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The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?

- Matthew Chapter 21



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: First time parents are required to attend baptism instruction. Baptisms are normally celebrated during or after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass or anytime agreeable with Father Jerry. To arrange Baptism or instruction, call the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.

MATRIMONY: The Diocese of Toledo requests that all marriage dates be scheduled through the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. Engaged couples must meet with Father Jerry before a wedding can be scheduled. Joy Filled Marriage workshop information can be found at the website www.ifmtoledo.eventbrite.com. Contact the Parish Office to have Wedding Banns published in the bulletin.

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions

- 10/3 (Saturday)
4:00 p.m. Ray Miller
 5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/4 (Sunday)
 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
10:30 a.m. Gerald Fischbach, Anna Schweller and Henry Schweller
- 10/7 (Wednesday)
8:00 a.m. Don Herman
Roger Miller—7 Day
- 10/8 (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. Leona Kemper
 7:00 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/9 (Friday)
8:00 a.m. Earl and Priscilla Wannemacher
John Schneider—7 Day
 9:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/10 (Saturday)
 1:00 p.m. *Wedding: Kenneth Jackson and Marissa Nienberg*
4:00 p.m. Bernard, Barbara, and Gerald Kramer
Deceased Members of the Ottoville Class of 1965
 5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/11 (Sunday)
 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
10:30 a.m. Edward, Mike, and Ed Garlock
Nancy Spencer—7 Day
7:30 p.m. Outdoor HOLY HOUR

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 BANNES: The following couples requests your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming weddings:

- Matt Turnwald and Madalyn Heiman (I)
 Adam Schimmoeller and Erin Hohlbein (II)
 Kenneth Jackson and Marissa Nienberg (III)



Dear Padre'...Question: It seems like I often am quick to judge?

There is an old saying: You only get one chance to make a first impression. Some experts go so far as to say your one chance lasts only 3 seconds. Studies have shown that within the first 3 seconds that you meet someone new, you will have sized them up to be rich or poor, smart or dull, uptight or laid-back, exciting or boring, nice or mean, and an array of other labels and stereotypes. And the sad part is that you won't even realize you are doing this!

It often seems so natural for humans to decide to automatically judge. But, GOD challenges us to look beyond the exterior. It is too easy to be narrow-minded; to not want to go out of our way to be accepting of others. But, oh the rewards we are missing out on. Think about how boring the world would be if we were all the same. Our individuality is what makes us unique.

Christ doesn't care if we are rich or poor, black or white, or if we are different from each other in any other way. He only cares about what is in our hearts and how we treat each other. He invites us to see Him in one another. Promoting acceptance and diversity in races, religions, gender, physical and mental abilities...that is proof that we are responding to His invitation.

~ Padre' Jerry

The Pope's Monthly Intention

October, 2020 for The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Altar flowers for this weekend are in memory of **Bud and Mary Catherine Koester** and **Ray Miller**.

PRAYER LINE—Prayer is powerful. It can heal, prayer can give, and it can change lives. Many of you may not know that Immaculate Conception Parish does have a wonderful group of ladies who are on the prayer line. Should you wish to have someone placed on the prayer line, do not hesitate to contact the parish office at (419) 453-3513 or Nancy Vetter at (419) 230-2553.



FUNERALS:

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Roger Miller** who passed away on September 24th at the age of 78. Roger is survived by his wife, Marianne and 3 children, Steve Miller, Amy Eichholt, and David Miller. His funeral mass was Monday, September 28th.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Nancy Spencer** who passed away on September 26th at the age of 64. Nancy is survived by two sons, Weston and Justin Spencer. Her funeral mass was Wednesday, September 30th.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **John Schneider** who passed away on September 29th at the age of 71. John is survived by his wife, Patricia and children Bob Hohlbein, Donna German, Mike Hohlbein, and Kelly Kemper. His funeral mass was Thursday, October 1st.

Please remember the family and friends of all our deceased members in your thoughts and prayers. May their souls rest in peace.

Next Weekend's Readings (October 10-11, 2020)

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;
 Matthew 22:1-14

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

You can participate in 3 ways

Prayer & Fasting
Community Outreach
Peaceful Vigil

September 23
to November 1

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-

From September 23 through November 1, our parish community will unite with many others from coast to coast – and internationally – for a major

simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the **40 Days for Life Campaign**. Faithful believers are praying that these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion! **At Immaculate Conception, our hopes are that you include the prayer below in your daily prayers, practice fasting, and also join us for Holy Hour on Sunday October 11th beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the Rosary at the gazebo on the south side of the church.** A great movie for those 17 and older called UNPLANNED can be found in our Parish library and would be a wonderful way to learn more about how Planned Parenthood operates and why as Catholics we must support the pro-life movement. Catholic Charities of Toledo also has opportunities you can participate in. You are invited to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care of Toledo, a local abortion clinic located at 1160 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo. To learn more or to sign up for daily prayer intentions, hours of prayer and information on upcoming events visit: 40daysforlife.com/Toledo. Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 1 million volunteers in over 61 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 17,226 lives have been saved, 206 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 107 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org or Renee Kelch at icyministry@bright.net. JOIN THE MOVEMENT, AND HELP US END ABORTION IN NORTHWEST OHIO!

