



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2008

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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

Home Bound Support Group:

Mrs. Mary Lou Miller – 419-453-3480

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Parish Council:

Mr. Kevin Horstman -Pres.

Mrs. Mary Ann Beining

Mrs. Virginia Beining

Mr. Ron Hemker

Mrs. Barb Hoersten

Mr. Jim Hoersten

Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum

Mr. Adam Schnipke

Mr. Gary Turnwald

Miss Alison Rieger

Mr. Brad Turnwald

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 12 and June 14, 2008. Instructions are for parents who celebrate the birth of their first child or for those who have not had a child baptized within the last 5 years. 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.

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

HAVE YOU EVER BEGGED? I am! We are in need of a co-chair for our Parish Festival. I have heard from past Chairs "that it really isn't that difficult." Maybe a former Chair is willing to do this again? However, with a parish this size and only one major fund raiser a year, I would hope there are parishioners willing to step forth and do something for your Parish!

- Fr. John

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:

March 9 – 2 PM – Ottoville Immaculate Conception

March 9 – 7 PM – Leipsic St. Mary

March 12 – 4 PM & 7 PM – Kalida St. Michael

March 17 – 4 PM & 7 PM – Ottawa SS Peter & Paul

March 19 – 7 PM – Ft. Jennings St. Joseph

RAS NEWS: **BINGO!** Date has been changed to **MARCH 30** due to our Penance Service this Sunday.

To donate a flower for Easter in memory of a loved one, pick up an envelope at one of the church entrances, place \$13 inside, put your name and the name of your loved one on the outside and drop it in the collection basket. Deadline is March 10.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY NEWS: The Cemetery Board asks that you have all decorations placed on or in the ground and not fixed on the monuments removed by March 21 so that spring clean-up can begin. Thanks!

The Cemetery Board will be replacing more footers in the old West section of the cemetery again this summer. Any contractor interested in bidding on this work may contact Mike Byrne, 419-453-3475. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this project may also call Mike.

The Cemetery Board wishes to thank the family of JoAnn Honigford for the generous donation made to the Cemetery Fund in JoAnn's memory.

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, ISRAEL AND PALESTINE? Presented by Sr. Paulette Schroeder, OSF-T, March 10 at St. John's, Glandorf from 7-8:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Sr. Paulette will share her personal insights and experiences of being an international in Hebron, West Bank for a month in the midst of the Israelis and Palestinians. Come be informed!

WALK FOR LIFE is March 21 beginning at 10 AM at St. Nicholas, Frenchtown and ending with prayer and communion at the Basilica, Our Lady of Consolation, Carey. This is a 7-mile walk. Don't forget to pack a lunch and wear comfortable shoes!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Mercy College of Toledo offers a renewable \$500 scholarship to a parishioner from each parish of our Diocese in honor of Bishop James R. Hoffman. If you are planning to attend Mercy College, contact Fr. John.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

LITURGIES

S(9th) 8:00 a.m. Norbert & Marcella Bendele
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the
 Steve Hilvers family
 2:00 p.m. PENANCE SERVICE
 T(11th) 7:00 p.m. Mary & Clete Gerding
 W(12th) 8:10 a.m. Floyd & Anna Stites
 Th(13th) 8:10 a.m. Mary Ann Kaple
 F(14th) 8:10 a.m. Raymond G. Miller
 S(15th) 4:00 p.m. Kevin Brickner
 S(16th) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Alvin & Rita Kleman

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:**SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 8:10 a.m.**

Lucas Maag, Kelsey Miller, Kara Schimmoeller

SAT: 4:00 PM: Grant Altenburger, Sam Beining,

Kenny Jackson, Austin Schroeder, Holly Von Sossan

SUN: 8:00 AM: Brad Eickholt, Austin Meyer,

Jamie Rieger, Chris Rieger, Tyler Turnwald

10:30 AM: Kurt Beining, Jill Hohlbein,

Jacob Landin, Danielle Rellinger, Adria Wannemacher

LECTORS: Mari-Lou Beining, Carla Landin,
 Tom Beining

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Leon Burgei, Beth Eickholt,
 Carol Giesken, Angela Niemeyer

Cup: Mary Lou Miller, Jan Von Lehmden

Choir: Judith Eickholt (Total 7)

8:00 AM: Host: Nancy Beining, Marcia Eickholt,
 Carol Hoersten

Cup: Ron Niemeyer, Nancy Vetter

Choir: Deb Lindeman (Total 6)

