



The Parish Community of **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3, 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

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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 BANNS:

Cameron Roehm and Melissa Eickholt (III)

DEATH: Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ursula Wenzlick** who passed away on June 24, 2016 at the age of 94. Please remember her family in your prayers.

"God Bless America" - Does anybody know what day the 4th of July is in Moscow? Sorry, that's a trick question. The answer is: it's the 4th of July! (Just making sure you're awake). The 4th of July is just a day, but to us Americans it means much more than that. It's an opportunity to thank God for the abundant blessings that he has bestowed upon us and on our country. If you look around the world, it's easy to pick out nations where instead of peace, freedom, and prosperity, their people experience war, oppression, hunger, persecution, sickness, and suffering. And so we find ourselves being thankful for the blessings we have as Americans. Despite the struggles our nation finds itself in at any particular time, we're thankful for what we have.

One of those things that we're thankful for, especially today, is liberty. In fact, tomorrow is even called **"Independence Day."** But sometimes, although we Christians have a great love for our country, we find ourselves in a difficult place with how American values interact with our faith.

We say "God Bless America" but what do we mean? Almost 100 years old, **"God Bless America"** is a patriotic favorite. It's sung in schools, (I wonder... oh, my gosh, can they say "God" in schools) on patriotic holidays, and before sporting events. **"God Bless America"** actually takes the form of a prayer, (prayer in school???) that's put into lyrics as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer for God's blessing and peace for the nation ("*...stand beside her and guide her through the night...*"). In fact, today the song is one of the most frequently sung in America. Almost every major league ballpark in the country hosts a singing of the song during the seventh-inning stretch, either before or instead of **"Take Me Out to the Ball Game."** With 30 teams playing 162 games attended by an average 30,000 fans—well, that's a lot of people singing **"God Bless America."** Do they hope for it or truly believe it...I surly hope so? I believe this patriotic song should provide a suitable reminder of what is really important.

Many an American soldier have carried home the physical and psychological scars of the many battlefields where the machine guns make a mockery of things like courage and valor, many Americans concluded that ideals and war could never be reconciled. But with God, there is reconciliation.

As **"God Bless America"** moves toward its centennial celebration (2018), it is unlikely to lose any of its patriotic popularity. For starters, it's a heck of a lot easier to sing than the **"Star Spangled Banner."** More importantly, the song's basic message can be fitted to any time or crisis. **Yes, God Bless America...God Bless my family...God Bless our parish...God Bless Me!** History suggests that the United States will surely encounter more challenges in the future, because we as individuals will face conflicts, and the song, with a message that can transcend the specific needs of the moment, will always be ready.

-Fr. Jerry

The July Retreat at Domus Angelorum (21706 State Route 114, Cloverdale) with Father Herman Scherger will be Saturday, July 9th. The topic is "The Mystery of Grace." The Retreat begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Everyone is welcome.



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*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***LITURGIES**Saturday (7/2) 4:00 p.m. Regina KnippenSunday (7/3) 10:30 a.m. Philomena Brinkman and John and Irene BrinkmanTuesday (7/5) 7:00 p.m. At St. Barbara/CloverdaleWednesday (7/6) 8:10 a.m. Alice & Leo Heitmeyer and Mary Catherine HeckmanThursday (7/7) 8:10 a.m. John GroteFriday (7/8) 8:00 a.m. Bernie & Sally LooserSaturday (7/9) 4:00 p.m. Father Roger Bonifas, Father Sylvan Obergefell, and Ursula Wenzlick (7 Day)**1:30 Wedding: Cameron Roehm & Melissa Eickholt**Sunday (7/10) 10:30 a.m. Dee Holbein Wueller, Paul Turnwald, and Hugo and Rose Hoersten

Memorial flowers this weekend are in memory of Regina Knippen.

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:****Weekday Mass Servers (7/6 and 7/7 at 8:10 a.m., 7/8 at 8:00 a.m.):** Destinie Davis, Eryn Kemper, Trent Kortokrax**SATURDAY (7/9) 4:00 p.m.****Mass Servers:** Nolan German, Halle Landin, Kara Landin**Lector:** Pat Ricker**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Host - Marie Grote, Cody Kemper, Angie Niemeyer, Peggy Pohlman

Cup - Ann Hemker, Linda Knippen

Choir - Janice Warnecke

Ushers: Randy Altenburger, Rodney Beining, Tim Kimmet, Gary Pohlman**Gifts:** The Family of Ursula Wenzlick**SUNDAY (7/10) 10:30 a.m.****Mass Servers:** Dalton Davis, Emily Moorman, Nicholas Moorman**Lector:** Stephanie Hoersten**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Host - Virginia Beining, Julie Brickner, Marcia Eickholt, Joe E. Miller

