



The Parish Community of  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8, 2016**

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**Deacon Senior Status:** Deacon Jose' Flores

**Coordinator of Religious Education:**

Mrs. Jean Byrne (419) 453-3702

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Mrs. Renee Kelch (419) 236-4006

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Mrs. Anne Landwehr (419) 453-3391

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Mrs. Irene Miller (419) 453-3275

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Mrs. Sue Beining (419) 453-3826

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Mr. Dave Koester (567) 204-3181

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Mr. Jim Eickholt (419) 231-1146

**Business Manager/Secretary:**

Mrs. Tina Weber (419) 453-3513

**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

Miss Carly Kortokrax

Mrs. Doris Brinkman

Mrs. Nancy Hohlbein

Mrs. Tina Koester

Mrs. Teresa Schnipke

Miss Madalyn Herman

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



As they were watching,  
 he was lifted up,  
 and a cloud took him  
 out of their sight.

ACTS 1.9

**WEDDING BANNES:** Andrew Lammers/Emily Maag (II)

**Ascension...**The Ascension is a celebration in which we are reminded that we live in a time between Christ's first coming and his second coming, between his ascension and the final day at the end of time. It's in the in-between that we come to realize that we have a job to do, we are to continue his mission.

Jesus commissions his disciples to go and baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Jesus ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, entering into the heavenly sanctuary. We are to be his witnesses, always mindful of the great hope to which we are called too. Before Jesus sends them he bestows his Blessing on them... before one leaves at the end of Mass one also receives his blessing through the priest, the one standing in for Christ...  
 "May Almighty God Bless You... Go in Peace!"

**FATHER RICK FRIEBEL WILL BE OFFERING AN 8-WEEK STUDY CALLED "UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE" BY JEFF CAVINS BEGINNING JUNE 7TH. MEETINGS WILL BE EVERY OTHER WEEK FROM 7:15 TO 8:15 P.M. TO SIGN UP, CALL STS. PETER & PAUL RECTORY AT (419) 523-5216 BEFORE MAY 17TH. THERE IS A \$20 FEE FOR THE WORKBOOK.**

**Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all our Mothers**

There are times when only a Mother's love

Can understand our tears,

Can soothe our disappoints

And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love

Can share the joy we feel

When something we've dreamed about

Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith

Can help us on life's way

And inspire in us the confidence

We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith

And a Mother's steadfast love

We're created in love, to love fashioned by the Angels

And sent from God above.



The May Retreat at Domus Angelorum Retreat Center in Cloverdale will be Saturday, May 14th with the topic being "The Blessed Mother, Model of Prayer." The retreat begins at 8:30 a.m. with mass and concludes at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Remember to bring a packed lunch.

A "Sound of Medjugorje Concert" featuring Michael Russell O'Brien will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria on Sunday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Michael has been to Medjugorje several times and performed at the Catholic Conference in the U.S. The evening promises to be full of beautiful hymns. He will also share his Faith conversion story. A free will offering will be accepted. For details, call Father Nic at (419) 653-4157 or Agnes & Norm Dulle at (419) 264-1232. Everyone is welcome.

**Let's Face the Facts & Tell the Truth...While Avoiding the Myths.** The truth about abortion is not easy and requires courage to speak out about abortion. However, as Catholics, we must boldly speak the truth and contradict the untruths and misleading rhetoric, which surrounds the issue. Abortion advocates will try to use smokescreen language to conceal the truth about abortion. A good example is the term "women's reproductive rights". The biological reality is that when a woman is pregnant, reproduction has already occurred. If that were not true, there would be nothing for the abortionist to abort.



*Seventh Sunday of Easter***LITURGIES/MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday (5/7) 4:00 p.m.** John Miller, John Nussbaum and Hubert and Dorothy Altenburger

**Sunday (5/8) Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 10:30 a.m.** Living and Deceased Members of the Niemeyer Family

**Tuesday (5/10) 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration**

**7:00 p.m.** John Brinkman

**Wednesday (5/11)**

**8:10 a.m.** Deceased Members of the Herman and Eggeman Families, Bill Huff, and Thomas Gemmer

**Thursday (5/12)**

**8:10 a.m.** Jerome Friemoth and Elvira Bodkins

**Friday (5/13) 8:00 a.m.** Norman Buettner, Diane Buettner, and Lawrence Turnwald

**Saturday (5/14)**

**4:00 p.m.** Gary Kehres and Lucinda Langhals

**Sunday (5/15) PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**10:30 a.m.** Mary Ann and David Hohlbein and Viola Friemoth (7 Day)

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:**

**Weekday Mass Servers (5/10 at 7:00 p.m., 5/11 and 5/12 at 8:10 a.m.):**

Leah Brinkman, Tara Heitmeyer, Nick Herman

**SATURDAY (5/14) 4:00 p.m.**

**Mass Servers:** Logan and Derek Kemper, Eli Knodell

**Lector:** Mary Kay Schroeder

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Host - Judith Eickholt, Linda Knippen, Kim Wannemacher, Jill Wenzlick

