



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 11, 2008**



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 Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685  
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**Secretary/Bookkeeper:**  
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**Home Bound Support Group:**  
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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: June 14 & August 9, 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](http://www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com)

*"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." Pentecost has come around again, and again we pray this refrain from Psalm 104. When we look around at the "face of the earth," we might wonder if anything at all has been renewed since we sang that psalm refrain a year ago. Wars continue, people live in fear, governments get caught in cycles of the abuse of power, children die of hunger each day. Where is the renewal? The renewal is found each time we reach out to help those in need. Renewal is discovered in families striving to live the gospel way of life. Renewal is unearthed in this holy place each time we listen to God's word and break the bread of true communion. Let us pray that the Spirit's hold on us will grow stronger so that what we do in our homes and in our community will extend beyond our boundaries so that the face of the earth will be renewed.*

**BANNS:** The following couples ask your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:  
 (III) Beckie Menke & Michael Bear  
 (I) Teresa Burgei & Joshua Byrne

At all Masses next weekend, May 16-17, we will have **second collection** for the **Continental Circle of Friends Food Pantry**. We have been challenged to a matching gift of up to \$800 provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Group. Again, I ask you to be generous in helping those in need. - Fr. John

**Some Great News!** Yet some not so great! So far our parish has pledged 91.7% of our Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$22,000. This is far better than last year! However the number of parishioners who have pledged is only 27%, or less than 1/3...just think what it would be if the other 2/3 would pledge??? If you are part of the 2/3, I beg you to give this prayerful consideration!!!!!!!  
 - Fr. John

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2008 FESTIVAL**  
 Our 2008 Festival plans are underway. **Festival day is July 20.** Festival booth managers are reminded to have their list of workers in the parish office **no later** than June 13.

**Are you new to our parish or maybe just returning to the community after college** and interested in helping with our Festival? Call Kirt Martz, 419-453-2124, and he will pass your name on to a booth manager as a willing worker. Thanks!

*Confidential help is available to anyone who is suffering from the grief of abortion. There are people with whom you can talk in confidence about your experience. Project Rachel offers lay counselors and trained clergy ready to help you find peace and healing. If you feel ready to talk with someone, we invite you to call the confidential help line 419-260-5811.*

*May the blessing of the Divine  
 Be an especially bright benediction  
 Upon mothers everywhere  
 On your blessed day.  
 Happy Mother's Day!*



Pentecost Sunday

**LITURGIES**

S(11th) 8:00 a.m. Doris & Art Rellinger  
 10:30 a.m. John & Hilda Pohl  
 T(13th) 7:00 p.m. Hubert Altenburger  
 W(14th) 8:10 a.m. Joseph Kemper  
 Th(15th) 8:10 a.m. Imelda Stechschulte  
 F(16th) 8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased of the  
 Flores/Jones family  
 S(17th) 1:00 p.m. WEDDING:  
 Beckie Menke & Michael Bear  
 4:00 p.m. Clete & Mary Gerding  
 S(18th) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Mary Ann & David Hohlbein

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

**SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.**  
 Lucas Maag, Kara Schimmoeller, Amy Tumbler  
**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Matthew Burgei, Anthony Eickholt,  
 Sarah Luersman  
**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Travis Eickholt, Nichole Kimmet,  
 Shelby Roney  
**10:30 AM:** Garrett Rayman, Joseph Schnipke,  
 Adam Wannemacher

**LECTORS:** Carl Turnwald, Rose Wenzlick, Jean Byrne

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**4:00 PM: Host:** Judith Eickholt, Marie Lubeley,  
 Jan Warnecke, Jill Wenzlick  
**Cup:** Christine Herman, Angie Niemeyer  
**Choir:** Ted Herman (Total 7)  
**8:00 AM: Host:** Anne Hemker, Sharon Meyer,  
 Ron Niemeyer  
**Cup:** Anne Landwehr, Jan Von Lehmden  
**Choir:** Marcia Eickholt (Total 6)  
**10:30 AM: Host:** Rose Brickner, Jim Hoersten,  
 Jill Hohlbein, Toni Rieger  
**Cup:** Lenora Ball, Ginny Beining  
**Choir:** Julie Nussbaum (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

