



# 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 annual Knights of Columbus **Free Throw Contest** will be today, Sunday, January 22nd at 4:00 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center Gymnasium. This contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9-14 as of 1/1/2017. Participation prizes for all.



On January 27th, the K of C is holding its Family Nite in the Parish Center after the Ottoville vs. Ft. Jennings basketball game. Join us for fun, games, and free refreshments. The public is invited!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 12th. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration hosted by St. Nicholas and Holy Family Parishes. Mass will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, New Cleveland with a dinner and dance to follow from 5-9 p.m. at the Ottawa K of C Hall. A collection will be taken at Mass to assist with Marriage Encounter events. Pre-sale tickets are \$30 per couple and may be purchased by contacting Art & Bernice Schnipke at (419) 453-3304 by February 1st. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize can bring the item the night of the celebration.

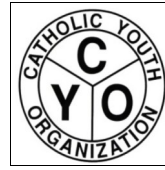


Join us for **"Mozart by Candlelight"** performed by the Lima Symphony today, Sunday, January 22nd at 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Ottoville. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$10 for students and can be purchased at the door.

Proceeds remaining after performance expenses will be donated to the church's Stained Glass Window Restoration Project.

The Ottoville Music Booster Baked Chicken Dinner will be Saturday, February 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Ottoville High School Auditoria. Cost is \$8.00 for dine-in or carry-out. Tickets are available from any High School or Jr. High School band member or call (419) 453-2480.

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### CYO BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, January 22nd

High School Boys at Leipsic St. Mary  
1:00 p.m. vs. Leipsic St. Mary-Kyle  
High School Girls at New Riegel Jr. High  
2:15 p.m. vs. New Riegel All Saints

#### Sunday, January 29th

High School Boys at Columbus Grove St. Anthony  
1:00 p.m. vs. St. Anthony-McCauley  
High School Girls at Leipsic St. Marys 1:30 p.m. vs. Leipsic St. Marys

Falls are a threat to the health of older adults and can reduce their ability to remain independent. Although falls can occur anywhere, home and environmental risk factors play a role in about 1/2 of all falls. If you are an older adult who is concerned about falling, the Council on Aging is offering a new program called SAFE Homes – Securing Safe Aging in Elderly Homes. The SAFE Homes Program is a home modification program that offers a basic home safety evaluation, education, environmental modifications and adaptive equipment to older adults who are concerned about falling. If you would like to learn more on how to prevent falls and/or to receive a basic home safety evaluation, please call the Putnam County Council on Aging at 419-523-4121 or toll-free 1-800-589-8508.

THE ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL IS ONLY 6 MONTHS AWAY AND A 2017 FESTIVAL CHAIR PERSON IS STILL NEEDED. IF INTERESTED, CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### Signs and Symbols...

Pay extra attention to the worship environment during winter Ordinary Time. Stripping the church of its Christmas finery may seem to leave the space bare, especially when the plants lose their luster and leaving poinsettias too long can look like sloppy housekeeping. But this may seem as no ordinary stretch of Ordinary Time. The liturgy in winter Ordinary Time is filled with gladsome light. Notice how it continues to echo the Epiphany with its images of the revelation of Jesus' identity. It's the beginning of his early journey leading up to Lent and a traditional way to gladden the heart is with flowers. So it's no longer Christmas and not yet Lent, so we are somewhere in between...to know him is know his identity.

