



# Mass Intentions

12/24 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Orval Eickholt, George Lubeley
	4:00 p.m.	At. St. Barbara in Cloverdale
	7:00 p.m.	Ray Miller Bud & Mary Catherine Koester Angie Miller
	10:00 p.m.	Joan Eickholt
12/25 (Sunday)		<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)</b>
	8:00 a.m.	At. St. Barbara in Cloverdale
	10:30 a.m.	Paul & Martha Turnwald Lloyd & Leona Landin Cletus & Alice Maag
12/26 (Monday)	6:00 p.m.	NO MASS
12/27 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m.	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
	7:00 p.m.	Henry & Mary Kemper Wesley Bonifas Blaine & Blake Romus
12/28 (Wednesday)	8:10 a.m.	Leo & Alice Heitmeyer Lucinda Langhals
12/29 (Thursday)	8:10 a.m.	Bernie & Sally Looser Ruth Miller Norbert Miller (7 Day)
12/30 (Friday)		<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Mark Schlagbaum
	3:00 p.m.	Mass at Vancrest of Delphos A/L
12/31 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Kathy Metcalfe
1/1 (Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> Krystal Byrne Deceased Members of the Byrne & Miller Families

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY	
December 25 (Sunday)	Joan Ziegler
December 26 (Monday)	Janet Zerkel
December 27 (Tuesday)	Jennifer Walston
December 28 (Wednesday)	April Wannemacher
December 29 (Thursday)	Megan Wehri
December 30 (Friday)	Sue Williams
December 21 (Saturday)	Monica Wiseman

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING**  
For the Week Beginning 12/25/2016  
Mary Ann Rode

Next weekend's readings (1/1—1/2/2017):  
Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

## MINISTERS OF MASS

SATURDAY	December 31, 2016	4:00 p.m.
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	Grant Boecker, Kyle Looser, Adam Looser	
<b>Lector:</b>	Rochelle Trenkamp	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Host:</b> Angela Niemeyer, Lenora Ball Peggy Pohlman, Jim Hoersten <b>Cup:</b> Bonnie Beining, Ron Niemeyer <b>Choir:</b> Victoria Jackson	
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS:</b>	The Family of Kathy Metcalf	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Randy Altenburger, Tony Rieger, David Schlagbaum, Larry Beining	
SUNDAY	January 1, 2016	10:30 a.m.
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	Eli Knodell, Madison Knodell, Brooke Mangas	
<b>Lector:</b>	Joan Ruen	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Host:</b> Jerry Hohlbein, Carol Hoersten, Donald Warnecke, Cherie Kemper <b>Cup:</b> Angie Hohlbein, Julie Nussbaum <b>Choir:</b> Mike Ricker	
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS:</b>	The Byrne Family	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dan Bendele, Randy Warnecke, Dennis Miller, Gene Turnwald	
WEEKDAY MASS SERVERS	December 27	7:00 p.m.
	December 28-29	8:10 a.m.
	December 30	8:00 a.m.
	Destinie Davis, Kylin Edelbrock, Jacob Ricker, Danielle Swint	
<b>If unable to serve at your scheduled time, please be sure to find a replacement. Thank you.</b>		

**BAPTISMS:** Crosby Jack and Eloise Marie Shumaker  
Children of Craig and Garnet Shumaker



**DEATH:** Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Norbert Miller who passed away on Wednesday, December 21st at his home. May he receive his eternal reward with our Heavenly Father.

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming dates are January 13-15, 2017 in Perrysburg, Ohio and March 31-April 2, 2017 in Lima, Ohio. For more information, contact Brian and Chris Schroeder at (419) 538-7210, send an email to [bschroeder@bright.net](mailto:bschroeder@bright.net), or visit the website [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).



**Christmas Greetings...Long ago, one silent night, God revealed His glory bright, the Word became flesh and dwelled among us...** Today we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. In celebrating the Nativity, we fervently pray that our dear Lord will also be born in our hearts today. Then we, like the Blessed Mother Mary, can share his presence with the world around us. On this blessed Christmas, let us rejoice and go with the shepherds to Bethlehem to see what the Lord has brought us, what he has made known to us. Let us again truly be amazed by what God has done for us and return to our homes glorifying and praising God.

Whether we travel near or far at Christmas time or whether we unite with our own family or extended family, celebrating together adds to the warmth and allows for a deeper appreciation. Christmas teaches us that the family has always been at the heart of Christmas from the very beginning. Many aspects of family love as been extended to one another this past season: celebrating together the sacraments, gathering as family, working together, learning together as one of the flock, coming together in times of tragedy, and coming together in times of need. Yes, we rejoice together as one holy family.

