



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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First Sunday of Advent
 November 27, 2016

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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. Jim Eickholt (419) 231-1146

Business Manager/Secretary:

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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 Father 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: 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 12:00 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 BANS: The following couple asks for your prayerful support as they prepare for their upcoming marriage: *Tyler Maag and Amanda Watkins (I)*

BAPTISMS: *Presley Marie Heitmeyer*
 Daughter of Curtis and Erin (Gudakunst) Heitmeyer
Haylee Myra Calvelage
 Daughter of Ryan and Mallorie (Byrne) Calvelage
Samantha Kay Byrne
 Daughter of Keith and Callie (Herrick) Byrne

Dear Padre'

Question: *Can you give me some insight to the Advent Season? I understand it to be a preparation of two comings, Christ at the End of Time and Christ at Christmas?*

Yes, Advent is a liturgical part of the year of waiting and expectation...of the Nativity of the Lord. It consists of 4 weeks (Sundays) before Christmas itself. It begins as close to the feast of the Apostle Andrew (November 30). It's season is closely related to Christmas and cannot be considered apart from the feast. For example, the season of Advent didn't even exist until the birthday of Jesus was universally celebrated throughout Christianity on the 25th of December. The word actual comes from ancient names associated with the solemnity. *Adventus* (Latin for "coming") prepares one for the coming of the **Word of God** when he became flesh among us. Understood in this sense, the season of Advent is much more than a preparation period for a historical event, but is rather best understood as a period in celebration and preparation for the coming of God...as an event of salvation. We as Catholics see it as a time of penance (reconciliation for his mercy) and preparation.

The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, hence it becomes a time of longing for...in preparation with anticipation.

~ Padre' Jerry

First Friday Latin Mass will be celebrated December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Domus Angelorum Retreat House (21706 State Route 114, Cloverdale). All are welcome. The **December Retreat** with Father Herman Scherger will be Saturday, December 10th and the topic is "Our Need to Show Mercy." The day begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. with registration and Adoration following Mass. Benedictions will conclude the retreat at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. For information, call Michael Westrick at (419) 784-9125.

Adult Family Faith...The Bible Time Line Study continues on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Family room. The 8 week sessions will continue through December 11th. Everyone is welcome.

Please pray for Bishop Thomas and the priests of our Diocese as they gather on Monday, November 28th at Our Lady of Consolation in Carey for the second annual **Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**. Please pray that this gathering will bear fruit for our priests in holiness of life and in their service to the Lord and his Church.

* NEW **MINISTER OF MASS SCHEDULES** ARE NOW AVAILABLE. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ONE BY EMAIL, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.

* THE **2017 LECTOR WORKBOOKS** HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY FOR YOUR TO PICK UP.

* **2017 WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES** ARE READY FOR PICK UP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH.

The ICY Group Christmas Tree Angels are back!!!! Be sure to stop by the tree in the church vestibule and take an angel to help a Putnam County child in need this holiday season. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the tree no later than December 5th.



First Sunday of Advent

LITURGIES/MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (11/26) 4:00 p.m. Ursula Wenzlick
Sunday (11/27) FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 a.m. Oscar, Mary Ann, and David Hohlbein and Joe Ruen
Tuesday (11/29) 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. Tony, Bernadine, Bob, and Dan Hoersten, and Emily Kahle
Wednesday (11/30) 8:10 a.m. Tony Sanders and Eugene, Anna, and Paul Odenweller
Thursday (12/1)
8:10 a.m. David D. Miller and Rick Utrup
Friday (12/2) 8:00 a.m. Robert Scarbrough and Lawrence Turnwald
Saturday (12/3) 4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Kaple and the Living and Deceased Members of the Ray Siebeneck Family
Sunday (12/4) 10:30 a.m. Paul & Mildred Rayman and The Living and Deceased Members of the Leo Deitering Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:
Weekday Mass Servers (11/29 at 7:00 p.m., 11/30 and 12/1 at 8:10 a.m.): Destinie Davis, Kylin Edelbrock, Carter Horstman

SATURDAY (12/3) 4:00 p.m.
Mass Servers: Grant Boecker, Bethany Maag, Troy Warnecke
Lector: Carl Turnwald
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:
 Host - Jerry and Angie Hohlbein, Bernice Schnipke, Jill Wenzlick
 Cup - Judith Eickholt, Peggy Pohlman
 Choir - Janice Warnecke
Ushers: Randy Altenburger, Bob Bendele, Tim Eickholt, Dave Schlagbaum
Gifts: The Ray Siebeneck Family

SUNDAY (12/4) 10:30 a.m.
Mass Servers: Will Horstman, Katlyn Kelch, Brooke Kortokrax
Lector: Kevin Horstman
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:
 Host - Jean Byrne, Jack and Helen Devitt, Julie Nussbaum
 Cup - Jim Hoersten and Nancy Vetter
 Choir - Ann Beining
Ushers: Dan Honigford, Evan Turnwald, Mark Turnwald, John Vetter
Gifts: The Paul and Mildred Rayman Family

