



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Third Sunday of Advent
 December 11, 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 Father 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: For a list of workshops in the area or to register, visit jfmltoledo.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 12:00 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 BANS: The following couple asks for your prayerful support as they prepare for their upcoming marriage:

Tyler Maag and Amanda Watkins (III)



DEATH: Please remember the family of Dennis P. Schimmoeller who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 50 on December 3rd. May he rest in peace.

BAPTISM: *Lillian Margaret Wellman*

Daughter of Thomas and Kelly (Wueller) Wellman

Dear Padre'...Question: Why the Advent wreath? Why one pink candle? The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally referred to as Gaudet Sunday, so-called from the first word of the antiphon at the Introit. Gaudete, means "REJOICE", taken from the Latin translation, it sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's coming birth and Second Coming. Our gaze now draws towards Christmas, which is now coming nearer. May the Lord's coming fill our hearts with joy. **The four candles on an Advent wreath represent the 4,000 years between Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ during which mankind waited for the arrival of Jesus.** A candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday during the season of Advent to signify the entrance of Christ, the light, into the world. There are three purple candles and one rose-colored candle on an Advent wreath. The purple candles are lit over the course of the first two and fourth Sundays of Advent. These candles represent prayer, penance and preparation for the coming of the Lord that each person is expected to undertake during the Advent season. Today we are rejoicing because it marks the midpoint of Advent. The candles are lit progressively throughout Advent to show the hope, peace joy and loving expectation of the first coming of Christ and the anticipation of the second coming where Jesus is to judge the living and dead.

-Padre' Jerry

God's Mercy and Forgiveness is welcome!

The Immaculate Conception Penance Service will be today - Sunday, December 11th beginning at 2:00 p.m. Other area

Penance Services are as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 11th - St. Mary/Leipsic at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 13th - St. Michael/Kalida at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14th - St. Joseph/Fort Jennings at 7:00 p.m.


Monday, Dec. 19th - SPPS/Ottawa at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 21st - St. Anthony/Columbus Grove at 7 p.m.

Adult Family Faith...The last session of *The Bible Time Line Study* will be tonight (Sunday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Family room.

THERE WILL BE A YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18TH AT 6:00 P.M. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The Immaculate Conception Sunday School children will be singing at the end of Mass on Sunday, December 18th.



March for Life
 Washington D.C.

Join the College and Young Adult bus trip to the **2017 March for Life** in Washington, DC on January 27th. This event is sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo and includes an overnight stay at the Hyatt Place in downtown Washington, DC as well as free time to tour the city. Departure is late evening on Thursday, January 26th. Return is late evening on Saturday, January 28th. Cost is \$129 per person but college students get a special discounted price of \$99. Deadline to register is Thursday, December 15th. Contact Peter Range, Respect Life Coordinator at prange@toledodiocese.org or call (419) 244-4933.



Third Sunday of Advent

LITURGIES/MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (12/10) 4:00 p.m. Andy Warnecke, Living and Deceased Members of the Gerding & Pohlman Families

Sunday (12/11) **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10:30 a.m. Al & Marge Honigford

2:00 p.m. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday (12/13) 2:00 p.m. Mass at Meadows of Kalida

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Jerome and Anna Eickholt Family

Wednesday (12/14) 8:10 a.m. John Beining, Jerome Friemoth, and Dennis Schimmoeller (7 Day)

Thursday (12/15) 8:10 a.m. John Grote, Sister Catherine Nader, and Living & Deceased Members of the Sisters of the Precious Blood

Friday (12/16) 8:00 a.m. Verena Brinkman and Edward Luersman

Saturday (12/17)

1:00 Wedding - Tyler Maag and Amanda Watkins

4:00 p.m. Carla Landin, John Nussbaum, and Norbert & Alicia Heitmeyer

Sunday (12/18) 10:30 a.m. Bob and Ruth Beining, Joe & Henrietta Landin

6:00 p.m. YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Norbert, Marcella, and Sue Bendele

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:

Weekday Mass Servers (12/13 at 7:00 p.m., 12/14 and 12/15 at 8:10 a.m.; 12/16 at 8:10 a.m.):

Trey Landwehr, Jacob Ricker, Alex Suever

SATURDAY (12/17) 4:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Logan Kemper, Derek Kemper, Amber Miller

Lector: Jill Wenzlick

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Host - Judith Eickholt, Angie and Jerry Hohlbein, Donald Warnecke

Cup - Angie Niemeyer, Kim Wannemacher

Choir - Peggy Pohlman

Ushers: Dan Bendele, Ralph Burgei, Gary Pohlman, Dave Schlagbaum

Gifts: The Family of John Nussbaum

SUNDAY (12/18) 10:30 a.m.

