



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 14, 2016**

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Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center

Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Parish Council:

Mr. Dave Ricker - President

Mr. Bradley Beining

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Mr. Steve Schroeder

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Cemetery Sexton: Nancy Vetter - (419) 453-3131

Cemetery Board President:

Mr. Jim Eickholt - (419) 453-3684

REGULAR PARISH SCHEDULE:

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Daily Masses:

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 7:00 PM on the 2nd & 4th & 5th Tuesdays

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:10 AM

Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.

Baptism: First-time parents need to attend baptism instruction (preferably before the birth of your first child). Baptisms are celebrated anytime agreeable with Fr. Jerry. To arrange Baptism or Instruction, please call the parish office at (419) 453-3513.

Marriage: The Diocese of Toledo requests all marriage dates be set at the parish office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Couples must make an appointment to speak with Father Jerry before the date is scheduled.

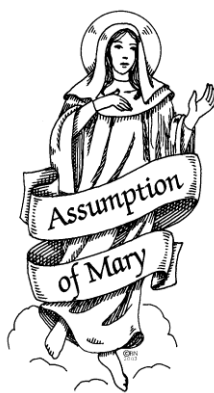
Joy-Filled Marriage Workshop: The next two day program at Immaculate Conception will be November 5-6, 2016. For a list of workshops in the area or to register, visit jfmtoledo.eventbrite.com.

New parishioners may register as members of our parish family by calling the Parish Office.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is available for your regular weekly Sunday contribution. Forms are available in the church vestibule, the parish office lobby, or by calling the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.

Please Note: Deadline to submit items for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Please submit in writing, by email, or fax to (419) 453-2513.

Notary Services are available to all Parishioners free of charge in the Parish Office during normal business hours.



WEDDING BANNES: The following couples ask for your prayerful support as they prepare for Matrimony:

Adam Eickholt and Alicia Herman (II)

Jeffrey Nilsen and Shayla Koester (III)

DEATH: Our sincere sympathy to the family of Luetta "Dot" Kleman who passed away on August 5th. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Dear Padre

The other day a call came to me: Sir, are you going to heaven... if so how do you know?

I guess it's like the question "*are you saved*"? It can be puzzling. To be asked are you absolutely sure you will be with Jesus in heaven...that brings one to the point of "*absolutely*". From a Catholic point of view this is like asking the question of the state of one's conscience..."*Have you committed a serious sin for which you have not repented and received absolution?*" But I think often the question is have you turned your life over to Jesus and been baptized? If that was the question then the answer is **YES!** I do continue to live my life for Jesus, doing as he taught, following his commandments, receiving his mercy and forgiveness through reconciliation.

But, I went on to say that I trust in God's grace to support me until the end of my life, and I trust that the process of salvation will be completed when I'm happy with God in heaven. If one truly believes they are saved just by being baptized and saying they believe in Jesus Christ then I would have to say...I think you may be mistaken. The bible and the Church wasn't given to us if it wasn't important to our salvation. This theology often mentions what is called "*backsliding*" which means that someone who is saved falls back into sinful ways and so changes his or her relationship with God. Until we die, the process of salvation is not complete. The reason it is not complete is that God created us with the ability to determine our lives through the gift of intelligence and free will.

The process of salvation goes on. One must remain free until one dies. We have to choose over and over again between good and evil, between following his will or not. The process of salvation is just that...a process. Christ came to open the process. By his Dying and Rising the process grants us the opportunity to get in line.

So the jest of my answer was...Yes, I have been saved by God's grace, trusting that God will help me remain faithful, follow his will, not mine, and so be with Him forever in heaven. There should be a healthy fear of our human weakness and the power of evil. We are saved in baptism but we need to continue on the journey, following the Lord all our lives.

- Padre Jerry

Anyone who would like to submit an appropriate "Dear Padre" question may do so by placing in an envelope and submitting in the collection basket.

St Barbara Parish & Students from the Franciscan University of Steubenville will host a *Divine Mercy Holy Hour* today, *August 14th* from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Barbara Church in Cloverdale. All are invited to attend.

The **31st Annual St. George Deanery Battle of the Youth** will be hosted here at Immaculate Conception Parish on October 2nd. Adults and college aged volunteers are needed to help organize games. There will be a planning meeting on August 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the ICY room located on the second floor of the Parish Center. Contact Renee Kelch with questions or suggestions.

AREA FESTIVALS TODAY, Sunday - August 14th

- **St. Joseph Parish Festival** (Fort Jennings)

- **St. Michael's Ridge Catholic Church Festival** (State Route 66 North of Defiance 4 miles, East on Banner School Road 3 miles to Moser Road)



*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***LITURGIES**

Saturday (8/13) 4:00 p.m. Leonard Eickholt, Lloyd & Leona Landin, and Cletus & Alice Maag
Sunday (8/14) 10:30 a.m. Mary Catherine Heckman, Gebhard, Mayme, Wilma, and Rudy Gasser
Monday (8/15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:10 a.m. Luetta "Dot" Kleman (7 Day)
Tuesday (8/16) 7:00 p.m. At St. Barbara - Cloverdale
Wednesday (8/17) 8:10 a.m. George Lubeley and Ruth A. Miller (30 Day)
Thursday (8/18) 8:10 a.m. Deceased Members of the Herman & Eggeman Families, Bill Huff, and Thomas Gemmer
Friday (8/19) 8:00 a.m. Alice & Leo Heitmeyer and Edward Garlock
Saturday (8/20) 4:00 p.m. Tony, Marie, and Mike Langhals and the Living & Deceased Members of the Ike Miller Family
Sunday (8/21) 10:30 a.m. Tom Burgei and Ursula Wenzlick

Flowers in front of the Altar this week are in memory of Mary Catherine Heckman.

