



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 18, 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

Mr. Cody Kemper - Youth

Mrs. Doris Brinkman

Mrs. Nancy Hohlbein

Mrs. Tina Koester

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Miss Kara Landin - Youth

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: 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.



Dear Padre'

Question: *Can you explain divorce, annulments and remaining Catholic?* Good question! In a sense it all means remaining faithful while being courageous in seeking a new beginning. Being that the institution of marriage existed from the beginning, that is to say, before the Fall, it too, was subject to the consequences of that original sin. Humanity and indeed the whole of creation fell into disorder and disarray as a consequence of sin (CCC 1606). God himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Despite variations throughout centuries and across cultures, these differences still maintain certain common and permanent characteristics (CCC 1603). Before one can remarry in the Church one's first marriage has to be declared null. One has to seek an annulment from the Church basically declaring the first marriage was not a valid marriage in the eyes of the Church; that something was wrong. In civil court it is relatively easy to get your marriage dissolved, but in the Church we must look for what made this marriage an invalid marriage. Christ has said, *"What God has joined together let no man separate."* We see in His statement a truth but also mercy from the Church. In a sense, that says it all but the Church also realizes that something may have gone wrong. God is merciful and wants healing and restoration in those occasions. God loves us and wants us to live in that love. The basic teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage is this: when a baptized man and a baptized woman who are free to marry exchange their marriage vows before an authorized priest or deacon and then consummate their union, their marriage is a true sacramental marriage, an unbreakable bond. The man and woman must be able and willing to give their free and informed consent. The Code of Canon Law emphasizes the importance of this consent: *"Matrimonial consent is an act of the will by which a man and a woman by an irrevocable covenant mutually give and accept one another for the purpose of establishing a marriage"* (Canon 1057).

When divorce happens, it happens in the eyes of civil court, not God's eyes and even though they have received a civil divorce, they are still married. So living a life of sexual activity with another is sinful as they are still married in God's eye. That becomes the problem. The Church can only recognize them as married until they receive an annulment. They aren't kicked out of the Church; they are still members and as long as they remain faithful, they can still receive the Sacraments (the Eucharist and Reconciliation). God's mercy and love is still present with them. They can still remain as a *"Faithful Catholic"* living a life separated from each other. Since Marriage was subject to the Fall, it is also an object of Christ's work of Redemption. Christ came to restore what had been lost due to sin, which includes the glory of man and woman, made in the Image and Likeness of God, united in a one-flesh union of Love. We must recognize the sufferings and wounds endured because of the increased phenomenon of divorce in our culture today. The effects of a Formal Annulment is to declare that parties are not bound to a specific marital relationship, stating that the marriage in question was not a binding sacramental union. It is important to understand the meaning of an annulment. The annulment does not deny that a real relationship existed, nor does it imply that the relationship was entered into with ill will or moral fault. Rather, an annulment is a statement by the Church that the relationship fell short of at least one of the elements seen as essential for a binding union. Therefore, the Church cannot see the union in question as a source of continuing marital rights and obligations. Please feel free to come talk to me if you have concerns about marriage, divorce, or annulments. May God's love and mercy always prevail to those who sincerely seek Him.

~ Padre' Jerry



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WEDDING BANNES: The following couples ask for your prayerful support as they prepare for Matrimony:

- Adam Ream and Amanda Kramer (I)
- Troy Kloepfel and Melissa Turnwald (III)

BAPTISMS:

Colton James Knippen and Max Kenneth Knippen
Sons of Mark and Jennifer (Reed) Knippen



DEATH: Our deepest sympathy to the family of Ruth Klima who passed away on September 9th. Please remember her family in your prayers.

This week's flowers for the Landwehr/Hammond wedding are in memory of their grandparents (Birkemeier, Landwehr, Root, and Hammond).

LITURGIES/MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday (9/17) 4:00 p.m. Mary Miller
- Sunday (9/18) 10:30 a.m. Paul and Martha Turnwald, Ray, Mildred, and Ralph Wannemacher, and the Living and Deceased Members of the Koester and Markward Families
- 6:00 p.m. Youth and Family Mass - Ruth Klima (7 Day)
- Tuesday (9/20) 7:00 p.m. At St. Barbara in Cloverdale
- Wednesday (9/21) 8:10 a.m. Valeta Siebeneck, Living and Deceased Members of C K of O
- Thursday (9/22) 8:10 a.m. Elvira Bodkins
- Friday (9/23) 8:00 a.m. Bob and Ruth Beining and Lucinda Langhals
- Saturday (9/24) 4:00 p.m. Joan Gordon Bleim and Doug Vorst
Ottoville High School Class of 1976 (Deceased Members: Chris Gerdeman, Paul Gudakunst, Joe Kaverman, John Knippen, Roger Knippen)
- Sunday (9/25) 10:30 a.m. Nathan Bendele and Alice Garten

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:

Weekday Mass Servers (9/21 and 9/22 at 8:10 a.m.): Kylin Edelbrock, Jacob Ricker, Alex Suever
SATURDAY (9/24) 4:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Jack Langhals, Julia Langhals, Andy Schimmoeller

Lector: Mary Kay Schroeder

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Host - Kathleen Beining, Bonnie Beining, Judy Eickholt, Christine Herman
- Cup - Linda Knippen, Peggy Pohlman
- Choir - Ted Herman

Ushers: Allan Honigford, Randy Warnecke, Bob Weber, Tina Weber

Gifts: The Mark Vorst Family

SUNDAY (9/25) 10:30 a.m.

