



The Parish Community of
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**First Sunday of Advent
 November 30, 2008**

Pastor: Father John Stites
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Deacon: Deacon Jose' Flores

Coordinator of Religious Education:
 Mrs. Jean Byrne – 419-453-3702

Youth Minister:
 Mrs. Renee Kelch – 419-453-2159

Sacristan/Banners/Bows:
 Mrs. Anne Landwehr – 419-453-3391

Liturgy Committee:
 Mr. Jerry Hohlbein – 419-453-3685

Director of Music/Flowers:
 Mrs. Irene Miller – 419-453-3275

Maintenance:
 Mr. Dave Koester – 419-453-3513

Parish Center Manager:
 Mr. Hubie Byrne – 419-615-8891

Secretary/Bookkeeper:
 Mrs. Patty Koester – 419-453-3513

Parish Office: Located in the Parish Center
 Office hours Monday through Friday, 8 AM – 3 PM
 Phone: 419-453-3513 Email: immac@bright.net

Home Bound Support Group:
 Mrs. Mary Lou Miller – 419-453-3480
 Mrs. Mary Ann Beining – 419-453-3680

Parish Council:
 Mr. Kevin Horstman -Pres.
 Mrs. Mary Ann Beining Mrs. Virginia Beining
 Mr. Ron Hemker Mrs. Barb Hoersten
 Mr. Jim Hoersten Mrs. Janice Schlagbaum
 Mr. Adam Schnipke Mr. Gary Turnwald
 Mr. Brad Turnwald Mr. Eddie Luersman

Finance Committee: Mike Ruen, Chairman
Cemetery Sexton: Marty Gerdeman – 419-453-3288
Cemetery Board President:
 Mrs. Lenora Ball – 419-453-3861

PARISH SCHEDULE:

Weekend Masses:
 Saturday: 4 PM
 Sunday: 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Daily Masses:
 Monday: NO MASS
 Tuesday: 7 PM
 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:10 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Saturday: 3:15 PM

Baptism Instruction:
 Second Saturday at 10 AM in the basement at Fort Jennings rectory. Upcoming dates: December 13, 2008 and February 14, 2009. Instructions are for parents who celebrate the birth of their first child. It is highly recommended that you attend instructions before the birth of the child. Please call the office to register.

Baptisms:
 Baptisms are celebrated anytime agreeable with Deacon Jose' or Father John. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the office.

Engaged Couples Conference: First Sunday of March and November.

New parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call the office.

Please note: Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at 9 AM in writing, email, or fax.

Parish Website:
www.immaculateconceptionottoville.parishesonline.com



BANNS: The following couple asks for your prayerful support as they prepare for their marriage:
 (III) Jason Markward & Aubrey Elston

BAPTISMS: Chaz Howard Spencer & Zachary James Spencer, sons of Justin & Nickole (Bland) Spencer

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS: If you would be interested in serving as a member of our Parish Council please call the parish office. Requirements are that you are 18 years old or older.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: If your family would like to come forward at the beginning of Mass to light the Advent Wreath candle for a specific Mass, please call the office, 419-453-3513, and give us your name, the weekend, and Mass that fits your schedule. It would be great to have a different family for each week. - Fr. John

Rosary-Altar Society pre-Christmas Party is December 1 following 6 PM Mass. Each lady is to bring a covered dish for our potluck supper. Meat and beverage will be provided. Jan Zerkel is chairlady with a committee of Carol Byrne, Darlene Maenle, Viv Langhals & Donna Wannemacher. Program will be a dice game. Females of the parish over 18 years of age are members of the Rosary-Altar Society. Join us for a fun evening.

Donated mums may be picked up in the servers (right) side of the sacristy.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

"God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son..." Soon it will be Christmas, the most beautiful season of the year. If this time of joy is to have any real significance for us, Christ must be the center of our Christmas celebration. You can begin by attending a Penance Service.

Tues., Dec. 9, New Cleveland Holy Family – 7 PM
 Wed., Dec. 10, Kalida St. Michael – 4 & 7 PM
 Thurs., Dec. 11, Glandorf St. John – 4 & 7 PM
 *Sun., Dec. 14, Ottoville Immaculate Conception – 2 PM
 Sun., Dec. 14, Leipsic St. Mary – 7 PM
 Mon., Dec. 15, Columbus Grove St. Anthony – 4 & 7 PM
 Wed., Dec. 17, Ft. Jennings St. Joseph – 7 PM
 Mon., Dec. 22, Ottawa SS Peter & Paul – 4 & 7 PM

To donate a **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** in memory of a loved one, place \$13 in an envelope with all the necessary information and drop the envelope in the collection basket by December 21 or call Irene Miller, 419-453-3275. Envelopes at church entrances.

THE MEN'S CHOIR will sing December 6 at the 4 PM Mass.

YOUTH CHOIR Christmas musical drama "Hotel Bethlehem" is December 7 at 3 PM in the Parish Gymnasium after the Winterfest. All are welcome. FREE admission.

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service will be December 3 at Lima St. Gerard's starting at 7 PM. There will be a Sacrament of the Sick and individual prayer ministry immediately following Mass. If you long to experience the powerful presence of God in your life, treat yourself to this special Mass and healing service. Come and receive what God has to offer. You will leave refreshed, renewed and healed. For more information call the Ministry of Catholic Charismatic Renewal office at 419-691-6686.

