



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 16, 2015**

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Deacon Senior Status: Deacon Jose' Flores

Coordinator of Religious Education:

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Mrs. Renee Kelch - (419) 236-4006

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Mrs. Anne Landwehr - (419) 453-3391

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Mrs. Irene Miller - (419) 453-3275

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Mrs. Sue Beining - (419) 453-3826

Maintenance:

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Parish Center Manager:

Mr. Jim Eickholt - (419) 231-1146

Business Manager/Secretary:

Mrs. Tina Weber - (419) 453-3513

Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center

Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 AM–3 PM

Parish Council:

Mr. Bradley Beining-President

Mr. Robert Bonifas

Mrs. Doris Brinkman

Mr. David Fischbach

Mrs. Nancy Hohlbein

Mrs. Cheryl Honigford

Mrs. Tina Koester

Mr. David Ricker

Mrs. Jenny Turnwald

Miss Elizabeth Luersman

Miss Carly Kortokrax

Miss Madalyn Herman

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 PM – 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:10 AM

Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:15 PM

Baptism Instruction: First-time parents need to attend instruction on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 PM or the 2nd Friday at 3 PM of each month. It is recommended that you attend instructions before the birth of your child. Please call the office to schedule your instruction.

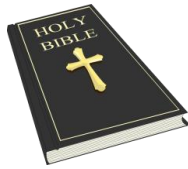
Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated anytime agreeable with Father Jerry. To arrange a Baptism, please call Father Jerry at (419) 453-3513.

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 Fr. Jerry before the date is scheduled.

Engaged Couples Conference: Held the first Sunday of March and November. The next Conference will be November 1, 2015 at Immaculate Conception.

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

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.



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

(II) *Erin Gudakunst and Curtis Heitmeyer*

BAPTISMS: *Archer Delgado*

- Son of Jeff Delgado and Audree Lindeman

Can or should we take the Bible as literal?

Not only *can* we take the Bible literally, but we also *must*. This is the only way to determine what God really is trying to communicate to us. When we read any piece of literature, but especially the Bible, there's a sense that we must determine what the author *intended* to communicate. The Bible is basically what God is speaking to us so we must not change his thoughts or his message. Many today will read a verse or passage of Scripture and then give their own definitions to the words, phrases, or paragraphs, ignoring the context and author's (God's) intent. But this is not what God intended, which is why God tells us to correctly handle the "Word of truth".

What does it mean to be taken "literally"? What one says is taken in a literal manner, in the strict sense or word for word, without exaggeration or inaccuracy. So should Jesus' words about the Eucharist be taken literally? Might he just have been using figures of speech? It's true that, yes, Jesus did sometimes use metaphors like when Jesus said, "I am the gate" (Jn 10:7). He didn't mean he was a structure made of wood with hinges and a latch. He was using a metaphor, which requires interpretation and is not to be read in a literal way.

The Bible should be read as a figure of speech. Yes, we believe it is literally true, for example, that Jesus was born to the Virgin Mary, lived and taught in Roman occupied Judea, and that he suffered and died for our sins. And we believe it is a historical fact that he rose from the dead. But the strongest reason we should take the Bible literally is because the Lord Jesus Christ took it literally. Whenever the Lord Jesus quoted from the Old Testament, it was always clear that He believed in its literal interpretation. An example is in the gospels we have been hearing the past couple of weeks where he uses the example of the "bread that came down from heaven" to literally remember that **He is that "living bread"**.

- Father Jerry

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM – WHY SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED? COME AND SEE.

A Religious Freedom Documentary "ONE GENERATION AWAY" will be shown at St. John the Baptist Parish Center in Glandorf on Saturday August 22nd from 7-9 p.m. and again on Sunday August 23rd after 8 a.m. Mass. This documentary lays out our constitutional rights and vividly outlines **HOW & WHY** they are under increasing assault. **BECOME INFORMED.**

"Freedom is never more than One Generation away from Extinction." -Ronald Reagan



The Missionaries of the Precious Blood and Companions invite everyone to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the CPPS by the beloved founder St. Gaspar del Bufalo. A concelebrated Mass will be at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus on August 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. All who have shared in the ministry of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood need to be a part of this 200th Anniversary Celebration! Fr. Rick Friebel, CPPS, Parochial Vicar of the four CPPS parishes, will be principal celebrant and homilist.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**LITURGIES**Sat (15th) **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 a.m. George Lubeley

4:00 p.m. Mary Catherine Heckman

Sun (16th) 10:30 a.m. Dan Hoersten

Tues (18th) 7:00 p.m. At St. Barbara's in Cloverdale

Wed (19th) 8:10 a.m. Priscilla Wannemacher

Thur (20th) 8:10 a.m. Paul Beining

Fri (21st) 8:00 a.m. Gerald (Dick) Koester

Sat (22nd) 4:00 p.m. Norbert, Marcella, & Sue Bendele

Sun (23rd) 10:30 a.m. Ed Garlock

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:**Weekday Mass Servers (8/19, 8/20, 8/21):**

Leah Brinkman, Tara Heitmeyer, Nick Herman

SATURDAY (8/22)**Mass Servers:** Zachary Herman, Elijah Knodell,
Conner Wannemacher**Lector:** Mary Lou Miller**Eucharistic Ministers:**Host - Judy Eickholt, Sharon Meyer,
Bernice Schnipke, Kim Wannemacher

