



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 24, 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 Fr. 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: The next two day program at Immaculate Conception will be November 5-6, 2016. 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 3:00 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 couples ask for your prayerful support as they prepare for Matrimony:

Brett Dorsten and Kayla Boecker (II)

Trevor Langhals and Amy Schroeder (III)

BAPTISM:

Finn Joseph Elwer

Son of Matthew and Lynn (Lindeman) Elwer

Prayers...Our way of expressing Thanksgiving!

Luke 11:1 reads: "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

There's much to learn from this passage beyond the significant Lord's Prayer that follows it. For one, we learn that what sparked the unnamed disciple's curiosity to learn about prayer was the fact that he saw Jesus in prayer.

We also learn that John the Baptist taught his disciples to pray and, as a result, the disciples of Jesus were also interested in learning to pray, or at least one of them was! Isn't it interesting that out of all the disciples, only one of them asked Jesus to teach them to pray?

It sometimes seems the church is in a similar situation today regarding prayer. We talk about prayer, we study prayer, we say our prayers, but how many of us actually seek earnestly for God to teach us to pray?

My prayers always include each of you. Yes, I do love and care for you. I pray that you, too, may grow in your prayer and devotion each day. I am extremely thankful for those of you who care *so much* for your parish: your caring support, your time and talents, your treasures, your concerns, and your prayers.

Prayers are part of the art of being thankful. I'm extremely thankful for all your hospitable efforts in regards to last weekend's festival. It was successful because many of you made it a success. I now have a new favorite saying,

"Our festival is a well oiled machine"! Today's readings underscore the power of a good relationship with the Lord our God. Would it have been possible for Abraham to bargain with God for the lives of the people in Sodom and Gomorrah had he not already known God well?

(That's what we heard about in our first reading.) And how can we call and recognize God as our Father unless we are personally familiar with the Lord? Today we are called to examine our relationship with God.

- **Fr. Jerry**

The EXCLAIM! Christian Music Festival returns this summer for its 7th year on Sunday, July 31st. Matt Hammitt, former lead singer of Sanctus Real, with members of the University of Toledo Gospel Choir and members of the Toledo Symphony, Josh Wilson and Tori Harris will be performing. This FREE event includes music on the main stage all day along with kid's activities, inflatables, and plenty of room to run around! The day will end with Mass at 7 p.m. The event will take place at 555 S. Holland-Sylvania Road in Toledo. Visit the website www.exclaimtoledo.org for more details. If interested in car pooling, call Renee Kelch at (419) 236-4006.



Attention: High School and College Youth!!! All are welcome to the annual ICY group canoe/camping retreat July 29 - 31. We will also be attending EXCLAIM! on Sunday. What a great way to end a fun filled weekend. Contact Renee Kelch at (419) 236-4006 for more information.

Wanted: Phys Ed Teacher. This is a part-time position for Leipsic St. Mary's Catholic School, Grades K through 8. If interested, forward resume to parishoffice@metalink.net or to 320 State Street, Leipsic, OH 45856.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGIES

Saturday (7/23) 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Dorothy Flores Family and Ruth Miller (7 Day)

Sunday (7/24) 10:30 a.m. George Lubeley

Tuesday (7/26) 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Elmer & Armella Martz and

Ursula Wenzlick (30 Day)

Wednesday (7/27) 8:10 a.m. Oscar Beining

Thursday (7/28) 8:10 a.m. Father Roger Bonifas and

Father Sylvan Obergefell

Friday (7/29) 3:00 Mass at VanCrest of Delphos

8:00 a.m. Bernie and Sally Looser

Saturday (7/30)

1:00 p.m. Wedding: Trevor Langhals & Amy Schroeder

4:00 p.m. Henry and Mary Kemper

Sunday (7/31) 10:30 a.m. Virgil and Wilma Tenwalde

and John Nussbaum

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:

Weekday Mass Servers (7/26 at 7:00 p.m.; 7/27 and 7/28 at 8:10 a.m.; 7/29 at 8:00 a.m.): Carson Kuhlman, Austin Landin, Hannah Wenzlick

SATURDAY (7/30) 4:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Kasey Knippen, Nicole Knippen, Conner Wannemacher
Lector: Theresa Von Sossan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Jerry Hohlbein, Angie Hohlbein, Cody Kemper, Angie Niemeyer

Cup - Linda Knippen, Sharon Meyer

Choir - Peggy Pohlman

Ushers: Rodney Beining, Bob Bendele,

Gary Pohlman, Darrell Von Sossan

Gifts: The Family of Henry and Mary Kemper

SUNDAY (7/31) 10:30 a.m.