January 21-22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

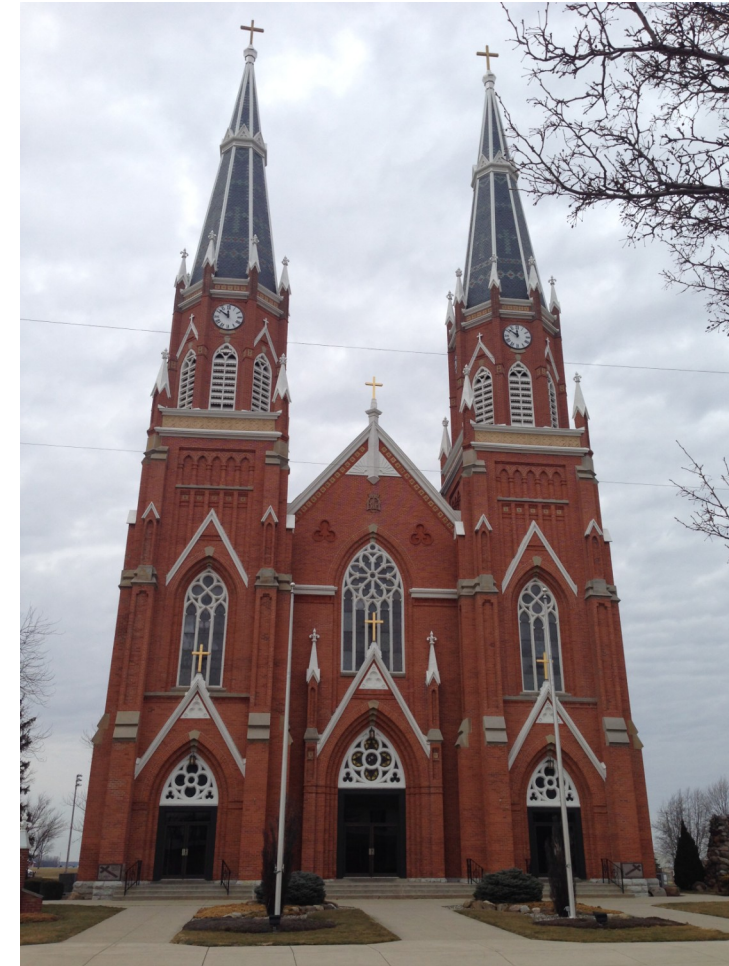
## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.



### 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.jfintoledo.eventbrite.com](http://www.jfintoledo.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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  - Matt Eickholt
  - Matt Cross
  - Tina Koester
- FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:**
  - Brian Beining
  - Dave Burgei
  - Theresa Von Sossan
  - Chris Ricker
  - Cheryl Siefker

### 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)





# Mass Intentions

1/21 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	Bernie & Sally Looser Carla Landin
1/22 (Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	Norbert Miller Kathy Metcalfe
1/24 (Tuesday)	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Deceased Members of the Jerome & Anna Eickholt Family
1/25 (Wednesday)	8:10 a.m.	Mary Catherine Heckman
1/26 (Thursday)	8:10 a.m.	Cornelius & Edna Birkemeier
1/27 (Friday)	8:00 a.m.	Edward Luersman
1/28 (Saturday)	4:00 p.m.	George Rieger Mike Miller
1/29 (Sunday)	10:30 a.m.	Joe Ruen

### LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

January 22 (Sunday)	Millie Beining
January 23 (Monday)	Sue (Rodney) Beining
January 24 (Tuesday)	Lori Beining
January 25 (Wednesday)	Diane Arn
January 26 (Thursday)	Bonnie Beining
January 27 (Friday)	Leona Ball
January 28 (Saturday)	Nancy Ball

### ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING For the Week Beginning 1/22/2017

Jan Gasser

This past week's cleaning help: Alice Hilvers

### Next weekend's readings (1/28—1/29/2017):

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; I Corinthians 1:26-31;  
Matthew 5:1-12a

**BAPTISM:** Payton Alyse Steffan  
Daughter of Brian and Alyssa (Turnwald) Steffan

### What's the reward for a well received message?

Three boys were in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy said, "Well, my dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$50." The second boy said, "That's nothing, my dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$100." The third boy said, "I got you both beat, my dad who's a deacon scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a homily, and afterwards it takes four men with baskets to collect all the money." In receiving God's message and putting it into action the reward is eternity.

