



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 16, 2008**

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Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685

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Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891

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**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

Mr. Ron Hemker

Mr. Jim Hoersten

Mr. Adam Schnipke

Mr. Brad Turnwald

Mrs. Virginia Beining

Mrs. Barb Hoersten

Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum

Mr. Gary Turnwald

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:

December 13, 2008 and February 14, 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)

**BANNS:** The following couple asks for your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:

(I) Jason Markward & Aubrey Elston

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** If you would be interested in serving as a member of our Parish Council please call the parish office. Requirements are that you are 18 years old or older.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Paul's letter to Philemon for the sixth discussion is very short. It is an important letter for the early Church because it expressed equality as a common bond in the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul sends a slave to Philemon as an equal Christian. He also speaks of the bond he has with many other Christians. Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection is brought into the lives of men and women in a real way through this letter.

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 at 419-260-5811.

"This teaching (condemning abortion) has consequences for those charged with caring for the common good, those who hold public office. The unborn child, who is alive and is a member of the human family, cannot defend himself or herself. Good law defends the defenseless. Our present laws permit unborn children to be privately killed. Laws that place unborn children outside the protection of law destroy both the children killed and the common good, which is the controlling principle of Catholic social teaching. One cannot favor the legal status quo on abortion and also be working for the common good. This explains why the abortion issue will not disappear and why it is central to the Church's teaching on a just social order."

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.

**DONATE A MUM** for Thanksgiving in memory of a loved one. Put \$12 in an envelope with the name of your loved one and place it in the collection basket or call Irene Miller, 419-453-3275, no later than November 16.

**MEMORY TREE LEAVES** for the Memory Tree are at all church entrances. Parishioners may put the names of their deceased loved ones on the leaves. They will then be placed on the Memory Tree in the Sanctuary for the month of November.

**Adoption Builds Families.** The Family Connections Department of Catholic Charities works with domestic and international adoptions every day. November is National Adoption Month. Celebrate adoption in the joy and unity it brings to families from all walks of life. For suggestions of ways to celebrate National Adoption Month call Catholic Charities at 800-926-8277.

**THANKSGIVING** will be celebrated in our parish this year at 2 Masses, Wednesday, November 26, at 7PM and Thursday, November 27, at 9AM. Parishioners are invited to remember the less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to local families. Please keep your donation with you in your seat and bring them forward at the offertory of the Mass.



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**LITURGIES**

S(16th) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Martha & Edmund Schimmoeller  
 T(18th) 7:00 p.m. Joan Bleim & Doug Vorst  
 W(19th) 8:10 a.m. Mary Ann Kaple  
 Th(20th) 8:10 a.m. Andrew & Agnes Hiler  
 F(21st) 8:10 a.m. Anna & Paul Odenweller  
**7:00 p.m. Confirmation**  
 S(22nd) 4:00 p.m. Elmer Martz, Sr.  
 S(23rd) 8:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 10:30 a.m. Lawrence & Amanda Turnwald  
 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Alice Heitmeyer

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

**SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.**  
 Brandt Landin, Alexis & Lindsey Wannemacher  
**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Kara Hoersten, Bryan Hohlbein,  
 Jacob Turnwald  
**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Katrina Beining, Sam Beining,  
 Holly Von Sossan  
**10:30 AM:** Matt Niemeyer, Alex Odenweller,  
 Garrett Rayman

**LECTORS:** Jane Turnwald, Rose Wenzlick,  
 Beth Schnipke

*Still a few Lector Workbooks in the sacristy. Please stop in and pick yours up.*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**4:00 PM: Host:** Kathy Beining, Leon Burgei,  
 Judy Eickholt, Judith Eickholt  
**Cup:** Christine & Ted Herman  
**Choir:** Peggy Pohlman (Total 7)  
**8:00 AM: Host:** Deb Lindeman, Bernice Schnipke,  
 Jan Von Lehmden  
**Cup:** Marcia Eickholt, Mike Ricker  
**Choir:** Sharon Meyer (Total 6)  
**10:30 AM: Host:** Lenora Ball, Jean Byrne,  
 Sheila Miller, Julie Nussbaum  
**Cup:** Toni Rieger, Don Schlagbaum  
**Choir:** Dee Dee Schlagbaum (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

