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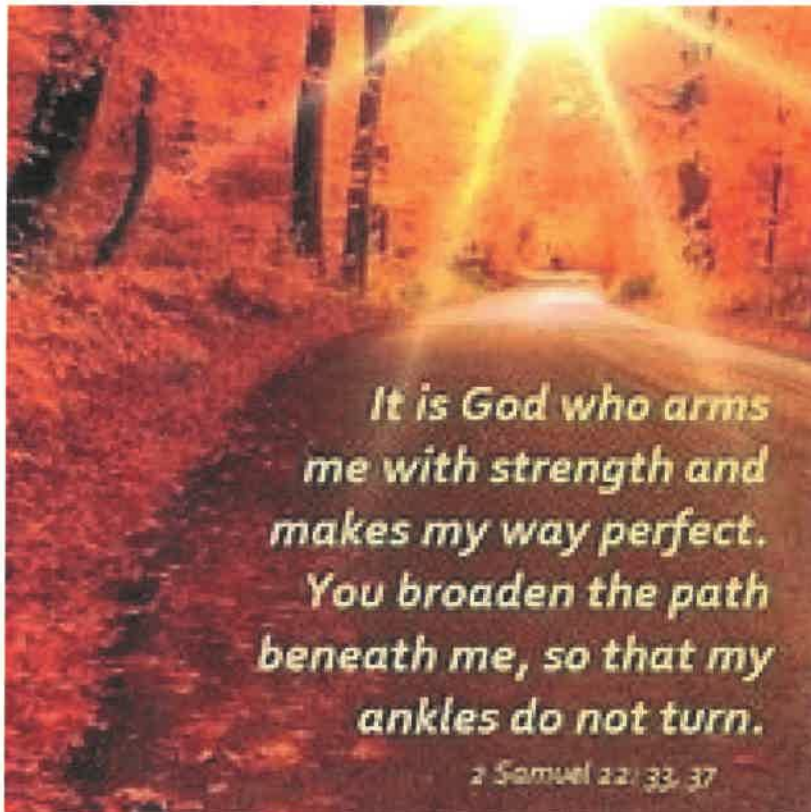
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*It is God who arms
me with strength and
makes my way perfect.
You broaden the path
beneath me, so that my
ankles do not turn.*

2 Samuel 22: 33, 37

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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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

- 10/17 (Saturday)
 - 4:00 p.m. **George Ricker**
 - 5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/18 (Sunday)
 - 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
 - 10:30 a.m. **John Hilvers**
Julius and Rita Beining
- 10/21 (Wednesday)
 - 8:00 a.m. **Marilyn Kaufman**
- 10/22 (Thursday)
 - 8:00 a.m. **Norma Wannemacher**
 - 7:00 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/23 (Friday)
 - 8:00 a.m. **Joan Bruns**
 - 9:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/24 (Saturday)
 - 1:00 p.m. *Wedding: Matt Turnwald and Madalyn Heiman*
 - 4:00 p.m. **Harry and Margie Honigford**
Roger Miller—30 Day
John Schneider—30 Day
 - 5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/25 (Sunday)
 - 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
 - 10:30 a.m. **Bettie J. Altenburger**

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

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 BANS: The following couples requests your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming weddings:
Matt Turnwald and Madalyn Heiman (III)

BAPTISMS on October 18, 2020:

Wells John Petrick
Son of Zach and Adria Petrick
Paxton Lee Martin
Son of Kyle and Kristen Martin



Dear Padre'..Question: I often wonder Who Am I?

Here is an interesting start to your question; you are one of 8 billion people in this world. The world is magnificent in size, but the most important part of it is right under your nose... YOU...your awesome, you're a miracle, but yet you almost didn't exist. Yes, the margin of error for anyone to exist is beyond our fathom.

The human body is remarkable we can't imagine just how important we are at the moment of our conception, how special, and complicated the human person really is. We are a whole lot more than just a blob of matter. You, I, and every person is unique, unique in God's eye. There is something within each of us that drives us. Our intellect is creative. Humans were referred to as rational animals, but there is something else to you and everyone else; we can think, we can decide, we can know, we can love and we have a free will.