Prayer for Life

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Creator and Redeemer of all Life. As your creation we thank you for the life we now enjoy.

But we humbly pray in this moment for the lives which are in danger of being ended right now because of abortion. We pray for those children in danger of abortion, and for the mothers, for the fathers, and for the doctors involved. We pray that they may see, as you have allowed us to see, that all life is sacred, holy, and made in your image.

We pray O Jesus, that men and women of all walks of life will come to see the inherent dignity of all of your creation and that one day, all life from the moment of conception to natural death, will enjoy the great gift of life in all its fullness that can only be experienced because of the love you showed on the Cross.

We pray all this through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

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

Oct. 10 (Saturday) 4:00	Olesya Herman, Paige Hoersten, Brooklyn Koester
Oct. 11 (Sunday) 10:30	Dru Hilvers, Joe and Alex Leis

LECTORS

Oct. 10 (Saturday) 4:00	Mary Lou Miller
Oct. 11 (Sunday) 10:30	Rhonda Hilvers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Oct. 10 (Saturday) 4:00	Bonnie Beining, Chris Herman
Oct. 11 (Sunday) 10:30	Sheila Miller, Andy Schimmoeller

USHERS

Oct. 10 (Saturday) 4:00	Jerry Kaverman, Gary Turnwald
Oct. 11 (Sunday) 10:30	Dan Honigford, Gene Miller

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

October 4 (Sunday)	Linda Altenburger
October 5 (Monday)	Wendy Altenburger
October 6 (Tuesday)	Diane Arn
October 7 (Wednesday)	Jamie Averagesch
October 8 (Thursday)	Judy Averagesch
October 9 (Friday)	Amy Bailey
October 10 (Saturday)	Lenora Ball



ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING

For the week of October 4th: Janet Hemker

Sharon Horstman has been a dedicated parishioner of Immaculate Conception by making such beautiful music playing our majestic organ since 1988! Sharon and her husband Joe have been married 59 years, with 4 children and 9 grandchildren. She graduated from Delphos Jefferson and moved to Ottoville in 1970. Sharon is a member of the Ottoville Rosary Altar Society and spearheaded



beginning the current Funeral Committee which helps grieving families coordinate a funeral for their loved ones. She keeps very busy organizing music for the Sunday liturgy and states that she loves doing cut glass projects in her workshop during the winter months as well. Immaculate Conception appreciates Sharon sharing her time and her God given talents with all the parishioners! If you see Sharon reading on her porch, stop in and let her know how much you love and appreciate the gift of music she graciously shares!

DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S 108TH FALL FESTIVAL, October 17 & 18, 2020

Dinner tickets are now on sale for the Delphos St. John's 108th Fall Festival on October 17 and 18. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children (5th grade and younger). All tickets will be pre-sold. Carry-out only dinners will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Enter the high school east parking lot by the St Vincent de Paul building. You will not need to get out of your car. The meals will be delivered to you. We will have volunteers there to direct traffic. Money raffle tickets and instant bingo tickets will be available for purchase while you are waiting in line. Get your chance to win part of the \$6,000.00 drawing to be held Sunday, October 25 live at 7:00 p.m. on the Parish website. The event is open to the public! You will be helping to support the mission at St. John's School. Dinner tickets, and raffle tickets may be purchased at the Ministry Center, high school and elementary school offices or mail your check to: St John's Festival, 201 N Pierce St, Delphos, OH 45833. Specify if you want adult or student tickets and if you want Saturday or Sunday tickets. We will mail your dinner tickets back to you. We look forward to serving you on October 17 and 18.



World Mission Sunday will be celebrated October 17th and 18th. The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is "Here I Am, Send Me." World Mission Sunday is a global effort for the entire Church. All Catholics of the world join into one community of faith to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half of the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please support the missionary work of the church with your prayers and financial assistance.

Come be our guest for mass, dinner and a talk on October 8th at 5:45 p.m. at **St. Charles Church**. The mass and program will also be viewable via live stream at <http://nationalwebcasts.com/webcasts/stcharleslima/>. The speaker will be Brian Walter, President of the Lima Central Catholic Foundation. He will be speaking on the ongoing activities of the Foundation. The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To make a reservation, please call Kathy McGraw at 419-303-0339.

Church Library



NEW Movies in the Parish Library- Check out the Parish Library for the new children's movies! There are also a lot of interesting books and CD's you

can read and listen to while driving looking at the God's beauty in the turning of the leaves and pumpkin picking! Let us know if there is something you would like to see in our library for the winter months.