**4:00 PM:** Ralph Burgei, Kevin Lindeman,  
 Gary Pohlman, Dennis Schnipke  
**8:00 AM:** Ron Hemker, Vaughn Horstman,  
 Rodney Niemeyer, David Schlagbaum  
**10:30 AM:** Carie Byrne, Mike Byrne,  
 Mike Heitmeyer, Adam Schnipke

**ATTENTION!! Please pick up your new Ministers of Mass schedule in the back center vestibule!**

**GIFTS:**

**4:00 PM:** Bill Maenle family  
**8:00 AM:** Darrell Von Sossan family  
**10:30 AM:** Alice Heitmeyer family



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Marie Lubeley, Helen Luersman, Sue Luersman,  
 Janice Maag, Joyce Maag, Rita Maag, Deb Maag

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;  
 Matthew 25:31-46

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:**

Monica Miller, Manager  
 Past Week's Help: Ethel Recker, Mary Ann Beining

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget:** \$5,000.00  
 Sunday Collection & All Saints: 4,846.55  
**Below Budget:** -153.45  
 Parish Center: \$192

**THANK YOU!!!**

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:**

Total as of November 10 - \$10,972

**THANK YOU!**

*On November 23 Alice Heitmeyer will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please help us celebrate this happy occasion at an open house in the Parish Center Family Room from 3 – 5 PM.*

**During 2007 there were 30,859 abortions performed in the state of Ohio. Heartbeat of Lima** offers an alternative and support to mothers who choose life over abortion for their babies. They are in need of Size 5 diapers. If you can help out, please drop the diapers off in the foyer of the Parish Office and we will see that they get delivered to Heartbeat. Thanks!

**At the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Rd., Maria Stein:** December 31-January 1. The New Year Gathering comes in the middle of the year dedicated to St. Paul. Fr. Al Naseman returns to lead this annual retreat. Come with friends or meet new friends at the overnight retreat to celebrate the New Year. Couples, single people and families are all welcome for this overnight gathering. Register at 419-925-7625 or email [spiritualcenter@watchtv.net](mailto:spiritualcenter@watchtv.net) by December 22. Cost is couples - \$135, singles - \$80, or \$35 for evening only commuter.

**The Ottoville School** is starting a monthly "Coffee Club" for senior citizens and guests. The first gathering is November 18 from 8 – 9 AM in the school cafeteria. The High School Band will perform. Please park in front of the high school building.

**"Let's Go To The Hop" NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE** at the Ottoville Parish Center. Doors open at 6 PM. 'Mel's Diner' by Jim's Restaurant at 6:30 PM. 'Twist & Shout' with "Another Round". BYOB – Limo available – Dress as they did in the 50's! For Tickets contact: Brian & Turtle Eickholt, 419-286-2149.

**AREA FESTIVALS:** Landeck St. John the Baptist, TODAY from 3:30-7 PM. Church Dinner serving Sausage & Homemade Sauerkraut or Pancakes & Sausage. Adults \$7 – Children \$3.

**At the Library:** The Ottoville-Monterey Twp. Branch of the Putnam County Library Storytime 6-6:30 PM November 17.

Also, on November 19, "Learn to Knit a Scarf" with Pam Jones Session 1 at the Ottoville Location of the Putnam County Library from 5:30 – 7 PM. The project is designed for beginners. Fee of \$15 covers cost of materials. Second session will be December 3.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** Like the servants in today's gospel, God has given us special assets and expects us to totally invest ourselves in them. Laziness or being too busy is not tolerated. Family was freely given to us and is our most precious asset. Invest yourself!

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:**

"Isn't it miraculous," said the farmer's son, trying to impress his cousin from the city, "how baby chicks get out of their shells?"

"No," disagreed the cousin. "The miraculous part is how they got into their shells."

All laws, even traffic regulations, simply are guidelines for being nice to each other.

Children have much more need of role models than critics.