Cup - Julie Schimmoeller, Janet Von Lehmden

Choir - Carol Hoersten

Ushers: Larry Beining, Duane Boecker, Steve Hoersten, Gene Turnwald**Gifts:** The Family of Dee Hohlbein Wueller**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (7/9-7/10):**

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

PRAY THE ROSARY (7/3-7/9): Deb Maag,

Mary Jo Maag, Darlene Maenle, Sarah Maenle,

Jill Mangas, Dawn Mansfield, Brittney Markward

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Mary Ann Rode**COLLECTION REPORT:** (Week of 6/25/16 - 6/25/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 4,701.54

Under Budget \$ - 498.46

Parish Center = \$197.00 Peter's Pence = \$277.00

Stained Glass Window Project - As most of you have heard by now, there is some serious work that needs done to repair the decaying and rotting wood in the beautiful stained glass windows of our church. Please take a moment to look at the posters located at all church entrances that will explain this project. The estimated cost is \$500,000 and will happen over a three year time span. In order to complete restoration of the windows, our current church repair fund will be essentially depleted which will not allow for further repairs and upkeep needed. Please pray and consider what you can do to help. Pledge/donation forms were sent with festival tickets and are available at all church entrances. Feel free to return them to the parish office or place in the weekly collection basket.

St. Barbara Parish Festival is Sunday, July 10th. BBQ Chicken/Pork Dinners will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Carry-outs available. Lunch Stand and Beer Tent, hourly cash drawings, Raffle Booth, Bingo, Bicycle Drawings, and a Bake Sale are among the events scheduled. The Big Ticket Drawing Grand Prize is \$1000!!! All are welcome.

FESTIVAL UPDATE

Our 2016 Parish Festival is only two weeks away!!! Our annual event will be held July 16 and 17th!

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR:

- A 2017 Festival Coordinator
 - People to help sell food on Saturday evening
 - Train Ride Ticket Sellers from 12-6 p.m. on Sunday
 - Ultrasound Rides Wrist Band Sellers on Sunday
 - Adults or teens to take and print photos on Sunday
 - Adults or teens to run the Photo Frame Decorating
- Festival Tickets** and **Baked Goods** donation envelopes can be turned in any time by placing in the collection basket or returning to the Parish Office. There are extra Baked Goods envelopes at all church entrances.

The **Raffle Booth Committee** is accepting donations!! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Karen Hoersten at (419) 453-3883 or Bonnie Beining at (419) 453-3681 to have donations picked up.

The **GENERAL STORE** is in need of items small enough to carry in a bag to sell at the Festival (i.e. paperback books, kid's toys, scrapbooking supplies, kitchen items, decorative items, craft items, dish cloths, pot scrubbers, etc.) Please...no garage sale or holiday items. To donate, call Marilyn Calvelage at (419) 453-3219. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office or the day of the festival.

**THERE ARE ONLY 6 MORE DAYS AVAILABLE TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY** (July 28, 29, 30 and August 4,5,6).

There are still many families who have not had their portrait taken. Help make this the best church directory yet!!! Please reach out to your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Call the Parish office at (419) 453-3513 to sign up or schedule your appointment. **FOR THOSE RECEIVING A FREE 8 X 10 ONLY, REMEMBER TO PICK THEM UP IN THE PARISH OFFICE LOBBY ANYTIME.**

ELDERCISE meets every Tuesday morning at 8:50 a.m. in the Parish Center's K of C/Fitness Room. Everyone is invited to join in exercising, bending, stretching, and balance activities. There is no cost for this class which lasts approximately 45 minutes. For more information, contact Cathy Heitmeyer at (419) 488-3685.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo joins people across the country praying for the West Virginia flood victims who perished and the thousands now homeless from the devastating flash flooding from last week's deadly storms. If you would like to support the disaster relief efforts in West Virginia, your donation, dollar for dollar, will be passed on to our sister Catholic Charities agency. You can send your check designated for "WV Recovery" to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, OH 43604. Thank you. God Bless.

OUR FLAG

F is for the FREEDOM that men and women fought and died for so that we may cherish it day after day. But unlike the beauty of a fresh picked flower, we can never allow FREEDOM to just fade away.

L is for the LOVE of GOD and Country that each and every one of us should enjoy. The LIBERTIES and choices that we have that has cost us dearly in lives, others would like to destroy.

A is for ALLEGIANCE to AMERICA and family values that we can teach our children so that we can hand them a better place to live.

We have to work to clean up our environment and uphold the laws of our land, think less about taking, and more about we ALL can give.

G is for OLD GLORY as we display it with unshakable pride, as it waves in the gentle breeze, it does look so GRAND.

As a nation under GOD we must try to love and help each other and try to go forth hand in hand.

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