Mass Servers: Dylan Kemper, Rachel Kemper, Brooke Mangas

Lector: Rochelle Trenkamp

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Michelle Giesige, Jenna Heurman, Joe E. Miller, Julie Schimmoller

Cup - Victoria Jackson, Ron Niemeyer

Choir - Cherie Kemper

Ushers: Dan Honigford, Tom Markward,

Dennis Miller, Tony Rieger

Gifts: Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (7/30-7/31):

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11;

Luke 12:13-21

PRAY THE ROSARY (7/24-7/30): Janice Meyer, Virginia Miller, Betty Miller, Bonnie Miller, Monica Miller, Sheila Miller, Linda Miller

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Jan Gasser

This past week's help: Arleen Peters

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 7/16/16 - 7/17/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 3,673.69

Under Budget \$-1,526.31

Parish Center = \$25.00 Church Repair Fund = \$10.00



ONLY 6 DAYS REMAIN TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

DIRECTORY - Call the Parish office at (419) 453-3513 to sign up.

* For those who had their photograph taken and are to be receiving a free 8 X 10 only, remember to pick yours up in the Parish Office Lobby anytime.

* Photos of church related activities and events are still needed for possible use in the new Church Directory. Please feel free to email them to the Parish Office at immac@bright.net or drop them off at the Parish Office. Photos will be returned when the directory is completed.

* **THERE IS STILL TIME TO PURCHASE A MEMORIAL AD.** Remember a deceased loved one, recognize an important event, etc. by purchasing a memorial or celebratory ad in the new church directory. The charge associated with these ads is to cover the cost of the ad only in the new directory. Contact the Parish Office for details.



FESTIVAL THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this past weekend's Parish Festival a big success! From those who helped with setup/clean up, to those who helped prepare/serve food for the dining room and lunch stand, to those who volunteered at the various booths, and to anyone who helped in any way....we could not have done it without you. We are truly blessed to have so many Parishioners in our midst who help make our community and church a great place to live and worship in.

The **Putnam County Cancer Golf Outing** on August 6th at Pike Run Golf Club will benefit the Putnam County Cancer Assistance Program (CAP). The 4 person scramble will tee-off at 8:00 a.m. with lunch, a Chinese auction, and live auction to follow. To register, call Steve Radcliff at (419) 538-7000. Donations of auction items can be made by contacting Dianna Kitchen at (419) 306-6648, Toni Smith at (419) 615-9186, Marilyn Burkhart at (419) 523-6557, or Roger Hermiller at (419) 234-4680. This event is in memory of Jean Hermiller and many other golfers who loved the game before their journey with cancer. All proceeds stay in our County to help our cancer patients.

Join the Meadows of Kalida, Leipsic, and Ottawa, Ottawa Senior Citizens Association, Putnam County Council on Aging, Putnam County Health Department, and Putnam County HomeCare and Hospice at the **2016 Putnam County Senior Expo** on Friday, August 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Elementary School, 123 Putnam Parkway in Ottawa. This is a free community event that includes a complimentary lunch, health screenings, door prizes, shuttle service, many exhibitors, free medication disposal, a presentation by Dr. Black and Dr. Reed, and entertainment by Alan Siebert "The Music Man."

St. Anthony Parish Festival (Columbus Grove) will be Saturday and Sunday August 6th and 7th. Saturday's activities include BBQ ribs and chicken dinners beginning at 5:30 p.m. The St. Anthony 5K Race kicks off at 7:00 p.m. Contact Hannah Warren at (419) 303-5476 for more information on the race. Hamburgers, fries, and refreshments will be available as well as music by Truck Stop Manners Band from 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday's activities include beef and chicken dinners, a huge garage sale, Bingo, country store raffles, bakery wheel, duck races, big ticket drawings, kid's games, rides, putt-putt golf, and more. The grand prize is \$20,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle or \$15,000 cash. Winner need not be present to win. Call (419) 659-2263 for info.

Help **Stuff the Bus** on August 5th and 6th. Donations of school supplies are being sought for the Putnam County Back-to-School Giveaway. The give-away helps assure that the children of our community are prepared to begin the new school year with all the tools needed to succeed. Stuff the Bus will take place at the Ottawa Walmart on August 5th from 4-7 p.m. and August 6th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the collection and the give-away. Contact the United Way of Putnam County at (419) 523-4505 for more information.

We would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, and cards for our mother, Ruth Miller. She enjoyed reading the cards and church bulletin and looked forward to getting them. We also want to thank Father Jerry. Mom so appreciated Father taking his day off to drive 2 1/2 hours to and from to visit and pray with her. We cannot thank Father enough for what he did for our mom.

-The family of Ruth Miller

Thank You, thank You, thank You, generous God!
You have injected life with joy, thus we know laughter.
You have dabbled creation with color,
thus we enjoy beauty.
You have whistled a divine tune into the rhythm of life,
thus we hear music.
You have filled our minds with questions,
thus we appreciate mystery.
You have entered our hearts with compassion,
thus we experience faith.
Thank You, God, thank You. Thank You!



-C. Welton Gaddy