



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Second Sunday of Advent
 December 4, 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 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 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 BANNES: The following couple asks for your prayerful support as they prepare for their upcoming marriage:

Tyler Maag and Amanda Watkins (II)



Dear Padre' Question: *Why the need for Confession?*

Pope Francis reminds us that Advent is a time of waiting and a time of preparation. Yes, the Lord will come to visit at Christmas, but also every time we come to seek him in reconciliation. His mercy is endless, his love is ongoing... He comes when we feel a longing to improve, to be better; it is the Lord knocking at your very door. Let this Advent be a time of opening for you. His words have always been **"Father Forgive Them They Know Not What They Do!"** John the Baptist preached in preparation of his coming, "Repent and Believe". The message was a call to the people to *metanoia*, the Greek word that means to change your heart. It's about being able to say "I'm Sorry"! Confession is an expression of what we do in saying I'm sorry and seeking his forgiveness...it changes us. In anticipation of the "Kingdom to Come", we become forgiven and changed human beings. Jesus always insisted on this *metanoia*.

Jesus spoke the words to his disciples that instituted the sacrament of penance: **"if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them, if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."** The purpose of confession is not to bind but rather to loose, to free one from that which held them fast and set them firmly on the path to the kingdom of God.

~Padre' Jerry

God's Mercy and Forgiveness is welcome! **The Immaculate Conception Penance Service will be 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.

The **December Retreat** at Domus Angelorum Retreat House (21706 State Route 114, Cloverdale) with Father Herman Scherger will be Saturday, December 10th. The topic is "Our Need to Show Mercy." The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. with registration and Adoration following Mass. Benedictions will conclude the retreat at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. For information, call Michael Westrick at (419) 784-9125.

Adult Family Faith...The Bible Time Line Study continues on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Family room. The 8 week sessions will continue through December 11th.

Many of you may remember **Sister Catherine Nader**, former teacher at Ottoville. Sister Catherine passed away on November 25th at the age of 90. She had been a Sister of the Precious Blood for 61 years. May she rest in peace.

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 December 13th.

The next **Rosary Altar Society** meeting will be Monday, December 5th. Rosary begins at 5:40 p.m. with Mass at 6:00 p.m. A Potluck Dinner will follow in the Family Room at the Parish Center. A collection will be taken to assist an Ottoville family in need and for the "Help a Child Program." Chairlady is Diane Bendele. Committee members are Judy Bosch, Helen Devitt, Becky Eickholt, and Michelle Kortokrax. All ladies of the Parish are welcome.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their support of the annual Thanksgiving food pantry collection. A total of \$584.00 was collected.



Second Sunday of Advent



LITURGIES/MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (12/3) 4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Kaple, Living and Deceased Members of the Ray Siebeneck Family
Sunday (12/4) **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 10:30 a.m. Paul and Mildred Rayman, Living and Deceased Members of the Leo Deitering Family
Monday (12/5) 6:00 p.m. Rosary Altar Society Mass
Tuesday (12/6) 7:00 p.m. At St. Barbara in Cloverdale
Wednesday (12/7) 8:10 a.m. Virgil Schnipke
Thursday (12/8) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:10 a.m. Eugene, Anna, and Paul Odenweller
5:00 p.m. Carla Landin
7:00 p.m. At St. Barbara in Cloverdale
Friday (12/9) 8:00 a.m. Jim Wannemacher
Saturday (12/10) 4:00 p.m. Andy Warnecke, Living and Deceased Members of the Gerding & Pohlman Families
Sunday (12/11) 10:30 a.m. Al & Marge Honigford
2:00 p.m. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:

Weekday Mass Servers (12/7 and 12/8 at 8:10 a.m. and 12/9 at 8:10 a.m.): Destinie Davis, Kylin Edelbrock, Alex Suever

THURSDAY (12/8) 8:10 a.m.

