



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 28, 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

Mr. Chad Knippen

Mr. David Fischbach

Mr. Steve Schroeder

Mrs. Doris Brinkman

Mrs. Nancy Hohlbein

Mrs. Tina Koester

Mrs. Teresa Schnipke

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:

Terry Landwehr and Kristian Hammond (1)



DEATH: Our deepest sympathy to the family of *Hubert Byrne* who passed away on August 23rd at the age of 79. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Dear Padre'

This came to me a few years ago while I was having dinner with a couple. **Question:** How can I deepen my faith? First, faith is one of the three theological virtues (along with hope and charity). These theological virtues pertain to our relationship to God. The Church teaches that if we truly live a virtuous life (that is, practice the 3 virtues), we will cultivate our truest and deepest self and be happy beyond our wildest dreams. Faith is the fundamental key to everything. It's the final meaning of human existence and the answers to the questions on which all our happiness depends. But how do we get this virtue? It is too bad that there isn't a "virtue store" in the neighborhood like a *Dollar General*, so that if we needed more virtue we could just go down to the local store and purchase some. We only deepen or gain virtue by practicing various behaviors that are linked to that virtue. We have to work at it. The secret of making something work in your lives is, the deep desire to make it work...then the belief that it can work: then to hold that clear definite vision in your consciousness and see it working out step by step without one thought of doubt or disbelief. I like to say that we need to focus on the "Facets of Holiness". For example, to become more faith-filled we have to practice believing more. Every circumstance of life gives us a chance to believe more or believe less. Each day we can choose to live according to others' expectations, societies' values, and what is popular; or we can choose to ask God to lead us through the day and then attempt to listen to where God is taking us. I love what the Letter to the Hebrews states... "**Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen**". So it involves confidence, trust and loyalty. In other words we build our faith by trusting...trusting that God will be our strength and will lead us through decisions and difficulties. Faith, at its most basic level is a trusting friendship between God and us. But, Faith also is continuing to acknowledge that God made us, knows us, loves us, and will never abandon us. Only we can abandon Him, because of our free will, but He will never stop loving us.

~ Padre Jerry

Beginning Sunday, September 4th, you are invited, as individuals and families to participate in a diocesan **33 Day Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.** By signing up at 33days.eventbrite.com, you'll be emailed daily reflections and weekly videos that will help you prepare for the consecration day on Friday, October 7th. On that day, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, there will be a gathering at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo at 6:30 p.m. for the recitation of the rosary, celebration of the Mass, and Bishop Thomas will lead the consecration prayer. By signing up for the daily reflections, personalized consecration certificates will be given to each participant at a reception following the mass on October 7th. Contact Monica Martinez in the Diocese Office for Marriage and Family at (419) 244-6711, extension 4918 or email mmartinez@toledodiocese.org.

In preparation for the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 8th, the Diocese of Toledo has published the following: It is the policy of the Diocese of Toledo that the only election materials to be shared through the parishes and diocesan institutions are those that come directly from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Ohio Catholic Conference or our own diocesan Chancery. Information left in our buildings or on windshields that is not from the above mentioned sources is not endorsed by the Diocese of Toledo, its parishes or institutions.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**LITURGIES**

Saturday (8/27) 4:00 p.m. Alice Kemper and Norbert & Alicia Heitmeyer
Sunday (8/28) 10:30 a.m. Paul & Mildred Rayman
Tuesday (8/30) 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Hoehn and Kehres Families
Wednesday (8/31) 8:10 a.m. Debbie Krietemeyer and Stephanie Kite
Thursday (9/1) 8:10 a.m. Florentine Warnecke and Robert Hilvers
Friday (9/2) 8:00 a.m. Lawrence Turnwald and Priscilla Wannemacher
Saturday (9/3) 4:00 p.m. Vern & Dolly Schroeder and Orval Eickholt
Sunday (9/4) 10:30 a.m. Robert Scarbrough, Joe Ruen, and Jerome Turnwald

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:
Weekday Mass Servers (8/30 at 7:00 p.m., 8/31 and 9/1 at 8:10 a.m.): Destinie Davis, Kylin Edelbrock, Carter Horstman

SATURDAY (9/3) 4:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Ben Horstman, CJ Kemper, Michael Steffan

Lector: Pat Ricker

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Judy Eickholt, Linda Knippen, Kim Wannemacher, Janice Warnecke
 Cup - Bonnie Beining, Deb Lindeman
 Choir - Peggy Pohlman

Ushers: Randy Altenburger, Joel Edelbrock, Gary Pohlman, Dave Schlagbaum

Gifts: The Family of Orval Eickholt

SUNDAY (9/4) 10:30 a.m.

