



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 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

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

Terry Landwehr and Kristina Hammond (II)

BAPTISMS: **Colton John Kuhlman**

Son of Trent and Sara (Eickholt) Kuhlman

Everett James Gerker

Son of Eric and Kendra (Byers) Gerker



Canonization of Mother Teresa - Sunday, Sept. 4th

Mother Teresa was an icon of God's tender mercy, radiating the light of God's love to so many through the works of mercy, both material and spiritual. Even from heaven she continues to fulfill her mission as she "*lights the light of those in darkness on earth.*" With her canonization, the Church presents her as a model and intercessor of those who, like her, "*long to light the fire of love and peace throughout the world.*" She can be seen as a patron saint, especially for those who are most in need of God's mercy. By her example and through her intercession, may Mother Teresa inspire many to give their *hearts to love and their hands to serve*, starting with those closest to them. May we all continue to live and deepen our awareness of being in need of mercy and our willingness to extend mercy in our communities, in our families and in our service of the poor.

Dear Padre...What is Natural Law? The simple answer is... it's the unwritten body of universal moral principles that underlie the ethical and legal norms by which human conduct is sometimes evaluated and governed. Our vulnerability to temptation and sin, or the nature of it, is a lingering effect of Original Sin. We, however, are not utterly helpless against the continuation of temptation. God has written in our hearts an innate desire for him. Reason helps us know God exists and it can also help inform us of what God expects of us. This is true even of a person who has never read scripture or has never had a Christian faith. It's the innate knowledge of good and evil, it's the objective order established by God that determines the requirements for all people to thrive and reach fulfillment. It is comprehensible by reason alone. In it we come to the conclusion by reason, that certain acts are morally wrong, for example, murder or abortion. All should come to know these truths, even those who have had little or no Christian formation.

~ Padre Jerry

Beginning Sunday, September 4th, you are invited, as individuals and families to participate in a diocesan **33 Day Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. By signing up at 33days.eventbrite.com, you'll be emailed daily reflections and weekly videos that will help you prepare for the consecration day on Friday, October 7th. On that day, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, there will be a gathering at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo at 6:30 p.m. for the recitation of the rosary, celebration of the Mass, and Bishop Thomas will lead the consecration prayer. By signing up for the daily reflections, personalized consecration certificates will be given to each participant at a reception following the mass on October 7th. Contact Monica Martinez in the Diocese Office for Marriage and Family at (419) 244-6711, extension 4918 or email mmartinez@toledodiocese.org.

Mother Teresa will be canonized a saint on September 4th in Rome. On Saturday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m., there will be a special Mass for the dedication of the MOTHER TERESA SHRINE at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269 south of Bellevue, Ohio). Mass at 4:00 will be in the Outdoor Pieta Chapel. After the Mass attendees will process to the Shrine and officially bless the statue and site. After the dedication light refreshments will be served in the Pilgrim Center Cafeteria. Visit www.sorrowfulmothershrine.org.



*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time***LITURGIES**

Saturday (9/3) 4:00 p.m. Vern & Dolly Schroeder and Orval Eickholt

Sunday (9/4) 10:30 a.m. Robert Scarbrough, Joe Ruen, and Jerome Turnwald

Tuesday (9/6) 7:00 p.m. At St. Barbara in Cloverdale

Wednesday (9/7) 8:10 a.m. Betty Otte and Mary Catherine Heckman

Thursday (9/8) 8:10 a.m. Leonard & Pauline Schnipke, Richard and Rodney Menke, and Clarence Hoersten

Friday (9/9) 8:00 a.m. Leo & Alice Heitmeyer and Verena Brinkman

Saturday (9/10) 4:00 p.m. George Knippen and the Living and Deceased Members of the Ike Miller Family and the Living and Deceased Members of the Herman and Goedde Families

50th Wedding Anniversary of Carl & Doris Herman

Sunday (9/11) 10:30 a.m. Hubert Byrne (7 Day), Adolph & Irene Maag, Tony & Gertrude Schlagbaum, and Roger Schlagbaum

Altar flowers this week are in memory of Jerome Turnwald.

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

Weekday Mass Servers (9/7 and 9/8 at 8:10 a.m.):

Austin Landin, Jacob Ricker, Hannah Wenzlick

SATURDAY (9/10) 4:00 p.m.

