



SPRING FLOWERS are now being offered for sale from any youth group member! Wave petunias, vegetables, herbs, landscape flats, hanging baskets, and color bowls are available and will be delivered before Mother's Day. Call Renee Kelch at (419) 236-4006 for information or stop by the Parish Office to see the order form. Payment is due at time the order is placed. Deadline for orders is April 1st.

The ICY group is in need of donations for the upcoming Garage Sale to be held in conjunction with the Ottoville Community Garage Sales the first weekend in May. As you spring clean, items you no longer need would be greatly appreciated!! No clothing, please!! The ICY group would be happy to pick up any items you wish to donate or you can drop them off at the Parish Office! Call Renee Kelch at (419) 236-4006! Thank you for supporting the youth of our Parish!!



ICY members are now selling Homemade Strawberry Jam made by members of the ICY group. 8 oz. jars are \$3.50 each or 3/\$10.00. Contact any ICY member, call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513, or Renee Kelch at (419) 236-4006 to order. You may also stop by the Parish Office to purchase jam. All proceeds will benefit ICY members who will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis in November. Thank you for your support.

Hope Matters...for Angie. A benefit will be held for Angie Gamble on Saturday March 25th at the Ottoville Parish Center. Angie is an Immaculate Conception Parishioner who is fighting state 2 breast cancer. Proceeds from this benefit will help off-set recent and future surgery and treatments. The event will include a corn hole tournament at 2:00 p.m. (register by calling (419) 615-5053), a bake sale (drop off items the morning of the event at the Parish Center), silent auction and 50/50 drawing. To donate silent auction items, call Cathy Hoehn at (419) 453-3515. There will be a meal available from 4-7 p.m. and includes chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, green beans, and dinner roll. Dine-in or carry-out. Cost is \$8.00 per meal. For more information, contact Karan Maenle at (419) 286- 2877.



March 12 -13, 2017

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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First Sunday of Lent - Like last year you will again see different scenes in the sanctuary area. On the First Sunday of Lent we are reminded that Jesus went into the desert to pray for 40 days. During this time Jesus didn't eat anything. Jesus is human; he is weak from not eating; he is tired; he is in need of a bath; and then the devil comes along and offers him food. Three times the devil tempted Jesus, but Jesus only believed what God had said. We too can resist temptations if we believe and trust in God. We who are responsible for raising children are called to educate them in our Catholic faith so they know how to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

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.jfmdtoledo.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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MINISTERS OF MASS

SATURDAY	4:00 p.m.	March 18, 2017	
Mass Servers:	Haley Hoersten, Kylee Hoersten, Trenton Ricker		
Lector:	Jill Wenzlick		
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:	Host: Jann Eickholt, Cody Kemper, Linda Knippen, <u>Janice Warnecke</u>		
	Cup: Peggy Pohlman, Patricia Ricker		
	Choir: Ann Hemker		
OFFERTORY GIFTS:	Allan & Angie Honigford		
Ushers:	Allan Honigford, Jerry Kaverman, Gary Pohlman, Gary Turnwald		
SUNDAY	10:30 a.m.	March 19, 2017	
Mass Servers:	Taylor Beining, Will Horstman, Heaven Ross		
Lector:	Kevin Horstman		
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:	Host: Sharon Brickner, Jean Byrne, Carol Hoersten, <u>Nancy Vetter</u>		
	Cup: Jack and Helen Devitt		
	Choir: Ann Beining		
OFFERTORY GIFTS:	The Family of John Nussbaum		
Ushers:	Steve Beining, Brian Beining, Larry Beining, Mike Heitmeyer		
WEEKDAY MASS SERVERS	March 12	(Sun.)	2:00 p.m.
	March 14	(Tues.)	7:00 p.m.
	March 15	(Wed.)	8:10 a.m.
	March 16	(Thurs.)	8:10 a.m.
	Carter Horstman, Eryn Kemper, Austin Landin		
If unable to serve at your scheduled time, please be sure to find a replacement. Thank you.			

ATTENTION: Cemetery grounds keepers are beginning the spring clean up and would like to ask that all items on the ground at grave sites be removed before April 1st. Items remaining after that date will be disposed of. Thank you.

The **Senior Citizen Prom**, organized by the youth of the St. George Deanery youth groups, will be hosted this year by Glandorf St. Johns on Sunday, April 9th in the new Life Parish Center in Leipsic. This event is free of charge to ALL Senior Citizen parishioners in the St. George Deanery. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. There will be games, entertainment, and dinner. Call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513 before April 1st to reserve a spot!!!

Heartbeat of Lima's 5th annual chicken BBQ and fundraising auction will be March 19th from 12-3 at the Knights of Columbus (810 S. Cable Road) in Lima. Chicken dinners will be available for \$8.00 each. The silent auction starts at noon and there are over 50 baskets to bid on. For more information, contact Heartbeat of Lima at (419) 222-7945.



Dear Padre'

Question: What is moral theology?

Answer: Moral theology is a term used by the Roman Catholic Church to describe the study of God from a perspective of how man must live in order to attain the presence or favor of God. While dogmatic theology deals with the teaching or official doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, moral theology deals with the goal of life and how it is achieved. So, the goal or purpose of moral theology is, simply stated, to determine how man should live.

Moral theology examines such things as freedom, conscience, love, responsibility, and law. Moral theology seeks to set forth general principles to help individuals make the right decisions and deal with the details of everyday living in a way that is in accordance with the Church's dogmatic theology. Moral theology is essentially the Roman Catholic equivalent to what Protestants usually refer to as Christian Ethics. Moral theology deals with the broad questions in life and attempts to define what it means to live as a Roman Catholic Christian. Moral theology addresses the different methods of moral discernment, the definitions of right and wrong, good and evil, sin and virtue, etc. There are times when we reflect on our own words or activities and ask the question, "Who was that?" We don't recognize ourselves, our uncharacteristic behavior. Yes, there are times when we are a mystery, even to ourselves. Perhaps we overreact to an unexpected comment or experience. Maybe someone just comes across our path at an inopportune time.

~ Padre' Jerry

COMMUNITY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

- Wednesday, March 15th—7:00 p.m. at *St. Nicholas* in Miller City
- Wednesday, March 22nd—6:00 p.m. at *St. Mary's* in Leipsic
- Sunday, March 26th—2:00 p.m. at *Immaculate Conception* in Ottoville
- Tuesday, March 28th—4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at *St. Michael* in Kalida
- Thursday, March 30th—7:00 p.m. at *St. Anthony* in Columbus Grove
- Monday, April 10th—4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at *Sts. Peter and Paul* in Ottawa

St. John's Pre-School is now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 classes. The DSJ Preschool Annual Open House and Registration will be **Tuesday March 28th from 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.** at the annex at 722 S. Jefferson Street in Delphos. Pre-K classes for 2017-2018 are offered 3 full days or 3 half days per week with the 3 and young 4 year old program available Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings. Students must be 4 on or before Aug. 1st for Pre-K classes and 3 on or before Aug. 1st for the Tuesday / Thursday program. Before and after pre-school latch key services are available. There is a nonrefundable \$25.00 registration fee due at time of registration. All classrooms will be open and teachers and staff will be on hand on the 28th to answer any questions. Please call the school at 419-692-9806 for information.