Here, we are a few among many using artificial light to scatter the darkness of our world, we've been running here and there and everywhere trying to escape our society and it's business. This Christmas we take time to sit, looking to the east, hoping beyond hope that the Light will come, justice too, with truth and charity.

Before and during our Christmas Masses the musical hymns sung are like an overture preparing us for what we celebrate, Christ the Light of world, the light shining in the darkness, the light that comes among us. May this Christmas dispel the darkness surrounding your life. The Christ child has been born...the Dayspring has sprung forth.

There is a beautiful Christmas song called, **"Good Christian Men, Rejoice."** In it we sing "Good Christian men, rejoice...with heart and soul and voice...give ye heed to what we say...Jesus Christ was born today. Christ is born Today...Christ is born today!" Yes, now! Today! My Christmas Blessings to all of you and your families!

~ Padre' Jerry



This weekend, we debut a new weekly church bulletin format. We hope you enjoy reading the bulletin each week and that you find it informative. This new layout should be easier to read and will allow a bit more space! Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. The bulletin will not always appear in color due to the cost of printing. Deadline for submission of bulletin articles will continue to be each Wednesday at noon. To help defray the cost of printing bulletins each week, we are offering businesses the opportunity to advertise and share the services they offer. Contact the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513 for cost and more information.


FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
WEEKLY BUDGET = \$5200.00	WEEK OF 12/17-12/18
Loose Cash/Checks	\$595.00
Adult Envelopes (199)	\$5045.00
Children & Youth (29)	\$37.41
Christmas (3)	\$200.00
Parish Center (8)	\$217.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$6094.41
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET SURPLUS</b>	\$894.41

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Share in the Care (11)	\$170.00
Church Repair (6)	\$655.00

Numbers in ( ) are the number of envelopes counted.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER is available for your weekly Sunday contribution, the Parish Center, or Church Repair accounts. Forms are available in the church vestibule, the Parish Office lobby, or call the Parish Office.



Join us for "Mozart by Candlelight" performed by the Lima Symphony on Sunday, January 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Ottoville. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$10 for students. Purchase tickets (cash or check only) in advance at the Parish Office during normal business hours or at the door the day of the performance. Credit card purchases can be made by calling (419) 222-5701. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.LimaSymphony.com](http://www.LimaSymphony.com) but a service charge applies and student discounted tickets are not available when ordering via this method. Any proceeds remaining after performance expenses will be donated to the church's Stained Glass Window Restoration Project.

### Christmas Thank You...

To each of you, may the Christ Child's blessing be sent to you... may you be filled with joy, peace, thanks, and love. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for providing the services that you do! You make all the difference for our faith community here at Immaculate Conception. As the praises are sung throughout this Christmas Season in this beautiful church, many of God's working hands have made known this Christmas celebration. With voices and dedication we are filled with Christmas cheer of the Birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord. Heart-felt thanks to all who worked hard in making this Christmas celebration what it truly is...a glorious praise to our New Born King. God Bless you all in your ministries of making Immaculate Conception open and welcoming to all. As Christmas falls upon you, may you consider all the awesome things that have come to you through Christ's coming. God Bless you for everything you do.

~ Father Jerry





## KNIGHTS NEWS

Knights of Columbus  
Council 2238  
Ottoville, Ohio

### MEETING DATES:

2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
New Members are always welcome!


The Ottoville Knights of Columbus Council 2238 will be holding their annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 8th from 8:00 a.m. until noon in the Parish Center. The menu includes sausage, scrambled eggs, all you can eat pancakes, cinnamon roll, juice, milk, and coffee. Cost is \$6.00. Ages 5 and under eat free.

Help is still needed to put flyers on cars at the following masses:

Saturday, December 31st— 4:00 p.m. in Ottoville  
5:00 p.m. in Ft. Jennings  
5:30 p.m. in Cloverdale  
Sunday, January 1st—7:30 a.m. in Ft. Jennings  
8:00 a.m. in Cloverdale  
10:30 a.m. in Ottoville

Also, volunteers are needed to help the day of the breakfast. If you can help in any way, please contact Craig Brinkman at (419) 286-3040.

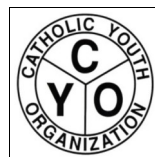
The next Putnam County Right to Life meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to the Kalida fire station). All are welcome.

 Give the perfect gift...Give blood!! The American Red Cross blood drive will be Tuesday, December 27th from 12 - 6 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Hall Banquet Room. To schedule an appointment, call Sue Luersman at (419) 453-3763 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: OTTOVILLEPARISH.

Receive a free long-sleeved Red Cross t-shirt while supplies last!  
\*\*Cookies are needed for the Blood Drive!! Feel free to drop off those leftover Christmas cookies the morning of the event!!



