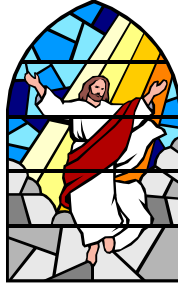




The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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The Ascension of the Lord
May 4, 2008



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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

From the Pastor's Desk ~

I neglected to thank those responsible for the impressive First Communion celebration last Sunday. A very sincere THANK YOU to Jean Byrne, Judy Bosch, Elaine Schimmoeller, and Sara Imm, the teachers, Irene Miller and the Youth Choir!

Annual Catholic Appeal... There is good news and not so good news! First the good news is that we have reached 53.5% of our goal! The 'sad' news is that only 15.8% have made this pledge... This causes me as your Pastor to believe I am very ineffective in challenging many of you to your obligation to our Diocese! It would be helpful for me if you could share your reasons for not being willing and/or unable to respond to this obligation... Please let me know. To those who have responded, I truly appreciate your support!

- Fr. John

BANNS: The following couples ask your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:

- (III) Matthew Eickholt & Jacinta Borgelt
- (II) Beckie Menke & Michael Bear

CLC Council 30 would like to *thank* everyone who contributed to the Right to Life Collection. We took in \$467 and this has been forwarded to the main office and then on to the state office. Thanks to all for contributing to this very important effort.



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!

We ask that all **Festival kitchen workers** do the same job as last year. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, please find a replacement and call Dee Dee Schlagbaum, 419-453-3389 or Cathy Hoehn, 419-453-3515

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on May 5 after the 7 PM Mass. We will have installation of officers and then play "Switch-A-Roo" Bingo. Please bring an item to switch. Chairlady is Jan Zerke. Her committee is Dorothy Miller, Deb Altenburger, Lynn (Dan) Horstman. All ladies 18 years and older are already members of the Rosary Altar Society and invited to attend the meetings.

The Precious Blood Prayer Group is in its third year of spending a holy hour of prayer on the last Monday of the month. Now that this practice is going to be a part of the Parish prayer life on the last Tuesday of the month, we will join our prayers with that of the Parish Holy Hour. We will not meet as a separate group.

*The Ascension of the Lord***LITURGIES**

S(4th) 8:00 a.m. Camryn Mansfield
 10:30 a.m. 60th Wedding Anniversary of
 Adolph & Mildred Beining
 M(5th) 7:00 p.m. Rosary Altar Society
 T(6th) 7:00 p.m. NO MASS
 W(7th) 8:10 a.m. Victor & Mary Ann Koester
 Th(8th) 8:10 a.m. Hazel & Edward Rayman
 F(9th) 8:10 a.m. Arlene Rosengarten
 S(10th) 1:00 p.m. WEDDING:
 Matt Eickholt & Jacinta Borgelt
 4:00 p.m. Leon Turnwald
 S(11th) 8:00 a.m. Doris & Art Rellinger
 10:30 a.m. John & Hilda Pohl

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:**SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.**

Emma Eickholt, Kendra Eickholt, Kelsey Miller

SAT: 4:00 PM: Seth Bendele, Bryan Hohlbein,
 Holly Von Sossan

SUN: 8:00 AM: Kyle Kroeger, Jamie Rieger,
 Melissa Schnipke

10:30 AM: Kurt Beining, Derek Miller,
 Laura Tumblin

LECTORS: Mari-Lou Beining, Anne Landwehr,
 Megan Beining

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Kathy Beining, Leon Burgei,
 Judith Eickholt, Marie Grote

Cup: Peggy Pohlman, Lee Pohlman

Choir: Mary Lou Miller (Total 7)

8:00 AM: Host: Deb Lindeman, Sharon Meyer,
 Patricia Ricker

Cup: Carol Hoersten, Ron Niemeyer

Choir: Jan Von Lehmden (Total 6)

10:30 AM: Host: Ann Beining, Julie Brickner,
 Helen Devitt, Peter Eickholt

Cup: Jack Devitt, Sheila Miller

Choir: Bonnie Beining (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: John Grote, Gary Pohlman,
 Gary Turnwald, Darrell Von Sossan

8:00 AM: Joel Edelbrock, Vaughn Horstman,
 Dave Schlagbaum, Nancy Vetter

10:30 AM: Brian Beining, Bill Beining,
 Tom Markward, Gene Miller

GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Vaughn & Lynn Horstman

8:00 AM: Tim & Toni Rieger

10:30 AM: Lenny & Jeanne Wannemacher

PRAY THE ROSARY

Olivia Helms, Irene Helms, Doris Herman,
 Michelle Hanneman, Linda Grothouse,
 Kathryn Herman, Helen Herman

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13;
 John 20:19-23

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:

Ruth Miller, Manager

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:

May – Irene Miller

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00

Regular Sunday Collection: 5,052.71

Above Budget: \$ +52.71

Parish Center: \$26

THANK YOU!!!

“Special Thanks” to the Lady Otts for their donation of
 \$500 for new banquet tables in the Parish Center.

From Deacon Paul J. White, Office of Global Concerns,
 Diocese of Toledo: “Prayerful thanks for your total
 donations of \$4,538 to the Society for the Propagation of
 the Faith. By your sharing, you truly give witness to your
 faith and help fulfill the command of Jesus to take the
 gospel to all nations.”

CHOIR SCHEDULE: May 11: 10:30 PM – Adult Choir

Putnam County Right to Life will meet May 6 at 7:30
 PM in the Kalida Medical Arts Building. Anyone
 interested in working the Right to Life booth at the
 Putnam County Fair (June 24-29) may call Mary Jane
 Stechschulte, 419-532-3641.

Theology on Tap – Young Adults ages 18-39 are
 welcome at the Red Pig Inn, Ottawa, on May 8 at 6:30
 PM. Speaker is Fr. Tim Knepper speaking on “How to
 spiritually be on fire without burning out!” This will be the
 last speaker until fall.

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 for more information.

*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.*

COMMUNITY INTEREST

Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Ottoville Blue Ribbon
 Winners 4-H Club is TODAY in the Ottoville Park from
 11 AM – 1 PM. Serving chicken, baked potato,
 applesauce, roll & butter for only \$7. Carry-outs only.

Ottoville's 3rd 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.

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at Sarah
 Jane Living Center May 5 at 6:30 PM. Everyone
 welcome!

Fort Jennings Community Garage Sale: May 9 from
 5-9 PM and May 10 from 9 AM-3 PM. Maps available at
 FJ Bank, Meyer's IGA, and participating garage sales.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Parents should read today's
 gospel as “Make disciples of your children, baptizing and
 teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am
 with you always.” Parents are appointed by Jesus to
 represent Him to their family.