



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 6, 2015**

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Deacon Senior Status: Deacon Jose' Flores

Coordinator of Religious Education:
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Mrs. Renee Kelch - (419) 236-4006

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Mrs. Anne Landwehr-(419) 453-3391

Director of Music:

Mrs. Irene Miller - (419) 453-3275

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Mrs. Sue Beining - (419) 453-3826

Maintenance:

Mr. Dave Koester - (567) 204-3181

Parish Center Manager:

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 AM–3 PM

Parish Council:

Mr. Bradley Beining-President

Mr. Robert Bonifas

Mrs. Doris Brinkman

Mr. David Fischbach

Mrs. Nancy Hohlbein

Mrs. Cheryl Honigford

Mrs. Tina Koester

Mr. David Ricker

Mrs. Jenny Turnwald

Miss Elizabeth Luersman

Miss Carly Kortokrax

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 – 2nd & 4th & 5th Tuesday of the

month

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:10 AM

Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:15 PM

Baptism Instruction: First-time parents need to attend instruction on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 PM or the 2nd

Friday at 3 PM of each month. It is recommended that you attend instructions before the birth of your child.

Please call the office to schedule your instruction.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated anytime agreeable with Father Jerry. To arrange a Baptism, please call Father Jerry 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 Fr. Jerry before the date is scheduled.

Engaged Couples Conference: Held the first Sunday of March and November. The next Conference will be November 1, 2015 at Immaculate Conception.

New parishioners may register as members of our parish family by calling the Parish Office.

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.

BANNS: The following couple asks for your prayerful support as they prepare for their upcoming marriage:

(I) *Ross Strauer and Brittany Ricker*

(II) *Tyler Schroeder and Amber Ferguson*

(III) *Jason Nussbaum and Jamie Horstman*

BAPTISMS:

Harrison Eugene Byrne

Son of Keith and Callie Herrick Byrne



Labor Day is an opportunity to take stock of the ways workers are honored and respected. Earlier this year, Pope Francis pointed out, *"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person.. It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation."* Unfortunately, millions of workers today are denied this honor and respect as a result of unemployment, underemployment, unjust wages, theft from the company, and abuse.

The roots of Labor Day are basically Catholic, even though the origins of this annual September holiday are disputed, some of the credits can go back to a 19th-century Catholic labor activist Peter J. McGuire who had a stake in the founding the of this holiday. We as Catholics should remember that we are all co-creators in God's ongoing creation and are called to build up the kingdom of God in one's daily labor. It's also imperative that as Catholics, we be authentic to our social teachings and not be a so called 'cafeteria Catholic' of the left or right. The real challenge is to conform ourselves to what we are called to.



September is upon us and many families from as close as our St. George Deanery, from our Diocese, from throughout America, and from around the world will gather in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. We want to remember them and all families in prayer. We have been remembering all families, especially our own families, in our daily rosaries. At weekend Masses throughout the month of September, we will recite together A Family Prayer. Prayer cards are provided courteous of the Knights of Columbus and have been placed in the inside front cover of our hymn books.

A Strong Start in the Faith: Catholic RCIA Process -

Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? Have questions about the faith? Want to explore the faith more deeply. The full content of the Catholic faith can be organized into four categories: Basic beliefs (the faith itself); How to live (morality); How Catholics worship (liturgy); and Prayer. The Catholic RCIA process is a good model of basic faith development. New classes will begin next month in conjunction with St. Joseph Parish in Ft. Jennings. If you have questions please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Jerry.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man Is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. This 13 week program will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Kalida on Saturday mornings beginning September 19th. Breakfast begins at 6:00 a.m. followed by a presentation at 6:20 a.m. and small group discussions at 7:00 a.m. Each session ends at 7:30 a.m. You can register for this free program on the website www.thatmanisyou.org. See brochure posted in our church vestibule.

A sincere thank you to the family of Ralph "Wolfie" Wannemacher for their donation to the Cemetery Fund.

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

Sat (5th) 4:00 p.m. Orval Eickholt
Ottoville High School Class of 1985
 Sun (6th) 10:30 a.m. Jerome Turnwald
 Tues (8th) 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 p.m. Ralph "Wolfie" Wannemacher
 Wed (9th) 8:10 a.m. Chris and Gene Gerdeman
 Thur (10th) 8:10 a.m. George Knippen
 Fri (11th) 8:00 a.m. Edward and Mary Odenweller
 Sat (12th) 4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of
 the Flores and Turnwald Families

Wedding: Jason Nussbaum and Jamie Horstman

Sun (13th) 10:30 a.m. David and Mary Ann Hohlbein

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS SERVERS:**Weekday Mass Servers (9/8, 9/9, 9/10):**

Grant Boecker, Gracie Brinkman, Adam Looser

SATURDAY (9/12)

Mass Servers: Alex Burgei, Nolan & Emmitt German

Lector: Theresa Von Sossan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Ted Herman, Amy Tumblin,
 Kim Wannemacher, Donald Warnecke

Cup - Judy Eickholt, Deb Lindeman

Choir - Janice Warnecke

Ushers: Kevin Lindeman, Gary Turnwald,
 Darrell Von Sossan, Randy Warnecke

Gifts: Volunteer

SUNDAY (9/13)

