



# 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!

Congratulations to Bob Weber, the most recent  
K of C Member to receive his 1st Degree.

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. Everyone is welcome!!

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

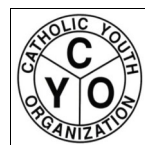
### 2017-2018 OTTOVILLE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for prospective kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled for January 9—January 20, 2017. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age before August 1, 2017. You may either call the school at (419) 453-3357 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or send a note to your register your child. In either case, the information needed consists of child's full name, child's social security number, child's birth date, parent(s) names, address, and contact phone number. Kindergarten screening will be held on Friday, March 31st in the Elementary School Library.



I would like to thank all who made last week's Ottoville Blood Drive such a success! 106 units were collected...1 over the goal!! Thank you to the Parish for allowing the Red Cross to use the Hall, to all the volunteers, to the K of C and the Rosary Altar Society, cookie makers, and especially to the wonderful donors who give not only of their time, but of themselves in service to others. Thank you all!  
-Sue Luersman

- The next youth group gathering, "Witness Night," will be Sunday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the youth Safe Harbor room. This event is open to all high school youth. Refreshments and fun provided.
- Putnam County Youth Ministers hosted the annual winter fun day for all high school and alumni Deanery youth on Wednesday, December 28th in Kalida. There was bowling, snacks, dinner, games, more food, dancing, and even an overnight stay. Approximately 50 youth attended and enjoyed a day off school with friends.
- The next Youth & Family Mass will be on Sunday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



### CYO BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8th—Both Games 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

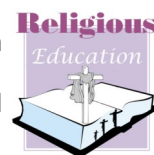
Sunday, January 15th

High School Boys at Ottoville 1:00 p.m. vs. Kalida  
St. Michael-Fischnich  
High School Girls at Ottawa SPPS 3:30 p.m. vs. Ottawa  
SPPS at Ottawa



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.

REMINDER: High School and Junior High Religion Classes will resume on January 4th. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone again!!



December 31, 2016 - January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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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.jfntoledo.eventbrite.com](http://www.jfntoledo.eventbrite.com).

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

**ANOINTING 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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- PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**
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| Dave Ricker—President | Brad Beining   |
| Chad Knippen          | Dave Fischbach |
| Steve Schroeder       | Doris Brinkman |
| Nancy Hohlbein        | Tina Koester   |
| Teresa Schnipke       |                |
- FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:**
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| Brian Beining      | Chris Ricker   |
| Dave Burgei        | Cheryl Siefker |
| Theresa Von Sossan |                |

### 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)

ADVERTISE YOUR  
BUSINESS OR  
ORGANIZATION HERE

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT  
(419) 453-3513  
FOR INFORMATION AND  
TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE

LARGE SPACE



MEDIUM SPACE

SMALL SPACE



# Mass Intentions

12/31	(Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Kathy Metcalfe
		5:30 p.m.	At. St. Barbara in Cloverdale
1/1	(Sunday)		<b>THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>
		9:00 a.m.	At. St. Barbara in Cloverdale
		10:30 a.m.	Krystal Byrne Ursula Wenzlick Deceased Members of the Byrne and Miller Families
1/3	(Tuesday)	7:00 p.m.	At. St. Barbara in Cloverdale
1/4	(Wednesday)	8:10 a.m.	Dennis Schimmoeller (30 Day)
1/5	(Thursday)	8:10 a.m.	Verena Brinkman Elvira Bodkins
1/6	(Friday)	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	John Grote FIRST FRIDAY LATIN MASS at Domus Angelorum Retreat House 21706 State Route 114, Cloverdale
1/7	(Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Bob Hilvers Ruth & Lenny Klima
1/8	(Sunday)	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> At. St. Barbara in Cloverdale Greg Horstman
1/9	(Monday)	8:10 a.m.	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> Living & Deceased of CK of O

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY	
January 1 (Sunday)	Leona Adams
January 2 (Monday)	Sis Alt
January 3 (Tuesday)	Betty (Don) Altenburger
January 4 (Wednesday)	Wendy Altenburger
January 5 (Thursday)	Bettie (Paul) Altenburger
January 6 (Friday)	Judy Altenburger
January 7 (Saturday)	Judy Aversch

**Next weekend's readings (1/8—1/9/2017):**  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING**  
For the Week Beginning 1/1/2017—Mary Ann Rode

**Church Directory UPDATE**—The final draft of the new Immaculate Conception Church Directory was approved and submitted for printing the week before Christmas!! We expect the books to arrive before the end of January! If you would like to purchase additional copies of the new directory, the cost will be \$20.00 per book. They would make great gifts!!! To reserve additional copies, call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.