**4:00 PM:** Judy Eickholt, Brad Eickholt,  
 Jerry Kaverman, Dale Martin  
**8:00 AM:** Ron Hemker, Arnold Rode,  
 Dan Vorst, Otto Wenzlick  
**10:30 AM:** Mike Byrne, Carie Byrne,  
 David Fischbach, Dennis Nussbaum

**MINISTERS OF THE MASS:** Pick up your new schedule next weekend, May 17/18, in the center back vestibule.

**GIFTS:**

**4:00 PM:** Todd & Michelle Hanneman family  
**8:00 AM:** Dave & Shawn Roney family  
**10:30 AM:** Dan & Anne Wurst family

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Melissa Herman, Christine Herman, Veronica Hermiller,  
 Laura Heitmeyer, Melissa Herron, Anita Hesselning,  
 Marge Hicks

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;  
 John 3:16-18

**ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:**

Ruth Miller, Manager

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:**

May – Irene Miller

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget:** \$5,000.00  
 Regular Sunday Collection: 6,080.00  
**Above Budget:** \$1,080.00  
 Parish Center: \$231 Church Repair: \$304

**THANK YOU!!!**



**“Special Thanks”** to the VFW Post #3740 Men’s Auxiliary for their donation of \$420 for new banquet tables in the Parish Center.

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:** May 17: 4 PM – Youth Choir  
 May 18: 8 AM – Folk Mass - 10:30 AM – Adult Choir

The last meeting this year of the **Newman Catholic Association** at Rhodes State/Ohio State of Lima campus is May 15. Students and instructors are invited to bring a covered dish to this cookout picnic. The group will also be attending the Rick James Concert in Indian Lake on May 18. Contact Sandy Connell, 419-222-5521 or [sconnell@wcoil.com](mailto:sconnell@wcoil.com) for more information.

**Rural Life Day at Sorrowful Mother Shrine** in Bellevue is May 18 beginning with Mass at 11 AM. Bishop Blair will preside. Century Farm Awards will be presented. A procession will follow to the shrines of Sts. Isidore and Maria. Anyone wishing to stay for dinner may contact the Rural Life Office, 419-334-1331 or [cpratt@toledodioces.org](mailto:cpratt@toledodioces.org).

**COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**Ottoville’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Cancer Walk** is May 16 from 8:30 AM - 3 PM at the high school track. We encourage cancer survivors and those currently diagnosed with cancer to join in the kick-off in the gym and lead us in our first lap around the track. The day is filled with many fund raising events for cancer research. Help us make the Cancer Walk a great success!

Join us at the **Ottoville-Monterey Twp. Branch Library** on May 14 at 4 PM. Mona Lisa Hoffman will be preparing and sharing easy snacks and meals for children (and adults caring for them) to make this summer. FREE program. Get food and recipes. Open to all ages, but please register by contacting Jann or Audrey for more information, 419-453-2111.

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** at the Dew Drop Inn May 16 from 6:30-10:30 AM to benefit Relay for Life.

**SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER** May 21 from 11AM-1 PM at the Dew Drop Inn. Reservations appreciated!

**The Putnam County Council on Aging** is hosting Senior Citizens’ Day Celebration May 20 at the Leipsic Fogle Center. Sit down lunch at noon followed with music by the Ottawa-Glandorf Show Choir and the Lima Beane Very Large Quartet. Honoring Outstanding senior citizens from Putnam County for their contributions to the community. Tickets, \$6, may be obtained by calling 419-523-4121 or at the Council on Aging office, 1425 East Fourth Street, Ottawa.

**AREA FESTIVALS:** St. Rose, Lima, May 17, 5 PM-11:30 PM & May 18, Noon-8 PM.

**American Legion Auxiliary** of Ft. Jennings is sponsoring a bus trip to *Greektown* June 16. Cost is \$25. Bus leaves at 7 AM from Legion hall. Call Ruth Hellman, 419-286-2329 or 419-979-9036 or Rosie Wittler, 419-286-2330, or pay at the Legion bar. Arrive home at 4 PM.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** A mother’s presence can bring peace to a frightened child just like Jesus brought peace to the disciples in today’s gospel. As bread and wine bring us Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, mothers are the instruments of Christ’s presence in the home.