First Sunday of Advent

LITURGIES

S(30th) 8:00 a.m. Marjorie E. Dunlap
 10:30 a.m. Margaret Honigford
 M(1st) 6:00 p.m. Deceased members of the
 Rosary/Altar Society
 T(2nd) 7:00 p.m. Hubert Altenburger
 W(3rd) 8:10 a.m. David Miller
 Th(4th) 8:10 a.m. Jeff & Doloris Wurst
 F(5th) 8:10 a.m. Ray Miller
 S(6th) 1:00 p.m. WEDDING:
 Jason Markward & Aubrey Elston
 4:00 p.m. Helen L. Miller
 S(7th) 8:00 a.m. Armella Turnwald
 10:30 a.m. Adam Eickholt

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS OF MASS:

SERVERS: WEEKDAYS: 7:00 p.m. & 8:10 a.m.
 Joel Beining, Anna Bendele, Kyle Bendele
SAT: 4:00 PM: Kendra Eickholt, Dylan Klima,
 Audrey Rieger
SUN: 8:00 AM: Kenny Jackson, Austin Meyer,
 Gayle Rayman
10:30 AM: Steven Eickholt, Melany Honigford,
 Joshua Rellinger

ATTENTION!! Please pick up your new Ministers of Mass schedule in the back center vestibule!

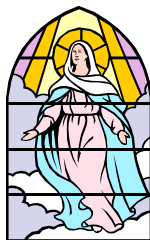
LECTORS: Dorothy Flores, Rose Wenzlick,
 Cheryl Beining

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

4:00 PM: Host: Kathy Beining, Beth Eickholt,
 Judy Eickholt, Jill Wenzlick
Cup: Judith Eickholt, Peggy Pohlman
Choir: Donald Warnecke (Total 7)
8:00 AM: Host: Marie Grote, Anne Landwehr,
 Patricia Ricker
Cup: Marcia Eickholt, Angie Niemeyer
Choir: Jan Von Lehmden (Total 6)
10:30 AM: Host: Michelle Giesige, Amy Hohlbein,
 Jill Hohlbein, Jane Turnwald
Cup: Dee Dee & Don Schlagbaum
Choir: Bonnie Beining (Total 7)

USHERS:

4:00 PM: Anthony Davis, Jerry Kaverman,
 Dale Martin, Gary Turnwald
8:00 AM: Bob Bendele, Joel Edelbrock,
 Arnold Rode, Roger Ruen
10:30 AM: Bill Beining, Tom Markward,
 John Schlagbaum, Jerry Turnwald



GIFTS:

4:00 PM: Aaron & Renee Burgei
8:00 AM: Volunteers
10:30 AM: Troy & Miss Wenzlick

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

December 8: 8:10 AM Servers: Morgan Beining,
 Tyler Roby, Courtney Von Sossan
Lector: Elementary Student
Ushers: Elementary Students
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Lenora Ball, Jean Byrne,
 Mary Lou Miller, Nancy Vetter **Cup:** Helen & Jack
 Devitt
December 8: 7 PM Servers: Haylee Koester,
 Luke Schimmoeller, Nicole Vorst
Lector: Shayla Koester
Ushers: Darren & Julie Schimmoeller,
 Derek Schimmoeller, Dan Vorst
Eucharistic Ministers: Host: Julie Brickner,
 Rose Brickner, Jim Hoersten, Julie Nussbaum
Cup: Ginny Beining, Toni Rieger
Choir: Sharon Brickner

PRAY THE ROSARY

Sandy Markward, Barb Markward, Amy Martin,
 Sue Martin, Virginia Martin, Pat Martin, Shanda Martz

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

ALTAR/SANCTURY CLEANING:

Marge Hicks, Manager

SUNDAY COLLECTION: Budget: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection & All Saints: 5,042.97

Above Budget: +42.97

Parish Center: \$23

THANK YOU!!!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STEEPLE REPAIR:

Total as of November 21 - \$12,483

THANK YOU!

A Sincere "Thank You" to the family of Armella Turnwald for the generous donation made to the Parish Steeple Fund in Armella's memory.

The St. Mary's Cemetery Board would also like to thank the family of Armella Turnwald for the generous donation made to the cemetery in Armella's memory.

ICY Group Babysitting Service: Shop, wrap gifts, or just get some time away December 6 from 5-10 PM in Parish Center Fitness Room. Games, activities and a visit from Santa for the kids. Call 419-453-2159 with questions.

C.L.C. Christmas Party is December 15 at 6 PM in the Parish Center Family Room. Dinner at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$5. Fort Jennings CLC will be guests. Games, entertainment and door prizes following the meal. RSVP to Jean Hilvers, 419-453-3540, or Ruth Miller, 419-453-3187 by December 9. Please bring your recipes for the CLC convention cookbook. They will all be sent in together.

Christmas Open House at the **Ottoville-Monterey Twp. Library** is December 8 from 5-6:30 PM. Santa will visit with surprises for the kids and pictures from 5-6 PM and Christmas Story time from 6-6:30 PM. There will be refreshments, festivities & door prizes. Also, check out the 'Make It/Take It' table of Christmas Crafts all during December. Call 419-453-2111 with questions.

BIG GREEN SPIRIT CLOTHING – If you placed an order, your items will be available for pick-up in the Scout Room December 6 from 10 AM – 1 PM. Thanks for your support!

"Swing into the Christmas Season" Dance sponsored by the Putnam County Council on Aging is December 10 at the Kalida K of C hall from 3-5 PM. The AI Best Band is performing. Sandwich buffet at 4:45 PM. Ticket price is \$5. Call the Council on Aging, 419-523-4121, for ticket info.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Today's gospel warns about routines and specifically mentions eating and drinking, raising a family, working and preparing meals. STAY AWAKE because routines can numb you to God breaking into your daily life, calling you to higher ground, "when you least expect."

2009 Collection envelopes are available in the vestibule of church. If you don't find a box there for you, call the office, 419-453-3513. Thanks!