Mass Servers: Will Horstman, Emily & Nick Moorman,

Lector: Kevin Horstman

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Host - Julie Brickner, Jenna Heuerman, Carol Hoersten, Ron Niemeyer
- Cup - Sheila Miller, Jessica Vorst
- Choir - Virginia Beining

Ushers: Carl Beining, Steve Hoersten, Dan Honigford, Gene Miller

Gifts: The Ken and Diane Bendele Family

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (9/24-9/25):

Amos 6:1a,4-7; I Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

PRAY THE ROSARY (9/18 to 9/24): Amy Ricker, Lisa Ricker, Pat Ricker, Mary Ricker, Bernice Rieger, Toni Rieger, Tess Rieger

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING:

The Dale and Lisa Bendele Family

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 9/10/16 - 9/11/16)

Budget:	\$5,200.00
Sunday Collection:	3,746.10
Under Budget	\$-1,453.90

Parish Center=\$96.00 Church Repair Fund=\$186.00

FESTIVAL ACCOUNTING AND SURVEY ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN. PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY AND RETURN TO PARISH OFFICE A.S.A.P.

Right to Life of Henry and Putnam Counties are hosting a **"Life Event"** on Tuesday, September 20th from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria (13779 County Road Y - 1/2 mile east of State Route 108). Guest speakers will be Peter Range, Respect Life Program Coordinator from the Diocese of Toledo and Clarissa Lapinski, Project Rachel Coordinator. All are invited.

Memorial Mass for Luke Obinwa...Father Charles Obinwa has asked us to inform you that a Memorial Mass for his father, Luke, who died last week, will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 24, 2016, at 11 am at St. Joseph Church, Fort Jennings. Burial will be in Nigeria. May he rest in peace.**

CYO VOLLEYBALL

- Saturday 9/24 at Kalida
 - 10:30 a.m. - SPPS 5th vs. Ottoville 5th
 - 11:15 a.m. - Kalida A 6th vs. Ottoville 6th
- Sunday 9/25 at Kalida
 - 3:00 p.m. - Ottoville High School vs. Kalida



Older Adults Have the Power to Prevent Falls! The Putnam County Council on Aging, in partnership with several community organizations, will be hosting a Lunch and Learn program on Wednesday, September 21st from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Ottawa Senior Center, 1035 E. Third St, Ottawa. The program will include presentations by Dr. Jacinta Eickholt on Fall Prevention, Mary Maas on Aging in Place – Home for Life, and Jodi Warnecke on Fall Prevention classes offered locally. A free lunch will be provided by the Meadows of Ottawa. Seating is limited and RSVP's are required. Please call Jodi Warnecke at the Council on Aging at (419) 523-4121 to register for the program.

Softball For All Fall Game - Come one and all to a free and fun softball game for children with special needs and their families. Children can be paired with a partner to help them play. Bring your own ball glove. This event will take place on Sunday, September 25th at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Name Ball Park (behind Kalida Elementary School) in Kalida. Please RSPV by calling Bob & Joyce Buss at (419) 532-3881 or email Morgan or Ben Sealts at ksealts@woh.rr.com.

Battle of the Youth 2016 promises to be a fun, challenging, and competitive day for everyone! All are welcome to stop by the Ottoville Park and cheer on your favorite parish team beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd. If you are in 7th or 8th grade, we could use your help to run scores to the scorekeeper! Please contact Renee Kelch if you can help. Hours can be used toward your confirmation hours for community or church!

Fort Jennings American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus trip June 1-7, 2017. The trip includes 3 full days in New York City with guided tours and additional stops in Philadelphia and at Hershey Chocolate World. Cost is \$750/person (double occupancy) and includes 6 nights lodging and 10 meals (6 breakfasts & 4 dinners). A \$75.00 deposit is required to reserve your spot with the remaining balance due March 18, 2017. Contact Tricia Halker at (419)615-9588 for additional information or to reserve your seat!

On Sunday, September 25th, **Landeck St. John the Baptist Catholic Church** is having a breakfast. Sausage, pancakes, eggs, coffee, and juice will be served in the church basement from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Proceeds benefit the roof repair fund.

A 12-week divorce & separated support group, **Catholic Divorce Recovery**, will be hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ottawa. The Catholic Divorce Recovery program was created to help divorced or separated Catholics by offering support and healing through the wisdom and truth of the Catholic faith. Meetings will be held in the SPPS library on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 27th. A registration fee of \$20 includes the cost of a workbook, materials, and refreshments. For more information or to register, call Jeanne Beutler at (419) 615-2298.



Thank you to the family of Hubert Byrne for the donation to the Window Restoration Project in his memory.