You and I along with everyone God created has a soul and without it we would be just a corpus. Our soul is much more than what matter can contain. The ancient Greeks used the word "ensouled" to represent the concept of being "alive". The human soul is the part of a person that is not physical. It is the part of every human being that lasts eternally after the body experiences earthly death. Our soul makes us who we are; to desire, to know, to love, to feel, to experience what matter cannot. We have rights because God gave them to us and they are based in love, because God is love. What beauty you are blessed with. You matter to bring hope to those who are discouraged, disenfranchised or don't know their significance in the world. You will exist forever, because your soul will exist forever. You are on a stage that was set in place long, long ago. How you will play out in it only you will determine. Why, because God loves us and we are part of God's plan. Know that you are unique, you are special. You are who you say you are.

— Padre' Jerry

MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS MEMORIAL MASS—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 **TODAY—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.

ANDREW DINNER —Join Bishop Daniel Thomas, Father Phil Smith and other local priests here at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center for dinner, prayer, and an opportunity to learn more about the diocesan priesthood. The dinner will take place on Sunday, November 1st from 6-8 p.m. Participants should be accompanied by their parish priest. This free event is for young men who are high school or college age. Register with the Office for Diocesan Priestly Vocations by sending an email to psmith@toledodiocese.org or by calling (419) 244-6711, extension 4941. Deadline to register is Friday, October 23rd.

Next Weekend's Readings (October 24-25, 2020)

Exodus 22:20-26; I Thessalonians 1:5c-10;
Matthew 22:34-40

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

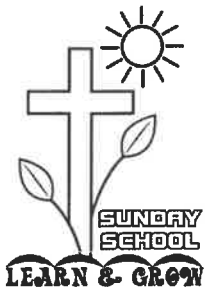
Confirmation

On Saturday, October 31st, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Immaculate Conception. 40 8th grade students will be confirmed. Please keep them and their parents as well as their sponsors in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them as they prepare for this Sacrament.

No one claimed the first 50/50 drawing number so we drew another one! The new winning ticket number is 3889611. Please call the Parish Office if this is your number! The winner will receive \$1050.00!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Due to church attendance still being low and the current restrictions due to COVID-19, 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 November and December. How will this work? Sessions will run from November 8 through December 20. You will be able to pick up 7 weeks worth of crafts and then every weekend a video will be posted on the church's Facebook page. We will read a story and do the craft in that video. 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 by email sbbeining@gmail.com by October 18th. Thank you!



UPCOMING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAMES:
Saturday, October 24th—@ Ottoville vs. Leipsic
9:00 a.m. 5th Grade / 10:00 a.m. 6th Grade

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. 24 (Saturday) 4:00	Kara Burgei, Jayden Saxton, Michael Steffan
Oct. 25 (Sunday) 10:30	Isaac Brinkman, Leah Brinkman, Adam Brinkman

LECTORS

Oct. 24 (Saturday) 4:00	Carl Turnwald
Oct. 25 (Sunday) 10:30	Virginia Beining

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Oct. 24 (Saturday) 4:00	Alyson Saxton, Tammy Saxton
Oct. 25 (Sunday) 10:30	Craig Brinkman, Angie Brinkman

USHERS

Oct. 24 (Saturday) 4:00	Bob Bendele, Kevin Lindeman
Oct. 25 (Sunday) 10:30	Carl Beining, Larry Beining

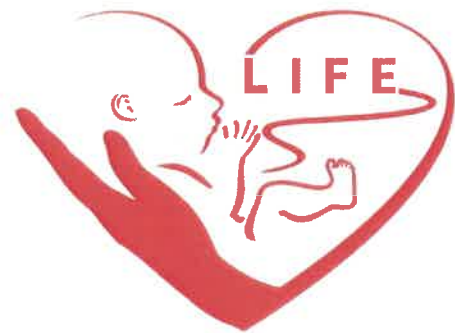
LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

October 18 (Sunday)	Anne Beining
October 19 (Monday)	April Beining
October 20 (Tuesday)	Betty Beining
October 21 (Wednesday)	Brenda Beining
October 22 (Thursday)	Bonnie Beining
October 23 (Friday)	Cheryl Beining
October 24 (Saturday)	Ginny Beining



ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING

For the week of October 18th: Nancy Vetter



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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.



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!

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! God bless you for helping others in need!

Are you a single Catholic woman, age 19-35, seeking a meaningful life of service and dedication to God? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to their virtual **Zoom and See Weekend**, October 23-24, 2020, to join other women discerning whether you are called to religious life – and particularly to life as a Dominican Sister of Adrian. The weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 23rd and concludes at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 24th. It will include time for prayer, silence, faith-sharing, and fun, as well as conversations about Dominican life and the life of a Sister. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For information, contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, Vocation Co-director, at tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org or call or text her at 517-920-1395.