## MINISTERS OF MASS

<b>SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>January 28, 2017</b>
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	Kasey Knippen, Nicole Knippen, Conner Wannemacher
<b>Lector:</b>	Jill Wenzlick
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Host:</b> Bonnie Beining, Angie Niemeyer, Kim Wannemacher, Janice Warnecke <b>Cup:</b> Sharon Meyer, Peggy Pohlman <b>Choir:</b> Linda Knippen
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS:</b>	The George Rieger Family
<b>Ushers:</b>	Randy Altenburger, Ralph Burgei, Bob Weber, Tina Weber
<b>SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>January 29, 2017</b>
<b>Mass Servers:</b>	Rachel Kemper, Dylan Kemper, Grant Kortokrax
<b>Lector:</b>	Rose Wenzlick
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:</b>	<b>Host:</b> Sharon Brickner, Rose Brickner, Julie Schimmoeller, Dee Dee Schlagbaum <b>Cup:</b> Cherie Kemper, Don Schlagbaum <b>Choir:</b> Jessica Vorst
<b>OFFERTORY GIFTS:</b>	The Family of Joe Ruen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ralph Brickner, Nancy Vetter, John Vetter, Otto Wenzlick
<b>WEEKDAY MASS SERVERS</b>	<b>January 24 (Tues.) 7:00 p.m.</b> <b>January 25 (Wed.) 8:10 a.m.</b> <b>January 26 (Thurs.) 8:10 a.m.</b>
	Carter Horstman, Eryn Kemper, Carson Kuhlman
<b>If unable to serve at your scheduled time, please be sure to find a replacement. Thank you.</b>	

### Religious Education



Has anyone ever asked you what you believe about your faith and you weren't sure how to answer them? Recite the Nicene Creed. In 325 AD at the Council of Nicea the Nicene Creed was adopted as the true expression of our faith. Our faith is Trinitarian, we believe in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit which is stated in the creed, Incarnation, Paschal Mystery, Eschatology (death, judgement, heaven and hell), the Four Marks of the Church. It's all there in the creed.



### Dear Padre'

**Question: What's the big deal over mortal sin?** Mortal Sin, in Catholic theology, is a gravely wrongful act, which can lead to eternal damnation if a person is not absolved of the sin(s) before death. A sin is considered to be "mortal" when its quality is such that it leads to a separation

of that person from God's saving grace. In Roman Catholic moral theology, a mortal sin requires that the following conditions are met:

1. Its subject-matter must be a grave (or serious).
  2. It must be committed with full knowledge (and awareness) of the sinful action and the gravity of the offense. It must be committed with deliberate and complete consent
- St. Louis IX, King of France, once asked a friend, "Tell me, what would you rather do, commit a mortal sin or become a leper?" The friend replied, "Your Majesty, I would sooner commit thirty mortal sins than be a leper." The king responded sadly, "My poor friend, that just goes to show that you really don't understand what a mortal sin really is."

It's ironic that in one sense there is this similarity that they both corrupt and kill, so mortal sin is the leprosy of the soul. Without repentance, just one mortal sin is all it takes to separate one from God. Despite its gravity, a person can repent of having committed a mortal sin... that is confession of that sin. Such repentance can, in turn, enable a person to obtain absolution and come back into God's graces. This is why the common theme of seeking God's mercy is always the most important... **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."**  
~Padre' Jerry

**Matthew Bible Study: The King and His Kingdom** is an exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. *Matthew* demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This liturgical year we are hearing from Mathew at Mass. This DVD study will help us understand more of what we hear. As participants we will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. This study is set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture and will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today. There will be two different study meeting times available for you to choose from. We will meet every Sunday for 6 weeks at 6:00 beginning Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> and ending April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The second time will be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the parish office to reserve a space if you are planning on taking advantage of these opportunities.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEKLY BUDGET = \$5200.00 WEEK OF 1/14/17 - 1/15/2017

Loose Cash	\$580.00
Sunday Offering—Adult Envelopes (228)	\$3,655.00
Sunday Offering—Children & Youth (36)	\$56.60
Solemnity of Mary—Adult Envelopes (1)	\$5.00
Parish Center Envelopes (6)	\$77.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$4373.60</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET DEFICIT</b>	<b>-\$826.40</b>

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Initial Offering Envelopes—Adult (11)	\$32.00
Initial Offering—Children & Youth (3)	\$4.00
Energy (30)	\$541.00
Church Repair (1)	\$5.00
Window Restoration Project	\$10.00

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.

**2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.** If you would like a copy of yours, please stop by or call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513 or send an email to [immac@bright.net](mailto:immac@bright.net).



Thank you to the family of Gerald Fischbach for the donations in his memory to the Stained Glass Window Restoration Project.

### 9 DAYS FOR LIFE—JANUARY 21-29 Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children PRAYER FOR LIFE

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion. Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life, Until all my brothers and sisters are protected. And our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.