Ushers: Brian Altenburger, Rodney Beining, Julie Schimmoeller, Jerry Turnwald

THURSDAY (12/8) 5:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Destinie Davis, Kylin Edelbrock, Alex Suever

Lector: Carl Turnwald

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Host - Bonnie Beining, Donald Warnecke, Victoria Jackson, Dee Dee Schlagbaum
 Cup - Deb Lindeman, Sharon Brickner
 Choir - Virginia Beining

Ushers: Tim Kimmet, Adam Schnipke, Bill Beining, Dave Fischbach

SATURDAY (12/10) 4:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Kasey Knippen, Nicole Knippen, Bridget Landin

Lector: Theresa Von Sossan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Host - Judy Eickholt, Christine Herman, Sharon Meyer, Pat Ricker
 Cup - Ted Herman, Linda Knippen
 Choir - Cody Kemper

Ushers: Joel Edelbrock, Kevin Lindeman, Darrell Von Sossan, Randy Warnecke

Gifts: The Andy Warnecke Family

SUNDAY (12/11) 10:30 a.m.

Mass Servers: Heaven Ross, Chad Schnipke, Ryan Suever

Lector: Stephanie Hoersten

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Host - Lenora Ball, Carol Hoersten, Ron Niemeyer, Mike Ricker
 Cup - Marcia Eickholt, Jessica Vorst
 Choir - Sheila Miller

Ushers: Steve Hoersten, Tom Markward, Gene Miller, Otto Wenzlick

Gifts: The Dan & Ruth Honigford Family

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (12/10-12/11/2016):

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

PRAY THE ROSARY (12/4 to 12/10): Lisa Vorst, Karla Turnwald, Theresa Von Sossan, Pam Wallick, Suzanne Wannemacher, Jenny Wannemacher, Janice Wannemacher

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Ceil Eickholt

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 11/26/16 - 11/27/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00
 Sunday Collection: 3,734.30
Under Budget \$1,465.70
 Parish Center=\$95.00

The **2017 Offering Envelopes** are now available for pickup in the back of church. If you cannot locate yours, please call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513 and you will be provided a set. We ask that you please use the envelopes if at all possible - even when attending Mass at another Parish as they are returned to us at Immaculate Conception. When considering your weekly contribution amount, remember that your generosity allows the Parish to continue providing Sacraments, religious education, and many more services for you and your family. We are also very blessed to have such a wonderful Parish Center to host community events, wedding receptions, CYO sports, etc. Without adequate resources, the Parish will be unable to continue maintaining such a facility. Please pray that all will realize the importance of our Parish in this community and give as our means allow so that the work the Lord calls us to do may continue.



The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patron. This Holy Day of obligation will be Thursday, December 8th. Masses at Immaculate Conception will be at 8:10 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Candles are now available for purchase for \$2.00 each. Please place your donation in the collection box and place the unlit candle on Mary's altar. The candles will be lit the morning of the Feast Day.

* **NEW MINISTER OF MASS SCHEDULES ARE NOW AVAILABLE.** IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ONE BY EMAIL, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.

* **THE 2017 LECTOR WORKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY FOR YOU TO PICK UP.**

* **THERE ARE MANY CHURCH DIRECTORY/FAMILY PORTRAITS FROM LIFETOUGH THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PICKED UP. THEY ARE ALSO LOCATED IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.**

The **Ottawa Senior Center** (1035 East Third Street) is having a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on December 7th and 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served both days from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Carry out is available by calling (419) 523-9953.

Today's Events - Sunday, December 4th

- **"Come to the Stable" nativity display** - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Parish Center (190 North Main Street/Glandorf).

- **Ottoville Winterfest**, - 12 to 2 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center.

- Music and reflections - 7:30 p.m. at the **Delphos St. John Evangelist Catholic Church.**

The Putnam County Historical Society presents *Chreches and Choirs* during their Christmas Open House on Friday and Sunday, December 9th (6-9 p.m.) and 11th (1-4 p.m.). The Putnam County Museum in Kalida will display over 150 Nativity Sets as well as antique Christmas decor. Enjoy music of the season and carols on the parlor organ. There will be refreshments and admission is free.

Join the **Meadows of Kalida** for their **10th Annual Tree Gala** to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County. You are invited to purchase and decorate any size Christmas tree or wreath to donate, display, and auction in the campus. On December 11th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., visit the Meadows for a visit from Santa, live music, hors d'oeuvres, and kids activities. For more information, see the flyer posted in the back of church or call (419) 532-2961.

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.