Cup - Angie Niemeyer, Amy Tumblin

Choir - Virginia Beining

**Ushers:** Brian Altenburger, Ralph Burgei, Kevin Lindeman, Adam Schnipke

**Gifts:** Volunteer

**SUNDAY (5/15) 10:30 a.m. PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Mass Servers:** Abigail Hilvers, Dylan Kemper, Ryan Suever

**Lector:** Rhonda Hilvers

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Host - Jean Byrne, Michelle Giesige, Carol Hoersten, Cherie Kemper

Cup - Ann Beining, Victoria Jackson

Choir - Mike Ricker

**Ushers:** Brian Beining, Mike Heitmeyer, Evan Turnwald, Mark Turnwald

**Gifts:** The Hohlbein Family

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (5/14-5/15):**

Acts 2:1-11; I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

**PRAY THE ROSARY** - Laurie Knippen, Jeanette Knippen, Becky Knippen, Linda Knippen, Dena Knippen, Michelle Knodell, Nancy Knotts

**ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:** Nancy Vetter

**COLLECTION REPORT:** (Week of 4/30/16 - 5/01/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 4,752.30

Under Budget - \$ 447.70

Parish Center = \$493.00 Church Repair = \$171.00

The St. Mary's Cemetery Board would like to thank the family of Joe Ruen for their generous donation.

**LOOK GOOD, FEEL BETTER** - May 16<sup>th</sup> at Putnam County Ambulatory Care from 3-4 PM. Registration is required for this FREE program by calling 888-227-6446 (press #2). A woman undergoing cancer treatment may lose her hair or suffer other appearance-related side effects making a difficult time even harder. Specially trained volunteer beauty consultants work with women to learn about makeup, skin & nail care and ways to deal with hair loss. Each woman receives a free makeup kit and shares laughter with others going through the cancer journey.



**URGENT!!!!** Your help is needed in making our new Church Directory a success. There are still over 400 of our 830+ registered families that have NOT signed up for their photography sessions for the new church directory. If you have not scheduled yours, please do as soon as possible. Encourage family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to schedule theirs too! You can sign up at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/immaculateconceptioncatholicchurch8/index.php?page=10> or call the parish office at (419) 453-3513. Please take the time to have your family photo taken so that you are a part of the history of our Parish!!

The Putnam County Council on Aging will be hosting a **Senior Citizen Day Celebration** on Wednesday, May 18th at the Leipsic Fogle Center from 12-2 p.m. The celebration includes a sit down lunch and a performance from the OG Show Choir. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be reserved by calling (419) 523-4121 or by visiting the Council on Aging office at 1425 East Fourth Street in Ottawa.

**"May the Cure be with you"**-The Ottoville Local Schools 11th annual **Cancer Walk** will be Friday, May 13th to help raise money for The American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Opening ceremony will start at 8:30 a.m. in the high school gym and will then proceed to the track for a survivor's lap and a picture. The walk continues throughout the day and will end with a closing ceremony at 2:15 p.m. There will be cinnamon rolls, root beer floats, and drinks provided along with entertaining games. The community is invited to join. Anyone wishing to make a donation can bring it to the high school office.

**Youth Elect Service (Y.E.S.)** will be June 16-18 at Fort Jennings High School. Current 8th grade students through graduating seniors are encouraged to join this weekend service retreat. Come meet teens from Putnam County; have fun; grow in faith; and earn service and leadership hours while being the hands & feet of Christ in your community while "Fueling the Fire of Mercy!" This 3 day retreat experience ends with Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18th at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Registration forms are available from Renee Kelch and are due May 30th. Bring your friends-be part of the fun! **Y.E.S.** sites are needed for June 16 & 17 as teens and adults from the St. George Deanery volunteer to help residents in the Putnam County area with various jobs around their homes. If you would like a team of youth and adults to help you with things such as mulching, washing your car, spring cleaning in the house or yard, etc., contact Renee Kelch at (419) 236-4006.

**Y.E.S.** team leaders are needed for June 15-17. Please come join other adult and college team leaders for the Y.E.S. weekend at Fort Jennings High School. Adult team leaders need to be currently a freshman or older in college through retiree age! Nothing is more rewarding than sharing your time and faith with the young church of today. For questions or to sign up, call Renee Kelch at (419) 236-4006.

Sponsored by area World Youth Day 2016 pilgrims, there will be a **COLOR TROT 5K** on Saturday, May 14th in Glandorf Park. This is a non-competitive run. Wear white and get as colored as you can and have a ton of fun. Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. Registration follows at 9:00 a.m. and the 5K will start at 10:00 a.m. For details and to register, go to <http://2016colortrot.eventbrite.com> or call (419) 538-6335.

The Lima Area Sacred Heart Group Men's Annual Retreat to Maria Stein Spiritual Center will be May 20-22. This year's retreat is titled "Don't Leave Your Brain at the Church Door." Take the time to relax, spend time in prayer, hear informative discussions, or take an annual personal inventory. Cost is \$185.00 (includes lodging and meals). Dress is casual. Retreat Master will be Fr. Alfred Naseman, CPPS, from St. Charles Living Center in Carthagena. For additional information call Florian Smith at (419) 999-4694. RSVP no later than Monday, May 16th.



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