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BULLETIN ARTICLES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY
10:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY**MASS SCHEDULE**

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions

- 9/19 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Cletus and Alice Maag Family
 5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 9/20 (Sunday)
 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
10:30 a.m. David Hohlbein
Edward, Mike, and Ed Garlock
- 9/23 (Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Lawrence and Agatha Trentman Family
- 9/24 (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. The William Gruelick Family
 7:00 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 9/25 (Friday)
8:00 a.m. John Grote
 9:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 9/26 (Saturday)
12:30 p.m. Wedding: Ryan Kahle and Anna Bendele
4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Jerome and Anna Marie Eickholt Family
Deceased Members of the Ottoville Class of 1970
 5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 9/27 (Sunday)
 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
10:30 a.m. Dennis and Marcus Landin

ALL MASSES CELEBRATED AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH ARE BROADCAST LIVE ON OTEC CABLE CHANNEL 71.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
 in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 Come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.



WEDDING BANNS: The following couple requests your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming wedding:
Ryan Kahle and Anna Bendele (III)

Next Weekend's Readings (September 26-27, 2020)
 Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32



Dear Padre' ...Question: What is a just wage, what does God consider just?

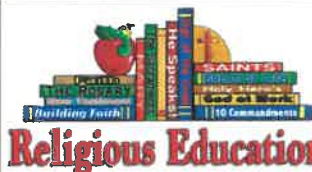
Jesus told a parable this week of the workers in the vineyard. When we know and follow Jesus, we will also know the privilege of serving unreservedly in his vineyard. We were not the first called and we will not be the last to be called...but we will have the same

opportunity and reward awaiting us.

Imagine working an entire day for the same pay as a person who worked only for one hour. Our sense of justice may lead one to be outraged. In society, a just wage is offered and a just wage is agreed upon. When we accept that wage we are obligated to complete the task before us. It's fair. It's right.

I was 55 when I was ordained while some are ordained as young as age 26, but we still agree upon the same wage. One may have more experience, maturity, and education but we all start the same. Yes, I had many, many more years of maturity, a whole lot more experience, and even more education. The ministry though was based still on serving God equally, the just reward will be the same in the end.

St Teresa of Avila expressed it this way: *"We should forget the number of years we have served him, for the sum total of all we can do is worthless by comparison with a single drop of the blood which the Lord shed for us. The more we serve him, the more deeply we fall into his debt."* Jesus' death and resurrection transformed the world, filling it with his love. Our lives are equal and the same for all from moment of conception to our natural death. When we know and follow Jesus, we will know the privilege of serving unreservedly.
 ~ Padre Jerry



Religious Education

Religious Education—Classes will begin Wednesday, September 23 for grades 1-6 and Wednesday, September 30 for grades 7-12. Please remember to drop off and pick up your child at the designated locations! **First**

Grade drop off and pick up location is the Fitness Room (K of C) doors. **Second Grade, Third Grade, and Fifth Grade** drop off and pick up location is the Main/Front (Banquet Hall) doors (on 224). Please make sure you drop your child off at these doors so that your car is facing west and you are parked beside the sidewalk with the passenger door facing the parish center. We do **NOT** want children walking across 224. **Fourth Grade** drop off and pick up location is the Gym doors. **Sixth Grade through 12th Grade**—Drop off and pick up is the doors located by the Scout Room. No cars should be driving through the gym parking lot unless you have a first grade or fourth grade drop off. Also, dismissal times will be staggered. **High School** (9-12) will be dismissed at 7:25, **Grades 6-8** will be dismissed at 7:27, and **elementary** (1-5) will be dismissed at 7:30 pm.



There will be an **Outdoor Polka Mass** here at Immaculate Conception in the Gazebo facing the south side parking lot on Saturday, October 3rd at 4:00p.m. In celebration of our German heritage and to kick off our October Parish Festival the following day, all are welcome to join us.