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:**

Weekday Mass Servers (8/17, and 8/18 at 8:10 a.m.; 8/19 at 8:00 a.m.): Austin Landin, Danielle Swint, Rebecca Turnwald

MONDAY (8/15) 8:10 a.m. (The Assumption of Mary)

Mass Servers: Austin Landin, Danielle Swint, Rebecca Turnwald

Lector: Anne Hemker

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jose' Flores, Helen Devitt, Nancy Vetter

SATURDAY (8/20) 4:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Haley Hoersten, Kylee Hoersten, Emily Landin

Lector: Pat Ricker

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Marie Grote, Christine and Ted Herman, Janice Warnecke

Cup - Angie Niemeyer, Donald Warnecke

Choir - Kim Wannemacher

Ushers: Brian Altenburger, Rodney Beining, Tim Kimmet, Adam Schnipke

Gifts: The Langhals Family

SUNDAY (8/21) 10:30 a.m.

Mass Servers: Cayden Burgei, Carson Miller, Chad Schnipke

Lector: Julie Brickner

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Rose Brickner, Michelle Giesige, Don and Dee Dee Schlagbaum

Cup - Joe E. Miller, Jessica Vorst

Choir - Victoria Jackson

Ushers: Larry Beining, Mike Heitmeyer,

Gene Turnwald, Jim Wannemacher

Gifts: Norma Burgei and Family

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (8/20-8/21):

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

PRAY THE ROSARY (8/7 to 8/13): Shirley Miller, Leann Miller, Elaine Miller, Lori Miller, Jane Minnig, Gina Moorman, Becky Moorman

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Jann Eickholt

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 8/6/16 - 8/7/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 3,771.25

Under Budget \$-1,428.75

Parish Center = \$207.00 Church Repair Fund = \$7.00

August Electronic Funds Transfer = \$ 2440.00

There will be a **Parish Festival wrap-up meeting** on Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Family Room. Committee members are asked to come and bring your feedback, comments, and suggestions for the 2017 festival. Also, a 2017 Chairperson is still needed.

OTTOVILLE LOCALS SCHOOLS - BOOK BILLS CAN BE PAID ON: Tuesday, August 16th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, August 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mary's Assumption - Question: Is the Assumption a Holy Day? In the United States and other countries, the bishops have received permission from the Vatican to temporarily waive the requirement for Catholics to attend Mass on certain Holy Days of Obligation, when those Holy Days fall on either Saturday or Monday. Because of this, some Catholics have become confused about whether certain feasts are, in fact, Holy Days of Obligation. This year the Assumption (August 15) is one such Holy Day. **So the answer this year is:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. **However**, since it falls on Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is waived. Catholics in the United States are not required to attend Mass but Mass will be celebrated here at Immaculate Conception at 8:10 and at St. Barbara at 9:00 Monday morning. The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a very ancient one. It was initiated in the fifth century and was celebrated at the site in Jerusalem where Mary was believed to have rested as she journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. At that time, the feast was called *Theotokos* (which means "God-bearer") and was celebrated on August 15. Later, the feast was celebrated at the basilica where Mary's tomb was venerated. The feast later came to be called the *Dormition* (Mary's "Falling Asleep"). The Assumption of Mary carries with it some special dynamics. Mary, because of her special union with her divine Son, gives witness to Jesus' complete victory over death. In Jesus, and through Mary, we share in the graces that comes from that triumph. In honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will honor Mary with candles on her altar table. Purchase an unlit candle for \$2.00 and place on the table in front of her statue. The candles will be lit on Monday and burn there throughout the week in her honor.

Fort Fest - A Salute to Our Military will be held in Ft. Jennings August 19, 20, and 21st and will feature the Traveling Vietnam Wall. Anyone wishing to honor our beloved Veterans with flowers or memorabilia can bring it to the wall. Fort Fest celebrates the military history of Putnam County and all Veterans with living history displays, artillery demonstrations, War of 1812 and Vietnam War re-enactments, two Vietnam era helicopters, the Hometown Heroes Military Museum, the Traveling Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as well as many other military vehicles and equipment on display. The event also includes a Wine Tasting, 5-K, Car Show, Gun Raffle, free musical entertainment, and more. See details at www.fortjenningspark.com or visit the Fort Fest Facebook page.

Donations are currently being collected for the ***Adult and Kids Raffle Booths for the Ottoville Park Carnival***. To donate cash or an item contact Michelle Kortokrax at (419) 234-7600 or Marilyn Calvelage at (419-605-7897 or (419) 453-3219. Donations may also be mailed to: Ottoville Park Board, P.O. Box 577, Ottoville, Ohio 45876. Deadline for donations is August 28th. Thank you for your support of this great cause.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

- A photography make-up date may be scheduled if enough people (at least 15) commit. If you or someone you know was unable to have their family portrait taken and is still interested, contact Tina in the Parish Office by August 15th.
 - Photos may still be submitted by emailing to immac@bright.net or dropped off at the Parish Office no later than August 15th.
 - **Military Personnel and Veterans** will be honored with a page in the new directory. To make sure your name or the name of a living loved one is on the list, feel free to email the Parish Office at immac@bright.net or call (419) 453-3513 by August 15th.
 - **FEEDBACK** on your experience with LifeTouch Photography would be greatly appreciated. Please call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513, place a note in an envelope and place in the collection basket by next weekend, or email your comments to immac@bright.net.

On August 28th, Girl Scout Troop 20711 will be having a ***BAKE SALE*** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Seven Junior Girl Scouts are working on their Bronze Award and have a goal of raising money to purchase bingo prizes for the residents at The Meadows of Kalida. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Beth Horstman at bethandkevin@bright.net or Shannon Geise at shannonmh@bright.net.