Mass Servers: Ashlee Landin, Brendan Niemeyer, Nicole Williams

Lector: Theresa Von Sossan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Anne Hemker, Christine Herman, Ted Herman, Jerry Hohlbein

Cup - Kathleen Beining, Angie Hohlbein

Choir - Don Warnecke

Ushers: Bob Bendele, Ron Hemker, Jerry Kaverman, Darrell Von Sossan

Gifts: The Family of Carl & Doris Herman

SUNDAY (9/11) 10:30 a.m.

Mass Servers: Cayden Burgei, Alexis Sanders, Josh Thorbahn

Lector: Rose Wenzlick

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Jean Byrne, Carol Hoersten, Joe E. Miller, Janet Von Lehmden

Cup - Marcia Eickholt, Sheila Miller

Choir - Jessica Vorst

Ushers: Dennis Miller, Gene Turnwald, Jim Wannemacher, Otto Wenzlick

Gifts: The Schlagbaum Family

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS (9/10-9/11):

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

PRAY THE ROSARY (9/4 to 9/10): Karen Pohlman,

Dorothy Rayman, Louise Pohlman, Ethel Recker,

Kathy Rellinger, Sharon Rellinger, Connie Rhodes

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Ann Hemker

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 8/27/16 - 8/28/16)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 3,812.35

Under Budget \$-1,386.65

Parish Center = \$20.00 Church Repair Fund = \$40.00



Trunk or Treat!! Trick or Treat in Ottoville will take place on October 28th. We are considering hosting a Trunk-or-Treat where parishioners could park in the church parking lot and hand out goodies from their vehicles. We are also

considering a few other activities such as a best decorated vehicle contest, free hot dogs, etc. Please sign up in the back of church or let Tina in the parish office know by September 15th if you would be interested in participating!

CLC Council 88 would like to invite the Ottoville CLC members to their first meeting for the fall. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at Fort Haven in Fort Jennings at 7:30 p.m. Come join the fun!

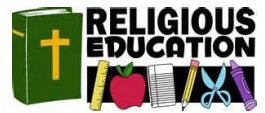
Those who are unable to get to church but wish to receive Communion should call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513. Eucharistic Ministers will bring communion on the First Friday of each month and at any other time you wish.

All women of the Diocese are invited to attend the **Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference** on Saturday, September 24th at St. Alphonsus Parish, Peru/Norwalk. The conference includes liturgy, devotions, lunch, and reflection time and a gift bag. Ladies of the Parish interested in attending should contact Anne Landwehr at (419) 453-3391 by September 12th.

The Father Ronald R. Warnimont Assembly 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Ottawa, will be sponsoring a **15th Anniversary Prayer Service**, A World Day of Prayer for Peace. This year will mark the 15th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States. The prayer service will take place at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa on Sunday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. All men and women who serve as police, firefighters, emergency responders, military and their families are invited.

A **Divorced Catholic Support Group** is forming. This 13-week program is specifically designed to help divorced/separated Catholics and addresses the most pressing challenges of divorce and will help recover from divorce by more fully learning and living the Catholic faith. The meetings will begin September 7th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church (Lima). For more information, call (419) 999-4210 or send an email to auntroro@earthlink.net.

High School Religion classes will start soon. We are in need of people to share their faith with seniors, sophomores, and an assistant teacher to work with Ann Hemker for the freshman class. Please call the Religious Education Office at (419) 453-3702 for details.



A **Putnam County Right to Life** meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Jane Stechschulte (next to the Kalida fire station). All are welcome.

The next **Retreat with Father Herman Scherger at Domus Angelorum (21706 State Route 114, Cloverdale)** will be Saturday, September 10th with the topic being "Obstacles to Grace." Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration for the retreat following. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION REMINDER: If you haven't scheduled your interview with Father Jerry, time is running out. Last date is September 22nd.

Attention: High School Youth - BATTLE OF THE YOUTH forms are available in the Parish Office Lobby and in the High School Office.

The United States Conference of Catholic bishops has designated Friday, September 9th as a **National Day of Prayer for Peace** in our communities. This day will be recognized at the 8:00 a.m. Mass that day.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Let us pray...O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored.

You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required...

"Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mi. 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will.

Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.





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