Bring a lawn chair and please maintain social distancing! Come and enjoy a fun but spiritual Mass! **Gottes Segen!**

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUG 2020

OPERATING INCOME

Sunday Collections		\$	21,356.25
<i>Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)</i>	\$ 5,085.00		
<i>Adult Envelopes</i>	15,519.00		
<i>Teen/Children Envelopes</i>	87.00		
<i>Loose Cash</i>	665.25		
Assumption of Mary			351.00
Stipends/Stole Fees			920.00
Religious Education Income			210.00
Energy			606.00
Parish Center Sunday Contributions			856.00
Parish Center Rental Income			2,200.00
General ICY Ministry Income			190.00
Bulletin Advertising			600.00
Parish Charities (Food Shelf)			
Festival Income—Tickets Returned	\$ 9,645.00		620.00
Dinners Income	3,168.36		13,618.36
Misc. Income	105.00		
Raffle Booth Income	700.00		
Misc. Income (Vigil Lights/Flowers/ Candles/Etc.)			116.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 41,643.61

OPERATING EXPENSES

Wages/Taxes/Payroll/Benefits		\$	13,411.11
Administrative/Office/Copier Expenses			895.01
Altar, Sanctuary, Liturgy Expenses			142.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance/Supplies			312.16
Rectory/Pastor Expenses			567.98
Religious Education Expenses			140.81
CYO Volleyball Expenses			280.31
Parish Charities Expense (Food Shelf)			153.00
COVID-19 Expenses			775.05
Festival Expenses			1,043.43
Big Ticket Expenses	\$874.65		
Dinner Expenses	168.78		
Miscellaneous Expenses			14.50
Utilities			\$ 2,589.83
Electricity	\$ 2,124.86		
Telephone/Internet	\$ 192.33		
Gas	\$ 95.48		
Fire Alarm System	\$ 33.41		
Garbage	\$ 143.75		

Diocesan Assessment \$ 5,047.72

Protected Auto Insurance	\$ 55.00
Protected Self Insurance	2,005.00
Unemployment Insurance	20.09
Worker's Compensation Insurance	22.43
Diocesan Assessment	2,343.00
Scholarship Assessment	117.00
Diocesan Priest's Retirement	485.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 25,372.91

TOTAL MONTHLY NET INCOME \$ 16,270.70

NON-OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSES

Interest (Endowment Funds)	\$	255.91
Window Restoration Project Income	\$	464.00
Rectory Building Fund Income	\$	2,400.00
Church Repair Income—Envelopes/Donations	\$	26,090.00
Church Repair Expense (Parking Lot Paving)	\$	48,900.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES

	<u>8/1/2020</u>	<u>8/31/2020</u>
	<i>Beginning</i>	<i>Ending</i>
	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Balance</i>
IC General Operating Account	\$ 109,909.27	\$ 124,919.45
IC Church Repair Account	282,502.44	262,754.61
Diocesan Church Repair Account	379,513.62	379,513.62
Diocesan Savings Account	103,103.27	103,103.27
Diocesan Educational Foundation	13,819.86	13,877.60

MINISTERS OF MASS

If you feel uncomfortable and would prefer not to be a Minister of Mass due to COVID-19 situation, we understand. Please do your best to find a replacement.

SERVERS

Sept. 26 (Saturday) 4:00	Evan Altenburger, Carlie Bellman, Jack Langhals
Sept. 27 (Sunday) 10:30	Jessa and Cayden Burgei, Isabelle Moreno

LECTORS

Sept. 26 (Saturday) 4:00	Carl Turnwald
Sept. 27 (Sunday) 10:30	Rochelle Trenkamp

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sept. 26 (Saturday) 4:00	Michelle Leach, Lisa Bendele
Sept. 27 (Sunday) 10:30	Nancy Vetter, Jan Von Lehmden

USHERS

Sept. 26 (Saturday) 4:00	Brian Altenburger, Joel Edelbrock
Sept. 27 (Sunday) 10:30	Evan and Mark Turnwald