Mass Servers: Taylor Beining, Nick Herman, Ryan Suever

Lector: Joan Ruen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Helen Devitt, Mike Ricker
 Don and Dee Dee Schlagbaum,
 Cup - Ann Beining, Jack Devitt
 Choir - Lenora Ball

Ushers: Brian Beining, Steve Beining, Dave Fischbach, Tony Rieger

Gifts: The Family of Jerome Turnwald

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (9/3-9/4):

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

PRAY THE ROSARY (8/28 to 9/3): Dottie Oberg, Pam Odenweller, Viola Miler, Tina Miller, Dawn Pohlman, Dorothy Pohlman, Beth Pohlman

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Kathy Wehri

This past week's helper was Teresa Schnipke.

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 8/21/16 - 8/22/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 4,042.62

Under Budget \$-1,157.38

Parish Center = \$45.00 Assumption of Mary = \$285.00



Junior Girl Scout Troop 201711 **BAKE SALE** is today, Sunday, August 28th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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.

The First Friday Latin Mass at Domus Angelorum Retreat House (21706 State Route 114, Cloverdale) will be Friday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The September Retreat with Father Herman Scherger will be Saturday, September 10th with the topic being "Obstacles to Grace." Mass begins that day at 8:30 a.m. with registration following. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

A **Eucharistic Adoration Retreat** will be held on September 4th from 5-7 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic church in Lima (2200 W. Elm Street). Catechesis on Adoration will take place from 5-6 p.m., Exposition and prayerful silence from 6-7 p.m., and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Contact Emily at emily@st-charles.org for more information.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

~ **LAST CHANCE!!!!!! MAKE-UP photography dates** will be Friday, September 9th from 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, September 10th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those who have not had their family portrait taken should contact Tina in the Parish Office by September 5th. If not enough families or individuals sign up, those dates will be cancelled.

~ Individual or family photos may still be submitted by emailing to immac@bright.net or may be dropped off at the Parish Office no later than September 5th.

~ **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's name is included on the list, feel free to email the Parish Office at immac@bright.net or call (419) 453-3513** by September 5th.

~ For those who did not order additional photos but will be receiving their free 8 x 10, please pick up your photograph in the Parish Office lobby.

The annual **Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** will host their *fall conference* on Saturday, September 24th at St. Alphonsus Parish, Peru/Norwalk. The theme of this year's conference is "Be Merciful, As Your Father is Merciful." Fr. Ron Cameron, CPM, Mission Director, Fathers of Mercy, will be the conference speaker. Pat Oedy-Murray, theology teacher at Lourdes University, will also present. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes morning snacks and lunch. Any lady of the Parish interested in attending should contact Anne Landwehr at (419) 453-3391 by September 12th. Ladies will carpool together.

Looking for a safe, healthy way to achieve or avoid pregnancy? A **fertility awareness class series** is starting on September 10th in Delphos. For more information, contact Jeff or Bridget Bockey at (419) 233-1600, delphosnfp@gmail.com, or visit www.ccli.org to register.

St. Mary of the Assumption (Van Wert) Designer Purse Bingo will be September 16th at the K of C Hall in Van Wert. Tickets are \$20 until September 9th and can be purchased at the Parish Office (601 Jennings Road) between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Reserve a table for 8 for \$10.00. For more information, call (419) 238-3802, (419) 238-3979, or (419) 771-0328.

Linda Rae Pollitz, LSW and Program Manager for the **Northwest Ohio Alzheimer's Association**, will be presenting *Transitions*, a program for individuals with early stage memory loss, their families, and friends. The program offers social and educational opportunities and group sharing. Persons who are experiencing forgetfulness, mild confusion, or difficulty finding the right words are most likely to benefit. The program will take place on September 6th from 2-3 p.m. at the Putnam County District Library in Ottawa. For more information, call the library at (419) 523-3747. Registration is requested.



BLOOD IS URGENTLY NEEDED. There will be a blood drive at the American Legion Hall in Ft. Jennings on Wednesday, August 31st from 12 to 6 p.m.

To make an appointment call Dianne at (419) 286-2796 or Alice at (419) 286-2774. Walk-ins are welcome.

The Father Ronald R. Warnimont Assembly 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Ottawa, will be sponsoring a **15th Anniversary Prayer Service**, A World Day of Prayer for Peace. This year will mark the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States. The prayer service will take place at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa on Sunday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m.

A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of one's self so that those who govern can govern well.
 ~Pope Francis