Trunk or Treat will take place on Friday, October 30th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot between the Church and Parish Center. Decorate your vehicle, golf cart, tractor, etc. and come join us!!!

Please wear a mask and practice social distancing!! We recommend that all handing out candy or treats wear gloves (we will have gloves available) and not allow children to reach into bowls or bags. Due to the restrictions involved with COVID-19, we will not be serving hot dogs, chips, and drinks as in the past. Hopefully we can return to this tradition next year!!! **In case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.**

The Village of Ottoville will be having Trick or Treat on Friday, October 30th. From 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. If you would like the youngsters to stop at your house, please be sure to turn your porch light on!

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CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 6TH 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 sixth of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This sixth outline will provide an overview of the issue of racism.

Racism

In their November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote, “Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that . . . all [humans are] equally made in the image of God.” (p.4) Racism fails to acknowledge the dignity with which God creates each person, and it contributes to a culture of death.

Since the Civil Rights Movement in our nation, the country has moved forward in many positive ways past racial discrimination. Nevertheless, the nation still has a long way to go to reach reconciliation on race, as evident by the nightly news. Thus, it is imperative that especially as members of the body of Christ, we seek to reach out and listen to those whose race and ethnicity is different from our own to create a culture of communication, which may then lead to a culture of communion. As the USCCB states:

We cannot, therefore, look upon the progress against racism in recent decades and conclude that our current situation meets the standard of justice. In fact, God demands what is right and just. As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice. Many groups, such as the Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Poles, Jews, Chinese, and Japanese, can attest to having been the target of racial and ethnic prejudice in this country. It is also true that many groups are still experiencing prejudice, including rising anti-Semitism, the discrimination many Hispanics face today, and anti-Muslim sentiment. Especially instructive at this moment, however, are the historical and contemporary experiences of Native and African Americans. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.10)

It is therefore incumbent upon Catholic Christians to reach outside of our comfort zones to communities different from our own to help rebuild a fractured human family. For while we may not be hurting from the scars of racism, members of our Church and the human family are. Racism ultimately then is an attack on human life and the human family, thus we are called to respond forcefully to it because of its broad range of effects into other areas which effect the dignity of the human person. As the USSCB has written:

The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life. It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.30)

In summation, racism is an issue that still exists in our society. As Catholic faithful, we must lead the way in how we speak, act and love each member of our human family. Correspondingly, we should desire candidates that uphold the dignity of every human person, no matter their race or ethnicity.

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)

OCTOBER

fast for holy families

We invite you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith and one another during the months of September, October, and November. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer.

In October, we will fast for the intention of holy families. More information will be shared in the bulletin and social media. You can also visit ReconnectToledo.org/October.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Fourth Week of October



Fast

You might choose other works of charity or exercises of piety to take the place of fasting and abstinence. This week refrain from eating out or having your favorite meal – instead, eat a nutritious meal that isn't your first choice.



Pray

Go on a pilgrimage together. Pilgrimages have a long and rich history in the Catholic Church. For many centuries, men and women have prayerfully traveled to holy sites across the world. Although we often think of pilgrimages involving long, often international, journeys, we can certainly make pilgrimages no matter what our budget or travel restrictions may be. The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, by the Congregation for Divine Worship, states that, among other things, “a pilgrim goes to a shrine to encounter God, to be in His presence, and to offer Him adoration in worship, and to open his heart to Him.” Even a journey to a shrine the next town over can be a deeply prayerful, transformative experience! Here are some local shrines you can visit:

Carey: Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, olcshrine.com

Bellevue: Sorrowful Mother Shrine, sorrowfulmothershrine.org

Maria Stein: Maria Stein Shrine, mariasteinshrine.org

-from FamilyRosary.org



Reflect

Sacrifice means “to make holy”. Just as Jesus sacrificed His life for each one of us, we are also called in marriage and family life to sacrifice through little acts each day. With each sacrificial act done in love for our spouse or family members, we not only personally grow in holiness, but we cultivate holiness in our marriage and in our family. In what ways can you sacrifice for your family members today?



Watch

For Men: Into the Breach, Episode 5: Family (Formed.org)

For Women: Learning in the Family with Danielle Bean (Formed.org)

Parents: Foundations for Thriving in Parenting & Building Better Families (Formed.org)

For Kids: Brother Francis, Let's Pray! A Lesson on Prayer (Formed.org)

Reconnect
navigating Catholic life through a pandemic