10:30 AM: Host: Ann Beining, Helen & Jack Devitt,
 Dee Dee Schlagbaum

Cup: Sharon Brickner, Don Schlagbaum

Choir: Jean Byrne (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: Tim Kimmet, Steve Koester,
 Kevin Lindeman, Darrell Von Sossan

8:00 AM: Joel Edelbrock, Ron Hemker,
 Paul Hoersten, David Schlagbaum

10:30 AM: Duane Boecker, Todd Miller,
 Dennis Miller, Adam Schnipke

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Tony & Mary Kay Schroeder family

8:00 AM: Frank & Judy Eickholt family

10:30 AM: Larry & Cherie Kemper family

PRAY THE ROSARY

Sherri Edelbrock, Marcia Eickholt, Jann Eickholt,
 Ceil Eickholt, Jeanne Eickholt, Becky Eickholt,
 Judy (Terry) Eickholt

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66
 or 27:11-54

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:

Mary Ann Rode, Manager

Past Week's Help: Kayla Laudick, Alyssa Honigford

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:

March – Helen Devitt & Mary Ann Rode

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00
 Regular Sunday Collections: -4,645.50
Below Budget: \$ -354.50
 Parish Center: \$286 Church Repair: \$40
THANK YOU!!!

Immaculate Conception Parish sincerely thanks the family of JoAnn Honigford for the generous donation made to our parish in JoAnn's memory.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

4:00 PM: Youth Choir

10:30 AM: Adult Choir

YOUNG ADULTS 18-39: "Theology on Tap" is at the Red Pig Inn, Ottawa on March 13, Speaker at 6:30 PM. Speaker is Fr. Bob Wilhelm. Fr. Bob's topic is "Humanity of Jesus".

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. The next weekend is April 4-6. For confidential information call 800-470-2232 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

The Diocese of Toledo is seeking a full-time Office Manager for the Catholic Cemetery office. This position is responsible for managing all accounting, AP/AR, supervising the office, and coordinating projects for diocesan cemeteries. Candidates must have the ability to interact with a variety of personalities in a tactful and professional way. A minimum of two years of college preferred. Send resumes and cover letter with salary history to: Human Resources, Diocese of Toledo, PO Box 985, Toledo, OH 43697 or email: rcoutts@toledodiocese.org Deadline is March 17.

CENTURY FARM AWARDS – 2008 Applications are now being accepted. Applicants must submit copies of old deeds, titles, etc. showing family ownership of a farm for at least 100 years. Name, address, phone number, parish & deanery must accompany material. Families who received plaques in the past are not eligible, but those who are on record from previous years need not apply again as they will already be under consideration. Send applications to the Social Ministry, Advocacy & Rural Life Office of Catholic Charities, 537 Lime St., Fremont, OH 43420. Deadline is April 18. Contact Sr. Christine Pratt, 419-334-1331 or cpratt@toledodiocese.org for more information.

2008 Summer Park Program registration forms must be returned to PO Box 332, Ottoville by March 14 or a \$10 late fee per child will be charged. Call Ruth Kemper, 419-453-3874 with any questions.

FISH FRY at the Kalida K of C hall on March 14 will benefit Putnam County Right to Life. Serving from 4-7 PM. All are welcome!

The Annual Putnam County Cancer Dance and Auction will be March 15 at the Kalida K of C Hall. Doors open at 5 PM. Auction starts at 6 PM. Dance 7-11 PM. Music by "Another Round". Admission is \$5. Food and refreshment available. 50/50 tickets – Door prizes – Many wonderful auction items. To donate to this great cause, contact Karen Hilvers, 419-453-3165.

THE OTTOVILLE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE May 3. Registration forms at Village Market, Post Office, Ottoville Bank, Ft. Jennings State Bank in Ottoville, Ottoville Lumber Co., and Ottoville Hardware. Registration deadline is April 1. Special events and Fund Raisers welcome. Anyone interested in collecting left over items for charity; call Jean Steele, 419-453-3534, with any questions.

St. John's Parish, Delphos, is sponsoring a trip to **LaComedia Dinner Theater** in Dayton on April 3. Leaving Delphos at 8:45 AM & returning by 7 PM. The play is "Thoroughly Modern Millie". Cost is \$61 including transportation, excellent food and the musical. Call 419-695-4050 to make reservations.