## MINISTERS OF MASS

SATURDAY	January 7, 2017	4:00 p.m.
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	Nick Herman, Zachary Herman, Halle Landin	
<b>Lector:</b>	Carl Turnwald	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Host:</b> Christine Herman, Ted Herman, Kim Wannemacher, Jill Wenzlick <b>Cup:</b> Ann Hemker, Janice Warnecke <b>Choir:</b> Deb Lindeman	
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS:</b>	The Bob Hilvers Family	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tim Eickholt, Ron Hemker, Allan Honigford, Gary Turnwald	
SUNDAY	January 8, 2017	10:30 a.m.
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	Brooke Kortokrax, Chad Schnipke, Carter Schnipke	
<b>Lector:</b>	Beth Schnipke	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Host:</b> Sharon Brickner, Jean Byrne, Don Schlagbaum, Jessica Vorst <b>Cup:</b> Julie Schimmoeller, Dee Dee Schlagbaum <b>Choir:</b> Marcia Eickholt	
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS:</b>	The Greg Horstman Family	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ralph Brickner, Mike Byrne, Nancy Vetter, John Vetter	
<b>WEEKDAY MASS SERVERS</b>	January 4 (Wed.)	8:10 a.m.
	January 5 (Thurs.)	8:10 a.m.
	January 6 (Fri.)	8:00 a.m.
	Destinie Davis, Kylin Edelbrock, Eryn Kemper	
<b>If unable to serve at your scheduled time, please be sure to find a replacement. Thank you.</b>		

**Thank You...**It is with sincere thanks and gratitude that I extend to all who did so much this past year and Christmas season for our parish and me. You are a true blessing from God in the ways you remember me. I wish to personally extend my thanks to all who shared a special gift of their gratitude towards me this Christmas season. You and this parish of Immaculate Conception hold a special place in my heart. Please know that I remember you all in my daily prayers. God Bless you. ~Fr. Jerry

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 [bc Schroeder@bright.net](mailto:bc Schroeder@bright.net), or visit the website [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org).



**Happy New Year!**...It's January again—time to make those New Year's Resolutions! During this *Year of Grace* why not make a few resolutions to become a better Catholic in 2017? Wow, is that possible? I believe it is, and the best part is that it makes us a better person. In this coming year look for ways to increase God's grace within you. It starts with the Sacraments. God's grace follows from within the sacraments. Let this new year be a chance for a fresh start. It's like mercy when we seek it...a fresh start begins.

Many people will begin 2017 with good intentions and perhaps some resolutions, like losing weight, exercising more, or becoming more organized. But, after only a few weeks-at least for some of us-the luster may wear off and those New Year's resolutions may fall by the wayside. In a sense there is love in the planning (for the new year) and the excitement about getting started but we often don't follow through. It's like fantasizing but when reality hits, one loses interest.

I believe it takes practice to follow through with a resolution. Practice does keep it fresh. If you fall down, you get up again. Often you start out with motivation and lose interest. That could be why some people decide not to make resolutions. But, remember-it takes courage to make, share and practice your resolutions, everyone falters from time to time. Remember to get back up and start again. Why not tie your faith to some of your New Year's resolutions/goals? Below are some ideas to implement doing just that.

**Prayer** – Add more prayer to your daily life. There are many ways to pray. Traditional prayers like the Rosary, talking to our Lord, admiring his wonderful creations, quieting yourself in the presence of God through centering prayer are only a few ways to enrich your life with daily prayer and help one grow in their relationship with God.

**Faith Formation** – No matter how old you are (children and adults alike), there are religious education programs out there to deepen your faith knowledge and formation. Find out what can be offered and join a program or Bible Study group, look for motivational and inspirational CD's to listen to.

**Be Active and Get Involved** – Going to Mass on Sunday is only part of being a Catholic Christian. There are so many ministries within the Catholic Church and all of them need volunteers to keep them running. Our parish is your parish! What ministries are offered within your parish? What interests you? (There will be a new ministries form coming out soon.) Do you see a need within your parish that's not being met?

**Attend Mass** – Of course we should always try to attend Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation, but daily Mass can be a good addition. Try to attend Mass as often as your schedule will allow. What better way to start the day than with our Lord?

**Take Your Christianity with You** – Don't leave it in the church pew when you leave Mass. Strive to live as Jesus commands us to do so. By enriching your Catholic faith through going to Mass, attending faith formation programs, spending time with our Lord in daily prayer and being involved in your parish community, you will have more knowledge and tools to accomplish this goal.

Best Wishes for New and Prosperous New Year!

~ Padre' Jerry

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEKLY BUDGET = \$5200.00	WEEK OF
CHRISTMAS BUDGET = \$28,800.00	12/24- 12/25/2016
Christmas Loose Cash	\$2,751.00
Christmas Adult Envelopes (288)	\$20,258.00
Christmas—Children & Youth Envelopes(33)	\$91.30
Sunday Offering—Adult Envelopes (145)	5760.00
Sunday Offering—Children & Youth (14)	\$32.05
Immaculate Conception Envelopes (3)	\$35.00
Initial Offering—Children & Youth (1)	\$2.42
Parish Center Envelopes (3)	<u>\$620.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$29,549.77
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET DEFICIT</b>	(\$4,450.23)

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Share in the Care -Retired Religious (1)	\$10.00
Campaign for Human Development (1)	\$5.00
Share in the Care (11)	\$170.00
Church Repair (5)	\$95.00

**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.

### 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:

- Pray** for the victims of crime, those facing execution, and those working in the criminal justice system;
- Reach out** to the families of those affected by violent crime by bringing Christ's love and compassion;
- 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>;
- 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;
- 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).