 Mrs. Virginia Beining  
 Mrs. Barb Hoersten  
 Mr. Adam Schnipke  
 Mr. Donald Warnecke  
 Mr. Eddie Luersman  
**Finance Committee:** Mike Ruen, Chairman  
**Cemetery Sexton:** Marty Gerdeman – 419-453-3288  
**Cemetery Board President:**  
 Mrs. Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861

**PARISH SCHEDULE:**  
**Weekend Masses:**  
 Saturday: 4 PM  
 Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

**Daily Masses:**  
 Monday: NO MASS  
 Tuesday: 7 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:10 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
 Saturday: 3:15 PM

**Baptism Instruction:**  
 Second Saturday at 10 AM in the basement at Fort Jennings rectory. Upcoming dates:  
April 11 and June 13, 2009. Instructions are for parents who celebrate the birth of their first child. It is highly recommended that you attend instructions before the birth of the child. Please call the office to register.

**Baptisms:**  
 Baptisms are celebrated anytime agreeable with Deacon Jose' or Father John. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the office.

**Engaged Couples Conference:** First Sunday of March and November.

**New parishioners** are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call the office.

**Please note:** Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at 9 AM in writing, email, or fax.

**Parish Website:**  
[www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com](http://www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com)



**2009 Lent Penance Services**

Sun. March 15 – 2 PM Ottoville Immaculate Conception  
 Tues. March 17 – 7 PM Miller City St. Nicholas  
 Thurs. March 19 – 4 & 7 PM Glandorf St. John  
 Mon. March 23 – 7 PM Columbus Grove St. Anthony  
 Wed. March 25 – 7 PM Ft. Jennings St. Joseph  
 Sun. March 29 – 7 PM Leipsic St. Mary  
 Wed. April 1 – 4 & 7 PM Kalida St. Michael  
 Mon. April 6 – 4 & 7 PM Ottawa SS. Peter & Paul

**Liturgical Procedure/position:** According to proper Liturgical procedure, as we did for Confirmation when our Bishop was presiding, we should kneel after the "Lamb of God" until we approach the Eucharist. We started this at the 10:30 AM Mass. Our Liturgy Committee has suggested that we begin this proper procedure during Lent.

**During our Lenten Journey** I ask that you remember in your prayers the two young men preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, Kyle Mawer and Scott Crossgrove. Kyle & Sarah Beining are engaged to be married later this year as are Scott and Ashley Basinger. Keep all of them in your prayers as they support each other on their Spiritual Journey.  
 - Fr. John



We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all of our family, neighbors, friends, the Odenweller Milling Company and to both the Ottoville and Kalida emergency responders. We are all so thankful to each and every one of you for all of your help. We feel very lucky and very blessed to have people like you in our lives. With heartfelt appreciation,  
 Gary & Cathy Turnwald & family

**To the members of Immaculate Conception Parish:**  
 On behalf of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, Deacon Paul White expresses prayerful thanks for the donation of \$3,362 to support the missionary efforts of the Catholic Church. By your sharing, you truly give witness of your faith and help fulfill the command of Jesus to take the gospel to all nations.

**To donate a flower for Easter** in memory of a loved one, pick up an envelope at one of the church exits, place \$13 inside, put your name and the name of your loved one on the outside and drop it in the collection basket.

**Hearthstone Junior High Gathering** is in Ottawa on March 15. Forms were sent home with the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the last religion class. Contact Renee Kelch if your child did not receive a form. Please return the medical form to Renee.

**ATTENTION:** The youth group is still in need of jelly size canning jars. Call Renee Kelch if you can donate. Thanks!

**Stand & Pray: Lent 2009** – Take your Lenten prayer & fasting to a new level this year by joining others in peaceful prayer outside Center for Choice, 328 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Toledo from now thru Good Friday. Come and pray anytime it works for you. Most helpful times are: Mon., Tues., Wed. 8 AM-5 PM; Thurs. 2-10 PM; Fri 8 AM-1 PM. Contact Ann at [toledo eagle@hotmail.com](mailto:toledo eagle@hotmail.com) or 419-708-9497 or visit [www.prolifeconnection.com](http://www.prolifeconnection.com)

**FESTIVAL MANAGERS** meeting April 1 in the Family Room at 6 PM. Festival worker's list due by June 12.

*Second Sunday of Lent*

**LITURGIES**

S(8th) 8:00 a.m. Agnes Niemeyer  
 10:30 a.m. Adolph & Irene Maag &  
 Tony & Gertrude Schlagbaum  
 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

T(10th) 7:00 p.m. David Miller  
 W(11th) 8:10 a.m. Michael Koester  
 Th(12th) 8:10 a.m. Wilma A. Kromer  
 F(13th) 8:10 a.m. Betty Bowersock  
 S(14th) 4:00 p.m. Kevin Brickner  
 S(15th) 8:00 a.m. Stephanie Kite  
 10:30 a.m. Agnes Ellerbrock  
**2:00 p.m. PENANCE SERVICE**



**COLLECTION REPORT: Budget:** \$5,000.00  
 Sunday Collection: 5,384.00  
**Above Budget:** +384.00  
 Parish Center: \$348 Church Repair: \$134  
**THANK YOU!!!**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:**  
 Total as of February 2 - \$21,208.37  
**THANK YOU!**

**The St. Mary's Cemetery Board** asks that you have all decorations placed on or in the ground and not fixed on the monuments removed by March 14 so that spring clean-up can begin. Thanks!