Mass Servers: Dalton Davis, Cooper Hanneman,
 Carson Miller

Lector: Jean Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host - Ann Beining, Melissa Burgei, Jack Devitt,
 Marcia Eickholt

Cup - Sheila Miller, Jessica Vorst

Choir - Carol Hoersten

Ushers: Carl Beining, Steve Hoersten,
 Gene Turnwald, Dan Vorst

Gifts: Volunteer

*Interested in taking up Offertory Gifts? Please contact:
 Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861 for dates January thru June
 Deb Cross – 419-453-3682 for dates July thru December*

PRAY THE ROSARY - Jean Alt, Jodi Altenburger,
 Wendy Altenburger, Betty Altenburger, Linda Altenburger,
 Deb Altenburger, Bettie Altenburger

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Isaiah 50: 5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING: Jann Eickholt

COLLECTION REPORT: (Week of 8/30/15)

Budget: \$5,200.00

Sunday Collection: 4,181.00

UNDER BUDGET: **-\$1,019.00**

Parish Center: \$120.00

There will be a meeting of the Funeral Liturgy Team on Thursday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room of the Ottoville Parish Center. Please bring your books. Call Pat Ricker at (419) 453-3256 should you have questions.

Junior High, High School, and Confirmation Classes start on Wednesday evenings at the end of this month. Sophomore class teachers are needed. It would be great if we could have a husband/wife team or we can split the class and have two teachers. Sophomore class leaders are not "teaching" as much as they are facilitating group discussions. Please don't just think that someone else will do it because they are thinking the same thing. Come forward and share your faith with the young people of our parish.

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60+ years of marriage. The 2015 Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Mass and Reception will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Please register by contacting the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513. Rosary Altar Society is asked to bring up to 10 dozen cookies or cupcakes for the reception following mass. Anyone wishing to donate cookies or cupcakes should contact Anne Landwehr at (419) 453-3391 as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday (9/8) 11:00 a.m. - Mass at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine south of Bellevue with Bishop Daniel Thomas to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of the Precious Blood (CPPS) and the 165th Anniversary of the Shrine.

Wednesday (9/9) 6:30 p.m. - Free Parenting Class at YMCA in Ottawa. This week's topic is "Responsible Fatherhood." Call (419) 890-5114 to register.

Saturday (9/12) - 8:30 a.m. - Mass/Retreat at Domus Angelorum Retreat House, 21706 State Route 114 in Cloverdale. The topic is "The Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity." Cost is \$10.00 per person. Bring a packed lunch.

Saturday (9/12) 10:00 a.m. - National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Swanton.

Saturday (9/12) 10:00 a.m. - RECHARGE YOUR SOUL 2015 Summer Gathering for Young Adults 11:00 to 8:00 at Our Lady of Consolation National Shrine in Carey



Do you know a WWII Veteran? Putnam County Homecare and Hospice will be conducting group interviews of our county's WWII veterans on September 29th and 30th at 4 locations throughout the county. These locations include The Meadows of Kalida, Ottawa and Leipsic, and Hilty Memorial Home in Pandora. If you know a veteran who is able to participate in this project, and is willing to share stories that will be videotaped and provided to area schools and libraries for future reference, please call the Homecare and Hospice office at (419) 523-4449. Ask for Julie or Kathy for more information and/or to register. Deadline for registration is September 21st.

The Cemetery Board is pleased to report that the first of the Capital Improvement projects is well underway. The new iron fence is in construction and the new footers will be poured soon. A special thanks to project leaders Gary Schlagbaum as well as all the volunteers who are contributing their time and expertise to this community venture. The Board would also like to thank you for your kind donations. We have the new fence covered financially and will continue with paving the new addition if donations continue. Please contact Jim Eickholt, Cemetery Board President, if you have any questions. Gratefully,
 - The St. Mary's Cemetery Board

Regarding Absolution for the Sin of Abortion-In advance of the forthcoming "*Jubilee of Mercy*," beginning December 8, 2015, Pope Francis this week issued a letter which expressed his desire that the year be "*for all believers a true moment of encounter with the mercy of God.*"

Regarding the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)-The true nature of God's mercy is forgiveness and cannot be denied to one who has repented when that person approaches the Sacrament of Confession with a sincere heart in order to obtain reconciliation with the Father. There has always been the point of discretion in the absolving of the sin. One must have a contrite heart and seek to move from the sin, any sin, even the sin of abortion. Some may have confusion in regards to the Pope's statement but, under Church law, the priests of the Diocese of Toledo for decades have, in fact, had this merciful authority delegated to them by the Bishop of Toledo to absolve the sin of abortion, and to lift any accompanying penalty. The same applies to virtually all of the dioceses in the United States. Anyone who has confessed and been forgiven of this sin in recent decades in our Diocese can be assured that the priest acted with the proper authority to absolve and reconcile them to the Lord and to the Church.

Any Catholic who has been involved in any way in an abortion is encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and thereby experience the reconciling love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anyone who has been involved in an abortion can seek comfort by contacting Catholic Charities' Project Rachel, which is the Catholic Church's diocesan-based ministry to those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. This nationwide ministry cares for and assists mothers, fathers, family members, friends, and people of faith or no faith who seek compassionate, non-judgmental help. Project Rachel reaches out to all to extend God's mercy, healing and love. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, please contact our Project Rachel Referral Line at 1-888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811 or email projectrachel@toledodiocese.org.





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