



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**September 14, 2008**

**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. 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  
 Mr. Brad 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: October 11 & December 13, 2008. 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.

**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 prayers as they prepare for their marriage:  
 (II) Stuart Zainea & Chelsea Army

**Congratulations** to Eddie Luersman, the newly elected High School Representative to our Parish Council!

If you are interested in enrolling your pre-kindergarten child ages 3-5 in **Sunday School**, please call Sherri Edelbrock at 419-453-2332 by September 26. Classes begin mid/late October. Thank You!

**NOTICE:** The **St. Paul Study** will begin in St. Joseph's Parish on October 12 at 7 PM in the church basement and in Immaculate Conception Parish on October 16 at 9 AM and again at 7 PM in the Parish Center Family Room. Discussions will continue through November 20. Attend as many as you can. Books and materials provided. Sign-up sheets are at all church exits. Please register by September 27. For information contact Rosie Wenzlick 419-453-3189 or Marie Lubeley, 419-453-2580 in Ottoville or Kathy Fischer, 419-286-2003 or Marilyn Ricker, 419-286-2764 in Ft. Jennings.

**ATTENTION LADIES OF THE PARISH:** We are in need of 6-10 dozen cookies to donate for the reception following the Anniversary Mass at Rosary Cathedral, Toledo, on October 5. Call Anne Landwehr, 419-453-3391, by September 23 to let her know how many cookies you can donate. Cookies can be dropped off at the foyer of the parish office on Sunday morning.

**Battle of the Youth** registration forms are available in the high school office or in back of church. The battle is held in Glandorf October 5 and is open to all high school freshmen through seniors. Registration deadline is September 30. Call Renee Kelch, 419-453-2159 with questions.

**A Youth Mass** will be held after the High School Religion Bonfire on October 8 beginning approximately 7:30 PM. Parents and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

**CYO Basketball** registration forms are available to High School students in the high school office. Deadline is October 15.

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** In today's world, couples lose touch with each other and their married relationship. Marriage Encounter Weekend helps couples discover each other again. Learn more about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or register for the September 19-21 Weekend at The Holiday Inn, Fremont, call Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**Second Annual Women's Day** at Maria Stein Shrine, "Treasure the Gift" is offered on September 27 from 9 AM-3:30 PM. Donation of \$15 covers lunch, 4 new presentations on God's daily gifts and reflection time plus Mass at 11:30. Send registrations to: Programs – Maria Stein Shrine, 2291 St. Johns Rd., PO Box 128, Maria Stein, OH 45860-0128 by September 22 or call 419-925-4532. Program Repeats October 18.

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**LITURGIES**

S(14th) 8:00 a.m. Diane King  
 10:30 a.m. Margaret Honigford  
 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mike & Aggie Swint  
 M(15th) 7:00 p.m. K of C Mass for Ray Miller  
 T(16th) 7:00 p.m. Hubert Hemker  
 W(17th) 8:10 a.m. Elvira Bodkins  
 Th(18th) 8:10 a.m. Dick & Alice Bendele  
 F(19th) 8:10 a.m. Eugene & LuluBelle Gasser  
 S(20th) 4:00 p.m. Andy Warnecke &  
 Russell & Mary Bullinger  
 S(21st) 8:00 a.m. Tony Hoersten  
 10:30 a.m. Art & Doris Rellinger



**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH REPAIR ACCOUNT:**

Total as of September 7 - \$1838

**THANK YOU!**

The O.A.C.C. is sponsoring an **Annual Benefit Dinner** to benefit our Steeple Repair project on September 26 at the Dew Drop Inn from 5-7 PM. Dine-In or Carry-Out. Cost is \$6.50. Menu includes Baked Chicken Breast or Baked Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Applesauce & Cookie. No presale tickets, just come and enjoy. After Dinner Suds Party starting at 7 PM. Drink specials & snacks.