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

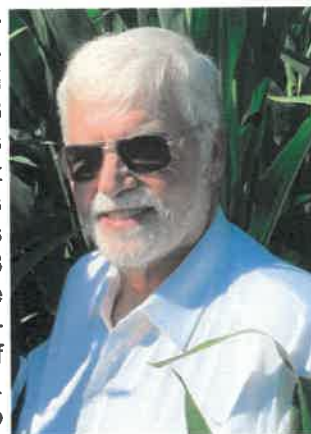
September 20 (Sunday)	Monica Wiseman
September 21 (Monday)	Lauren Wueller
September 22 (Tuesday)	Anne Wurst
September 23 (Wednesday)	Jessica Wurst
September 24 (Thursday)	Phyllis Wurst
September 25 (Friday)	Joan Ziegler
September 26 (Saturday)	Sarah Zeller



ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING

For the week of September 20th: Deb Burgei

We would like to recognize a full-time farmer who you can always find on the end rows of a corn field admiring what was planted just 3 months ago! **Ron Hemker** has always been passionate about farming after listening to the stories of his grandpa and uncles, since his early teens, with his wife Anne of 48 years by his side. Ron and Anne have 4 children and 7 grandchildren and a long history of service to Immaculate Conception. Ron began by memorizing Latin to be a Mass server. From 1968-1970



he served in the Army as an artillery surveyor with a Missile Battalion in Northern Italy. When Ron returned to the states he became involved with the parish as a Lector and Usher/Greeter. He served 3 terms on the Parish Council. He is a member of the K of C having served as a Grand Knight and currently serving as the financial secretary. Part of being a K of C member, Ron has organized many parish-activities such as the festival Beer tent and the Memorial Day Mass. He enjoys leading the rosary for Masses also. Ron's involvement in the community does not go unnoticed, as he was a member and president of the Jaycees, a Jackson Township trustee for 36 years, and is a member of the Lions Club, American Legion and Ottoville V.F.W. Ron Hemker is always willing to help when called upon! We salute you this week for your wonderful service and commitment to our parish community and our country!



ROSARY RECITINGS

MEETING DATES: First Monday evening in the months of October November, December, March, April, and May.

Food Shelf



The Immaculate Conception Food Shelf continues to serve those in need during these difficult times. The shelves need to continue to be re-stocked. If you can help, please drop off items any time (24/7) in the Parish Office Lobby. We will be happy to unpack for you! **We are currently in need of laundry detergent/supplies, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, dishwashing liquid, spices, juices, etc.** God bless you for helping others in need!

Jesus issued an invitation to his disciples to COME AND SEE! He invited them to test the waters and learn through experience. Come and see what life as a Sister is like. Join other young adult women to explore the call to religious life and learn more about the Sisters of the Precious Blood. A virtual retreat will be held in a series of 4 one-hour zoom calls beginning at 7:30 p.m. each evening, Monday through Thursday, September 21-25th. For information and to register, go to: tinyurl.com/pbcomeandsee.

With God, every day matters,
every person counts.
And that includes you.



KNIGHTS NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 2238
Ottoville, Ohio

MEETING DATES:

2nd Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
(No Wednesday meetings during summer)

New Members are always welcome!

The Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, will be having their Customer Appreciation Week September 22th to September 26th. Save 10% on your entire purchase. For more information, "Like" Mustard Seed Gift Shop on Facebook, visit them at www.mustardseedgiftshop.com, or call (419) 538-7220.

Support Our Retired Priests! Please consider a donation to the Perpetuate The Gift appeal. Your gift directly assists our retired diocesan priests. After a priest retires, typically in his 70s, he is responsible for his personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed between September 19, 2020 and December 31, 2020 assists our assessed parish contribution to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, P.O. Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 or placed in the parish collection. A gift may also be made online by selecting the Give tab at www.toledodiocese.org. If you would like to give a gift of stock or designate a bequest to help our retired priests, please contact Brian Doyle at (419) 214-4951 or bdoyle@toledodiocese.org To make a gift now on your

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CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 1ST OF 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 13

Since participation in political life is a moral obligation, Catholics need to form their conscience with the mind and heart of the Church on issues of consequence. This outline is the first of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This first outline will provide a framework to examine all the other issues effecting the human person by answering the question: what is Catholic Social Teaching?