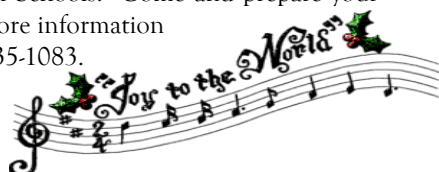
NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (12/3-12/4/2016):
 Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

PRAY THE ROSARY (11/27 to 12/3):
 Dolores Van Oss, Nancy Vetter, Phyllis Turnwald, Janet Von Lehmden, Mary Vorst, Jessica Vorst, Donna Wannemacher

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Ceil Eickholt
COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 11/19/16 - 11/20/16)
 Budget: \$5,200.00
 Sunday Collection: 4,091.73
Under Budget \$1,108.27
 Parish Center=\$227.00 Church Repair Fund = \$140.00
 Catholic Communications Campaign = \$5.00
 Campaign for Human Development = \$245

The **PERPETUATE THE GIFT APPEAL** continues. Please prayerfully consider your donation to support the retirement needs of our Diocesan priests. Each year our Parish is assessed a fee by the Diocese of Toledo which will be reduced by Parishioner contributions made to this appeal. Gifts can be mailed to Perpetuate the Gift, PO Box 954, Toledo, Ohio 43697 or placed in the collection basket.

On Sunday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m., Delphos St. John Evangelist Catholic Church and the Delphos Ministerial Association will present an evening of music and reflections to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth. Soloists and groups from various churches are involved as well as young people from Jefferson and St. John High Schools. Come and prepare your heart for Christmas! For more information call Lynn Bockey at (419) 235-1083.



ADVENT CANDLES

Four little candles sit in a ring,
 Three of them purple, one of them pink.
 Each of them has its own special meaning.
 The glow of their light has a message to bring.
 The first is of hope for the road ahead.
 The second of faith about what has been said.
 The third tells of joy about what is to come.
 The fourth speaks of peace for everyone.
 Four little candles sit in a ring.
 Rejoice in the Christmas message they bring.

Happy 1st week of Advent!



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The **ICY Group** and **Ottoville Girl Scout Troop #20039** are holding a babysitting service on Friday, December 2nd from 6-10 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center. If you need a night to shop, wrap gifts, or just to get away, bring your child/children to the Scout Room. Games, snacks, and activities are planned. No infants please. There is no charge but monetary donations are appreciated. Registration is preferred but not required. Call Renee at (419) 236-4006 or Laura at (419) 235-3371 to register or for more information.

Reconciliation

God's Mercy and Forgiveness is welcome! The grade school children of our Parish will be receiving reconciliation during their scheduled class release time. Junior High students have just received the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to their recent Confirmation. High School students were scheduled to have received God's Mercy and Forgiveness on November 16th but classes were cancelled due to heavy fog. Their makeup date will be Saturday, December 3rd from 9-11 a.m. **The Immaculate Conception Penance Service will be Sunday, December 11th beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

The **Ottawa Senior Center** (1035 East Third Street) is having a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on December 7th and 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be greeting cards, Christmas cards, crafts, and homemade baked goods including homemade peanut brittle and noodles. Lunch will be served both days from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday's menu includes chicken noodle soup, BBQ pork, hot dog, or brat sandwich or platter, homemade desserts, and drink. Thursday's menu is cheesy potato soup, egg salad, hot dog, or brat sandwich or platter, homemade desserts, and drink. Carry out is available by calling (419) 523-9953.

Celebrate Advent with the "Come to the Stable" nativity display. Over 35 different nativities from around the world will be on display Sunday, December 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Parish Center (190 North Main Street/Glandorf). This event is sponsored by the Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Hancock and Putnam Counties. A freewill offering to support Heartbeat of Lima will be accepted.

Bridges out of Poverty is a one-day workshop for professionals and community members with a desire to understand and reduce poverty. Topics include the causes of poverty, hidden rules of generational poverty, and proven strategies for reducing poverty. The Bridges Out of Poverty workshop will be Thursday, December 1 from 9AM to 3PM at The Meadows of Ottawa. Cost: \$30. Lunch and workbook included. To register, call Phyllis Macke at 419-969-0210 or send an email to pjmacke@gmail.com

Come welcome Santa at the **Ottoville Winterfest**, sponsored by the Ottoville Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, December 4th from 12-2 p.m. in the Ottoville Parish Center. Games will be provided by the Mother's Club and the Fire Department will have refreshments available. All are welcome!



The **Putnam County Historical Society** presents *Chreches and Choirs* during their Christmas Open House on Friday and Saturday, December 9th (6-9 p.m.) and 10th (1-4 p.m.). The Putnam County Museum in Kalida will display over 150 Nativity Sets as well as antique Christmas decor. Enjoy music of the season and carols on the parlor organ. There will be refreshments and admission is free.

Join the **Meadows of Kalida** for their *10th Annual Tree Gala* to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Putnam County. You are invited to purchase and decorate any size Christmas tree or wreath to donate, display, and auction in the campus. On December 11th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., visit the Meadows for a visit from Santa, live music, hors d'oeuvres, and kids activities. For more information, see the flyer posted in the back of church or call (419) 532-2961.



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