Cup - Pat Ricker, Amy Tumblin

Choir - Tracy Tumblin

Ushers: Bob Bendele, Allan Honigford,
Cory Honigford, Tim Kimmet**Gifts:** Brian and Jenny Wannemacher**SUNDAY (8/23)****Mass Servers:** Dalton Davis, Dylan Byrne,
Cooper Hanneman**Lector:** Rose Wenzlick**Eucharistic Ministers:**Host - Rose Brickner, Michelle Giesige,
Carol Hoersten, Sheila Miller

Cup - Ann Beining, Victoria Jackson

Choir - Emma Eickholt

Ushers: Brian Beining, Walter Brickner, Gene Miller,
Otto Wenzlick**Gifts:** Ken and Diane Bendele*Interested in taking up Offertory Gifts? Please contact:
Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861 for dates January thru June
Deb Cross – 419-453-3682 for dates July thru December***PRAY THE ROSARY** - Kathy Wehri, Amy Wehri,
Joyce Wehri, Mary Wehri, Jill Wenzlick, Marilyn Wenzlick,
Yvonne Wenzlick**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32;

John 6:60-69

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Betty Beining

This past week's helper: Ruth Ricker

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 8/9/15)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 3,891.22UNDER BUDGET: **-\$1,308.78**

Parish Center: \$96.00 Assumption of Mary: \$7.00

Don't be left out!! There is still room on
Father Tony Fortman's Ireland Trip
Pilgrimage to our Lady of Knock, Dublin, and
Tipperary. Go to the website
www.pilgrimages.com/frfortman to reserve
your spot or call Father Tony at (419) 890-6012.Set a Date with Your Spouse for Sunday, August 30th
from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish Center
in Glandorf for the 1st of three "BELOVED" DVD
Series. Come be refreshed and spend some quality time
with your spouse. Enjoy wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres.
Babysitting will be provided. Couple workbooks are
\$20.00 each. RSVP by August 21st. Call (419) 538-
6740 or email jmschroeder51@gmail.com. Save the
dates for the 2nd session to be held on Sunday,
September 20th and the 3rd session on Sunday,
October 11th.**2015 National 54 Day Rosary Novena Prayer****Dates: August 15 through October 7th****Intention: For the Family & Marriage****Pray before the recitation of the Rosary:**

Heavenly Father, we join our prayers on earth with those of our Blessed Mother Mary and all the saints in heaven. As we offer this rosary, an act of praise and intercession, we ask that you guide us through the mysteries of our redemption in your Son Jesus. Bless all marriages and families in the Diocese of Toledo and beyond, strengthen them in the work of building your kingdom. Bestow your grace upon those who daily strive to live and practice their Catholic faith. Fill their hearts and homes with a genuine care and love for one another and for you. May this offering of prayer and meditation on the mysteries contained herein make us all more faithful disciples to live out the vocation to which you call us. Touch the hearts of our families where love has grown cold, heal the wounds of families where there is division, transform those homes where family life is lacking. Bring us together as one family of faith seeking to do your holy will in love and in truth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. AMEN.

From now until October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, as we pray the Rosary before Mass we will be praying this Rosary prayer along with the intention for the sanctity of families, marriage, peace, and human life. We ask also that you please consider praying it with your own private rosaries.

On Tuesday, September 8th, Bishop Daniel Thomas will be celebrating Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine south of Bellevue. This Mass is to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Precious Blood (CPPS) order and the 165th anniversary of the Shrine. A luncheon will follow in the Shrine cafeteria. Those planning to attend are asked to call the Shrine office at (419) 482-3435 to ensure that enough food is prepared.

THIS WEEK'S COMMUNITY EVENTS:

FORT FEST in Fort Jennings continues today. A free concert from the Wright Patterson Air Force "Band in Flight" is at 1:00 p.m. today. Visit the Fort Fest Facebook page or www.fortjenningspark.com for more information.

Catholic Families Night with the Toledo Mud Hens on Monday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. Email Chad Huffman at chuffman@mudhens.com or call the Ticket Office at (419) 725-4367.

2015-2016 OTTOVILLE SCHOOL BOOKBILLS will be collected on Tuesday, August 18th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 19th from 8:30-2:00 p.m.

Lunch in the Park (sponsored by Putnam Heritage) will be Thursday August 20th (rain or shine) from 11-1 at the Ottawa Senior Center. Menu: spaghetti or shredded beef sandwich platter. This event is open to the public. Call ahead orders can be placed by calling (419) 523-5593.

"Technology Program" hosted by Putnam County District Library in Ottawa and The Meadows of Kalida, Leipsic, & Ottawa on Thursday, August 20th, at 11:15 a.m. To register (required), call (419) 523-3747. Bring your device and learn how to use your iPad, smart phone, Kindle, etc.

The Ottoville Community Service Club is asking for donations for the **2015 Ottoville Park Carnival** for the Adult and Kids Raffle Booths. To donate, contact Marilyn Calvelage at (419) 453-3219 or (419) 605-7897 by Saturday, August 29th.





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