**Servers for Stations March 8:** Trent Miller,  
 Claire Nussbaum, Joseph Van Oss

**NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:**

**SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.**  
 Trent Miller, Claire Nussbaum, Joseph Van Oss  
**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Grant Altenburger, Logan Kortokrax,  
 Amy Tumblin  
**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Lauren Kramer, Morgan Schroeder,  
 Jessica Vorst  
**10:30 AM:** Alex Odenweller, Garrett Rayman,  
 Adam Wannemacher

**LECTORS:** Mike Ruen, Patricia Ricker, Tom Beining

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**4:00 PM: Host:** Kathy Beining, Judith Eickholt,  
 Mike Ricker, Jan Warnecke  
**Cup:** Beth Eickholt, Jill Wenzlick  
**Choir:** Carol Giesken (Total 7)  
**8:00 AM: Host:** Marie Grote, Anne Landwehr,  
 Ron Niemeyer  
**Cup:** Sharon Meyer, Angie Niemeyer  
**Choir:** Jan Von Lehmden (Total 6)  
**10:30 AM: Host:** Jack & Helen Devitt,  
 Toni Rieger, Jane Turnwald  
**Cup:** Julie Brickner, Jean Byrne  
**Choir:** Julie Nussbaum (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

**4:00 PM:** Brian Altenburger, Dan Hoersten,  
 Tim Kimmet, Gary Turnwald  
**8:00 AM:** Paul Hoersten, Steve Hoersten,  
 Steve Koester, Arnold Rode  
**10:30 AM:** Carie Byrne, Mike Byrne,  
 Todd Miller, John Schlagbaum



**GIFTS:**

**4:00 PM:** Terry & Sheila Kortokrax family  
**8:00 AM:** Volunteers  
**10:30 AM:** Rita Turnwald family

*Interested in taking up Offertory Gifts? Please contact:  
 Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861 for dates January thru June  
 Deb Cross – 419-453-3682 for dates July thru December*

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Rae Ann Sanders, Delores Schimmoeller,  
 Julie Schimmoeller, Carolyn Schimmoeller,  
 Elaine Schimmoeller, Donna Schimmoeller,  
 Barb Schlagbaum

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Exodus 20:1-7 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;  
 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

**ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:**

Elma Kaufman, Manager

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:**

Helen Devitt & Mary Ann Rode



**Theology On Tap** for young adults (ages 18-39) is back! We will be meeting at Red Pig Inn in Ottawa on March 12. Fr. Allan Fillman, from Paulding, will be speaking on "Eschatology (the after-life) – Visions of Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory." Registration is 6 PM. Speaker at 6:30 PM. Contact Lori Recker, 419-523-3730, with questions.

**St. George Deanery Senior Citizen Prom** will be at the Ottawa K of C on April 26 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Doors open at 3:45 PM. Senior Citizens interested in attending may call the parish office, 419-453-3513, to make a reservation by April 13. This year's theme is "Cinderella's Ball". Come enjoy food, entertainment, games and door prizes. This event is coordinated by the St. George Deanery Youth Ministers and High School Students. You may even wear "Ball Attire" if you like!

**Christ Renew His Parish (CRHP)** is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and with others in the faith community. A CRHP Weekend for Women is April 25-26 at St. Joseph's in Ft. Jennings. There is no cost however attendance is limited to first-come, first-serve. To register or with questions contact Amy Ricker, 419-286-3743 or Julie Fischbach, 419-286-2361.

**St. Anthony of Padua School** in Columbus Grove is seeking a principal for the upcoming 2009-10 school year. The candidate should be a practicing Catholic with preferable a Masters in Education and/or Administration. The school presently has 171 students in grades K-8. The candidate should request an application packet from the school office at 419-659-2103. A resume will be required. Applications should be received by March 31. Interviews will be taking place in April.

**Putnam County 4-H** offers activity based learning experiences in more that 213 subject areas including: health, family life, photography, aerospace science, animals, natural resources, horticulture and nutrition. Enrollment deadline is March 16. Contact Jason Hedrick, OSU Extension, 419-523-6294.

**FISH FRY** Every Friday during Lent at American Legion Post #715 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Adults \$8. Children under 12 - \$4. Carry-outs: \$7.

**American Legion Ladies Auxiliary** is hosting a Fellowship Breakfast March 22 from 8:15 AM – 12 noon in the Church Basement of Ft. Jennings St. Joseph. Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage Links, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Pastries, coffee & OJ. Cost is \$5. Proceeds go back to the community. Thanks for your support.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** In today's gospel Jesus was "transfigured." Change is the only constant in family life. We constantly change clothes, jobs, our minds, diapers and plans. Beneath all the changes, we are still the same person. It is our commitment to each other that binds a family together throughout the inevitable changes of life.