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

**SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.**

Claire Nussbaum, Alexis Wannemacher,  
 Lindsey Wannemacher

**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Anthony Eickholt, Audrey Rieger,  
 Matt Turnwald

**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Sarah Luersman, Jamie Rieger,  
 Krista Schimmoeller

**10:30 AM:** Kurt Beining, Derek Koester,  
 Adria Wannemacher

**LECTORS:** Dorothy Flores, Patricia Ricker,  
 Megan Beining

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**4:00 PM: Host:** Leon Burgei, Judith Eickholt,  
 Marie Grote, Peggy Pohlman

**Cup:** Beth Eickholt, Marie Lubeley

**Choir:** Jill Wenzlick (Total 7)

**8:00 AM: Host:** Angie Niemeyer, Ron Niemeyer,  
 Bernice Schnipke

**Cup:** Sharon Meyer, Mike Ricker

**Choir:** Jan Von Lehmden (Total 6)

**10:30 AM: Host:** Ann Beining, Ginny Beining,  
 Doris Brinkman, Jean Byrne

**Cup:** Jack & Helen Devitt

**Choir:** Jim Hoersten (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

**4:00 PM:** Dale Martin, Tyler Turnwald,  
 Mark Turnwald, Randy Warnecke

**8:00 AM:** Paul Hoersten, Arnold Rode,  
 Roger Ruen, Bob Weber

**10:30 AM:** Brian Beining, Dan Honigford,  
 Tom Markward, John Schlagbaum

**GIFTS:**

**4:00 PM:** Bob & Marie Warnecke

**8:00 AM:** Steve & Carol Hoersten

**10:30 AM:** Family of Art & Doris Rellinger

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Mary Catherine Koester, Mary Jane Koester,  
 Mary (Steve) Koester, Margie Koester  
 Sue Koester, Jane Koester, Alvera Koester

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a;  
 Matthew 20:1-16a

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:**

Stella Buettner, Manager

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:**

September – Millie Ruen & Ceil Eickholt

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget:** \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection & Assumption: 5,215.31

**Above Budget:** \$ +215.31

Parish Center: \$176

**MANY THANKS!!!**

**Our Lady of Consolation Shrine**, Carey, will be hosting a **Family Day** on September 28. Families are welcome to come and pray together. Mass at noon followed with lunch and games for the family. The day concludes with Devotions at 2:30 PM and individual family blessings.

**PROJECT RACHEL** - 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.

**Putnam County Challenge Kick-Off** is September 26. Enjoy a campfire, food, Drive-In movie, hayride and Stations of the Cross in the woods. Open to all girls of Putnam County ages 10-16, **Challenge** focuses on the value of forming an apostolic heart. Members learn skills to help organize outreach projects in their parish, community and today's world. Meetings are held in St. Michael's church basement, Kalida on Fridays 3:30-5 PM through the school year. First meeting is October 3. Parents always welcome! Connie Cassidy, 419-523-6956 for more information.

**COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**The Ft. Jennings Branch Library** will have "How to Start Your Own Family History" on September 15 at 2:30 PM and again at 6:30 PM. Ruth Wilhelm will show how to start researching your family history. All are welcome to attend this free program. More programs are listed at [www.putnamco.lib.oh.us](http://www.putnamco.lib.oh.us).

**A book** filled with hope and inspiration for caregivers will be released in September. "**Upside Down and Back Again: Hope for the Caregiver**" is a unique book for caregivers written from a Christian perspective, comprised of practical tips, prayers, bible verses, and inspiration by author Barbara J. Cooper. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Franciscan Poor Clare Nuns. For more information or a signed copy contact the author at: [www.barbarajcooper.com](http://www.barbarajcooper.com) or send a check for \$13.95 to B.J. Cooper-Schonert, P O Box 9077, College Station, TX 77842

Join the **Ottoville Lady Otts** October 18 for a fun filled day taking a luxury motor coach to the Dayton Mall. Leave from Ottoville Park at 10 AM. Arrive home at 12:30 AM. Spend several hours shopping at your own pace then take a short bus trip to LaComedia Dinner Theatre for a fabulous buffet and the featured show, "The Full Monty". Cost is \$72. Call Janice Maag, 419-453-3434 to reserve your seat.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The Law of Christianity in today's gospel is the Law of Gravity in reverse. "No one goes up... except the one who has come down." Today Jesus teaches us to lay "down" our self interests so we, and those we love, might have life more abundantly. Self interests can be obstacles to our happiness and the happiness of others.