The Immaculate Conception Youth Group (ICY) and the Putnam County Department of Job and Family Services would like to thank everyone who took an angel and purchased gifts for the needy children of Putnam County this Christmas season. This year our Parish donated 100 packages. Immaculate Conception is certainly a very generous parish!



### CYO BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8th—At Ottoville  
High School Boys 1:00 p.m. vs. Lima St. Charles  
High School Girls 2:15 p.m. vs. New Bavaria Sacred heart

### OHIO DEATH PENALTY SET TO RESUME JANUARY 12, 2017.

In January of 2015, the State of Ohio announced a moratorium on the use of the death penalty due to the lack of availability of required drugs. This moratorium is set to be lifted on January 12, 2017 with the execution of Ronald Phillips. Bishop Daniel E. Thomas urges all Catholics and people of good will to take five steps to abolish the death penalty in the State of Ohio:

1. **Pray** for the victims of crime, those facing execution, and those working in the criminal justice system;
2. **Reach out** to the families of those affected by violent crime by bringing Christ's love and compassion;
3. **Learn** about the Church's teaching on capital punishment and educate others in this vital area of concern by visiting: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/death-penalty-capital-punishment/index.cfm>;
4. **Advocate** for the end of the death penalty by sending a postcard and by calling Governor John Kasich at: (614) 466-3555, urging clemency for all 139 individuals on death row in the State of Ohio;
5. **Join us** for a Candlelight Prayer Vigil for the abolition of the death penalty on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Chapel (501 Cherry Street, Toledo).

For more information, contact Nick Lyster, Justice Ministry Coordinator at [nlyster@toledodiocese.org](mailto:nlyster@toledodiocese.org).

December 24-25, 2016

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

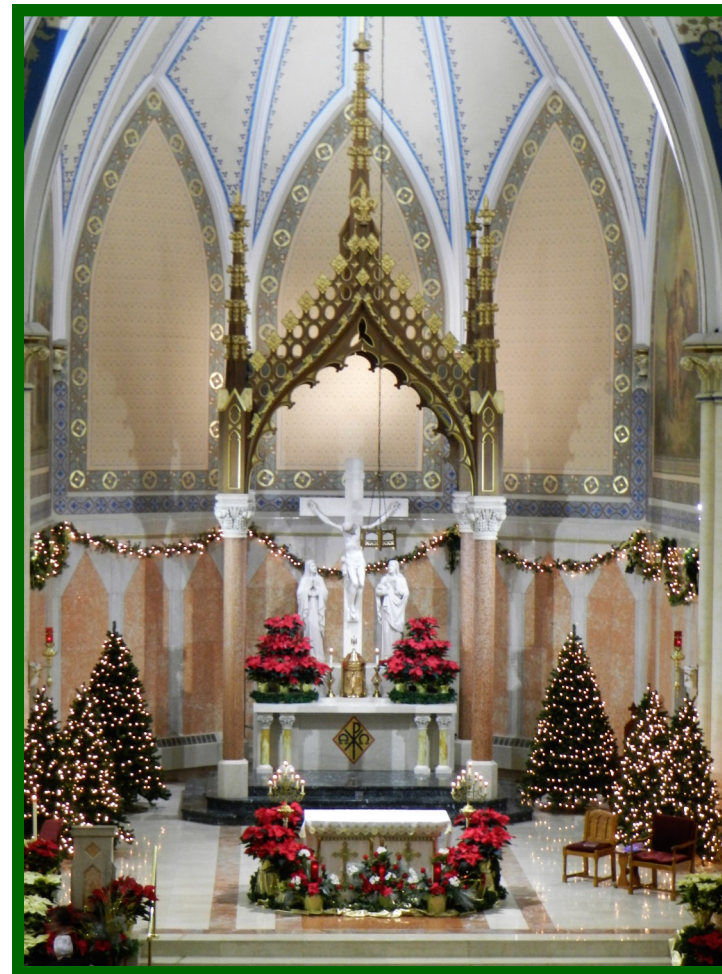
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### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** First time parents need to attend baptism instruction. Baptisms are normally celebrated during or after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass or anytime agreeable with Father Jerry. To arrange Baptism or instruction, call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.

**MATRIMONY:** The Diocese of Toledo requests that all marriage dates be scheduled through the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. Engaged couples must meet with Father Jerry before a wedding can be scheduled. Joy-Filled Marriage workshop information can be found at the website [www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com](http://www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com).

**RECONCILIATION:** Every Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** Contact the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513. In case of an emergency, call Father Jerry's cell phone at (419) 305-5149.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY: 7:00 p.m. 2nd, 4th, and 5th weeks  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: 8:10 a.m.  
FRIDAY: 8:00 a.m.  
SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m.  
6:00 p.m. Youth and Family Mass (3rd week only)

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