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Due to church attendance still being low and current pandemic restrictions, we have decided to not officially start Sunday School until after the first of the year, at which point we will re-evaluate the situation. We will however have virtual-type lessons for the months of November and December. How will this work? This will run from November 8 through December 20. You will be able to pick up 7 weeks worth of crafts and then every Sunday a video will be posted on the church's Facebook page. We will read a story and do the craft. Cost for this 7 week session is yet to be determined. If you would like to enroll your pre-kindergarten child ages 3-5 in this November-December session of Immaculate Conception's Sunday School, contact Sara Beining at (419) 230-5823 or send an email to sbbeining@gmail.com by October 11th.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE is from September 23 through November 1. Our parish community will unite with many others from coast to coast and internationally for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization – the **40 Days for Life Campaign**. At Immaculate Conception Parish our hopes are that you include the prayer below in with the 3 ways to participate in the 40 day campaign. Join us for **Holy Hour on Sunday October 11th** beginning at 7:30pm with the Rosary being recited, silent prayer and music, in the gazebo outside facing the south parking lot. Join us as prayerful witnesses to the mission of bringing together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer and fasting, with the purpose of repentance, to seek Gods favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion!

OTTOVILLE WALK PATH WEDNESDAYS - OCTOBER 2020! Come join us for Ottoville Walk Path Wednesdays! It will be held every Wednesday in October (7th, 14th, 21st and 28th) from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Participants will check in at the gazebo at the Ottoville Park and if they provide a donation, they can register to win a \$25 Ottoville Chamber of Commerce gift card. One winner will be chosen each night. A \$200 grand prize gift card will be given away on 10/28. Each time a participant walks - they can register for another chance to win the grand prize. Once checked in, participants are welcome to try out the walk path or walk anywhere around town. All proceeds raised from this event will go toward the Ottoville Park Playground Equipment Fund (a 501 c(3) organization) for improvements along the walk path (i.e. lights and trees). Also, the Ottoville Community Service club is looking for 12 sponsors at \$25 each to help pay for the gift cards, please contact Michelle Kortokrax @ 419.234.7600 if you are interested in supporting this event.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary-Altar will not have any meetings for the remainder of 2020 due to a high rate of Corona Virus in our county. The safety of our regular members is of utmost importance to us.

The Officers will continue to support our causes and we pray That we can convene sometime in 2021.

Food Shelf



The Immaculate Conception Food Shelf continues to serve those in need during these difficult times. The shelves need to continue to be restocked. If you can help, please drop off items

any time (24/7) in the Parish Office Lobby. **Items needed:** peanut butter, jelly, juice, breakfast items, sugar, snacks, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, body wash, canned beef, chili beans, etc. We will be happy to unpack for you! God bless you for helping others in need!

There will be a **Rosary Rally** on Saturday, October 10th at 12:00 p.m. Due to social distancing requirements, it will be held in the Glandorf St. John's Marian Shrine across from the church. The rally is for: Praying the Rosary for America: as human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother, **asking His urgent help**. If you have any questions call **Sandi Glanz** at 419.969.4260.



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!



UPCOMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAMES:

Saturday, October 10th—@ SPPS vs. SPPS
9:00 a.m. 5th Grade
10:00 a.m. 6th Grade
Saturday, October 17th—@ Ottoville vs. Glandorf
9:00 a.m. 5th Grade
10:00 a.m. 6th Grade

MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS
OCTOBER 18—Did you or someone you love lose a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death? Come receive spiritual consolation at the second annual St. Catherine's Embrace Memorial Mass. It will be held on **Sunday, October 18 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, 312 N. Broad Street, Kalida**. All are welcome at this special Mass, whether your loss was recent or years ago. Those outside Putnam County are also warmly invited. If you have questions about the Mass or St. Catherine's Embrace (a new outreach ministry in Putnam County to support families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss), call or text Mary Beth Weisenburger at (419)980-8065, Ruth Gerding at (567)204-1275 or Jill Streicher at (419)796-0637.

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CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 3RD 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 third of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This third outline will provide an overview of the issue of marriage and the family.

Marriage and the Family

The family is the foundational cell of society. That is why the Church teaches what Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 1981:

The future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is therefore indispensable and urgent that every person of good will should endeavor to save and foster the values and requirements of the family. I feel that I must ask for a particular effort in this field from the sons and daughters of the Church... They must show the family special love. This is an injunction that calls for concrete action. (Saint John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, 86)

If the future of humanity passes by the way of the family, Catholics should pay special attention to the political approaches of candidates to the family. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written, Catholics are called to:

Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Handout Part II)

Yet today, we find the family in crisis. As Pope Francis has pointed out:

The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis (which) is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another, it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 66)

This crisis arises from a general lack of openness to life, the use of contraception, absentee fatherhood, and the destruction of what marriage actually is. The Church has always taught that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman that brings them together as husband and wife to be father and mother to any children their union produces.

Marriage is a covenant “by which man and woman establish themselves a partnership of the whole of life that is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1601)

In summation, marriage is the building block of families, and therefore of all human civilization. Marriage then has public, not just private, purposes. The Church recognizes then that marriage is based on the truth that men and women are distinct and complimentary, that having children requires a man and a woman, and that every child deserves both a mom and a dad. Catholics therefore should pay special attention to where candidates stand on the crucial role of the family, that is founded on God’s design for love, between a man and a woman in marriage.

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)