



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 September 7, 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:**

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**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

Mr. Ron Hemker

Mr. Jim Hoersten

Mr. Adam Schnipke

Mr. Brad Turnwald

Mrs. Virginia Beining

Mrs. Barb Hoersten

Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum

Mr. Gary 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:

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)

**DEATH:** Sincere sympathies to the family of Catherine L. Stepleton. Catherine died on August 29 at the age of 61 years. May she enjoy her heavenly reward with our Savior Jesus Christ. Please pray for her family.

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

(I) Stuart Zainea & Chelsea Army

**Parents/Children living outside the Ottoville School District.** *If your child does not attend the Ottoville Schools, we don't want to neglect their Sacramental Preparation and catechetical development. Our Junior/Senior High Program is on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 PM Fall and Winter Sessions. However, we presently do not have a program for our elementary age students. If you are in this category, please contact Jean Byrne or me so that we can assist you with your child's religious development.* - Fr. John

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:** This is the Year of Saint Paul, the Apostle as announced by the Holy Father. The Adult Education committee of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parishes will be providing a St. Paul Study. This will occur for both parishes and is based on the recommendation of our Pastor along with the committee. The study will consist of essays by the faculty of the Athenaeum of Ohio. More information on books, times and places will be provided in upcoming bulletins. Plan to join us!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** series begins again on September 11 at the Red Pig Inn in Ottawa. This gathering is aimed at young adults ages 18-39. Registration is 6 PM. The speakers, Theresa Lammers and Amanda Schroeder, will begin at 6:30 PM. They will speak on "Journey of Faith through Generations".

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** In the world today, couples become so involved in the day-to-day concerns of their lives...job, children, home, social activities...that they can lose touch with each other and their married relationship. The Marriage Encounter Weekend helps a couple discover each other again. To learn more about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for the September 19-21, 2008 Weekend at The Holiday Inn, Fremont, OH call Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

*The Rosary is an effective spiritual weapon against the evils afflicting society. With the approach of the presidential election proclaimed to be one of the most critical in our nation's history it is important that we pray the people of America make a good choice. Pray the Rosary daily from now until the election in November.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:** On September 15 we will celebrate a Mass for our departed Brother Ray Miller at 7 PM. All are welcome! Following the Mass we will hold our monthly Social Meeting. We invite any interested male age 18 or older to this social gathering. No obligations just come and enjoy an evening with us!

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LITURGIES**

S(7th) 8:00 a.m. Isadore & Florence Miller  
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners  
 T(9th) 7:00 p.m. Gene Gerdeman  
 W(10th) 8:10 a.m. Catherine L. Stepleton  
 Th(11th) 8:10 a.m. Hubert Altenburger  
 F(12th) 8:10 a.m. Ruth Ann Beining  
 S(13th) 4:00 p.m. Diane Buettner  
 S(14th) 8:00 a.m. Diane King  
 10:30 a.m. Margaret Honigford  
 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mike & Aggie Swint



**STEEPLE WORK??** Some Parishioners have questioned the reason for having to repair/maintain the steeples. Jean Byrne has created an informative collage of the steeples on display in the main vestibule. You can see from these photos the needed repair and maintenance work required. Also, a photo album from the last steeple repair in 1989.

**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 freshman through seniors. Registration deadline is September 30. Call Renee Kelch, 419-453-2159 with any questions.

**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**

**FALL CONCERT** – The Brass Notes are having another free concert in the Art & Doris Rellinger gazebo on September 12 beginning at 6:30 PM. No charge, just bring your chair or blanket and enjoy!

**Are you an Older Adult Living with a chronic illness?** The Putnam County Council on Aging is presenting a six week, Healthy U program designed to teach practical skills for living a healthier life with an on-going health condition such as heart conditions, lung disease, stroke, arthritis, diabetes, asthma, emphysema, MS, high blood pressure, anxiety, depression etc. Participants learn relaxation techniques, appropriate exercises, communication skills relative to family, friends, physicians and other health professionals. The program is designed to set weekly goals and develop coping and problem solving techniques. If you are an older adult living with a chronic illness/diagnosis, this FREE program is for you. Sessions held at the Putnam County Council on Aging, Ottawa with free transportation for anyone 60 and older. Sessions held Tuesday afternoons. For more information call 419-523-4121 or 800-589-8508. Refreshments & Door Prizes!

The St. Rita's Medical Center is offering **Free Prostate Screenings** on September 16 at Putnam County and Delphos Ambulatory Care Centers. Call 800-437-4827 to schedule an appointment for the FREE screenings.

**AREA FESTIVALS:** Defiance St. Mary's, 715 Jefferson Ave., September 13-14

Napoleon St. Augustine Parish Turtle Fest at Henry County Fairgrounds, September 13-14, Mass at 4:30 on Saturday followed by Turtle Races and OSU/USC game on the big screen.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person: not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from.

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

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

Chelsey Boecker, Brandt Landin, Tyler Roby

**SAT: 4:00 PM:** Kara Hoersten, Bryan Hohlbein, Tammy Wannemacher

**SUN: 8:00 AM:** Kaitlyn Ditto, Erin Hohlbein, Eric Wannemacher

**10:30 AM:** Melany Honigford, Derek Miller, Shelby Roney

**LECTORS:** Mary Lou Miller, Rose Wenzlick, Tom Beining

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**4:00 PM: Host:** Leon Burgei, Beth Eickholt, Marie Grote, Jan Warnecke

**Cup:** Christine & Ted Herman

**Choir:** Judith Eickholt (Total 7)

**8:00 AM: Host:** Mary Ann Beining, Marcia Eickholt, Angie Niemeyer

**Cup:** Ron Niemeyer, Mike Ricker

**Choir:** Sharon Meyer (Total 6)

**10:30 AM: Host:** Julie Brickner, Doris Brinkman, Jack & Helen Devitt

**Cup:** Lenora Ball, Sharon Brickner

**Choir:** Sheila Miller (Total 7)

**USHERS:**

**4:00 PM:** Randy Altenburger, Tim Eickholt, John Grote, Dan Hoersten

**8:00 AM:** Larry Beining, Dan Bendele, David Schlagbaum, Otto Wenzlick

**10:30 AM:** Ralph Brickner, Gene Miller, Todd Miller, Dennis Miller

**GIFTS:**

**4:00 PM:** Family of Diane Buettner

**8:00 AM:** Family of Diane King

**10:30 AM:** Mike & Aggie Swint family

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Sue Koch, Kari Koester, Jodi Koester, Patty Koester, Helen Koester, Tina Koester, Tammy Koester

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:**

Stella Buettner, Manager

Past Week's Help: Mary Ann Beining, Doris Brinkman, Audrey Kimmet

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR:**

September – Millie Ruen & Ceil Eickholt

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

Sunday Collection & Assumption: 4,833.30

**Below Budget:** \$ -166.70

Parish Center: \$20

**MANY THANKS!!!**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH REPAIR ACCOUNT:**

August 31 – \$1,000

**THANK YOU!**