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) “Is built on the foundation handed on by the apostles to the Fathers of the Church and then received and further explored by the great Christian doctors. It is attested to by the saints and by those who gave their lives for Christ.” Specifically, “It is an expression of the prophetic task of the supreme pontiffs to give apostolic guidance to the church of Christ and to discern the new demands of evangelization.” (Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, 12)

This prophetic teaching from the heart of the church, “Rests on the threefold cornerstone of human dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity.” (Saint John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America*, 55) Along with the idea that we should search for the “common good” these are the preeminent themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

- 1. Human Dignity:** Every human person conceived is made in the image and likeness of God and is thus deserving of fundamental rights and respect, including first and foremost, the right to life.
- 2. Solidarity:** As Pope Francis has said we have a ‘common father’ and thus we all belong to one family. Being a part of one family we have a responsibility to care for one another.
- 3. Subsidiarity:** The belief that problems are best handled at the level in which they arise. Subsidiarity then insists on limits to State’s intervention in the affairs of the family and society.

It is from the dignity of the human person that all of Catholic Social Teaching flows. Being made in God’s image and likeness, Catholic’s must defend the dignity of each human life especially when life is in its most vulnerable state. This is why in their 2020 introductory letter to “*Faithful Citizenship*” the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote:

The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed. (<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-introductory-letter>)

Beyond the threat of abortion, Catholic Social Teaching communicates that the key to addressing issues of justice and the serious destruction of our society begins with the family. CST defines the family as “Founded on marriage, in which the mutual gift of self by husband and wife creates an environment in which children can be born and develop their potentialities, become aware of their dignity and prepare to face their unique and individual destiny.” (Saint John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 39) Indeed, it is the family, “In which man receives his first formative ideas about truth and goodness, and learns what it means to love and to be loved, and thus what it actually means to be a person.” (CA, 39)

In summation, as we form our conscience, build a culture of life and love, and vote; it is imperative that we direct our minds and hearts, those whom we love, and those we encounter every day to the Church’s fruitful vision for the sanctity of life and the sacredness of the family. For it is from the family that “citizens come to birth” for the “development of society itself.” (Saint John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*, 42)

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, prange@toledodiocese.org.

Learn more and watch videos at www.awakencatholic.org/election. Read the party platforms: Democratic Party, <https://bit.ly/3hrosqq>; Republican Party, <https://bit.ly/3hqWV8D> (Note: Rep. Party voted to continue their 2016 Platform)

2020

Immaculate Conception



Sunday, October 4th

THE POPULAR FESTIVAL MEAL

- Drive-thru Carry Out ONLY
- Tickets are PRE-SALE ONLY
- Cost = \$10.00 each
- Meal includes: chicken and beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, noodles, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll
- Purchase tickets in Parish Office during normal business hours and after masses September 19-20.
- Last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, September 20th.

50/50 Tickets will be available at the end of the drive-thru line.

RAFFLE BOOTH

- OVER 100 ITEMS have been donated by generous parishioners and businesses!!!!!!
- Items are on display in the Parish Center Knights of Columbus/Fitness Room.
- Ticket Cost = \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
- Items can be seen and tickets purchased at the following times:
 - Normal Parish Office hours (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday
 - Wednesday evening, September 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, September 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday evening, October 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - After weekend masses on September 19-20 and 26-27 for approximately 1 hour
 - Day of the Festival/Dinner from 11:00 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Drawings will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th. We hope to broadcast the drawings on Facebook Live.
- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the drawings will not be open to the public.
- Watch FACEBOOK for pictures of donated items!

BIG TICKETS

- Ticket Cost = \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
- Early bird drawings for a chance to win \$100 will be held after the 10:30 a.m. mass on September 20 and 27.
- To be eligible, tickets must be returned to the Parish Office no later than 3:00 p.m. the Friday before the drawing.
- See the drawing live on Facebook!
- **WEEK ONE Winner** was Marge Hicks!!

THANK YOU!!!

We want to sincerely thank everyone who donated to the Festival Raffle Booth—whether it be by donating an item, a gift card, or a cash donation. There are some great prizes available!!