Mass Servers: Taylor Beining, Tara Heitmeyer, Rachel Kemper

Lector: Sharon Brickner

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Host - Jim Hoersten, Victoria Jackson, Julie Schimmoeller, Nancy Vetter

Cup - Jean Byrne, Julie Nussbaum

Choir - Cherie Kemper

Ushers: Steve Beining, Mike Byrne, Dennis Nussbaum, John Vetter

Gifts: The Bob and Ruth Beining Family

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (12/17-12/18/2016):

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

PRAY THE ROSARY (12/11 to 12/17): Kim Wannemacher, Ruth Wannemacher, Sandy Wannemacher, Marie Warnecke, Margaret Warnecke, Jan Warnecke, Tina Weber

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Marge Hicks

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 12/3/16 - 12/4/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 4,406.70

Under Budget \$ 793.30

December EFT=\$2215/General - \$1220/Window Project
Parish Center=\$496.00 Church Repair = \$319.00

DONATE A POINSETTIA/FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Envelopes are now available at all church doors for those interested in donating towards a poinsettia, flowers, or other decorations in memory of a loved one this upcoming holiday season. The suggested donation is \$20 per flower. Please place envelopes in the weekly collection basket or return to the Parish Office by December 18th.



TODAY'S EVENTS - Sunday, December 11th

- **Meadows of Kalida's 10th Annual Tree Gala** to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County. From 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., visit the Meadows for a visit from Santa, live music, hors d'oeuvres, and kids activities.

- The **Putnam County Historical Society Open House** presents **Chreches and Choirs** from 1-4 p.m. Enjoy over 150 Nativity displays and antique Christmas decor. Enjoy music of the season and carols on the parlor organ. There will be refreshments and admission is free. The buildings of Bethlehem that made up part of the Nativity Scene in our church display for almost 100 years will be part of this display!

The **ICY Group Christmas Tree Angels** are back!!!! Be sure to stop by the tree in the church vestibule and take an angel to help a Putnam County child in need this holiday season. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the tree no later than **Tuesday, December 13th.**

The Friends of the Putnam County District Library(136 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa) are sponsoring their **25th Tree Festival**, Silver Memories, now through January 5th during library hours. Over 35 decorated trees will be on display.

During this holiday season, one of the things we enjoy most is spending time with family and friends. We ask that you remember those that will not be with their loved ones during this joyous season. Please pray for the military members of our parish including:

- **Cory Eickholt**, a Captain in the Army National Guard who is currently serving in Texas but will be deployed to Turkey in January. Email holiday greetings and well wishes to cory.t.eickholt.mil@mail.mil.

- **Stacey Wannemacher**, a member of the Naval Reserve who will be deployed in March. Her email address is slwannem@gmail.com and she would welcome hearing from everyone.

- **Jason Turnwald**, a member of the Army ROTC at the University of Toledo who will graduate December 16th and begin Officer Training on March 6th in Missouri.

- **Aaron Sargent**, actively serving in the Air Force

- **Philip Sargent**, also serving in the Air Force

- **Greg Rue**, a member of the Army National Guard.

We also pray for **Brad Gasser** who is serving a two year assignment in the Peace Corps teaching math and technology at Mbingo Government High School in Cameroon, Africa.

Let us also pray for those members of our Parish whose employment will limit or not allow them to spend time with their families. May God truly bless all for their service and dedication to the needs of others.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruen for the recent donation to the General Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CYO BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 11th

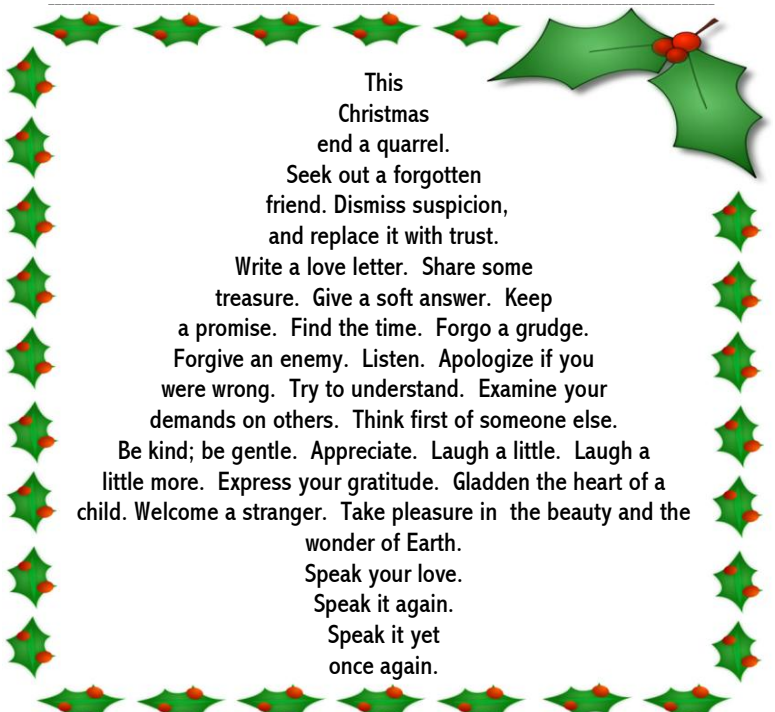
1:00 p.m. Ottoville HS Boys at Glandorf vs. St. John-Birkemeyer

3:00 p.m. Ottoville HS Girls at Kalida vs. St. Michael

Sunday, December 18th

1:00 p.m. Ottoville HS Boys at Ottoville vs. Ottawa SPPS-Kaufman

2:15 p.m. Ottoville HS Girls at Ottoville vs. Glandorf St. Johns



This Christmas end a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind; be gentle. Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a child. Welcome a stranger. Take pleasure in the beauty and the wonder of Earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it yet once again.