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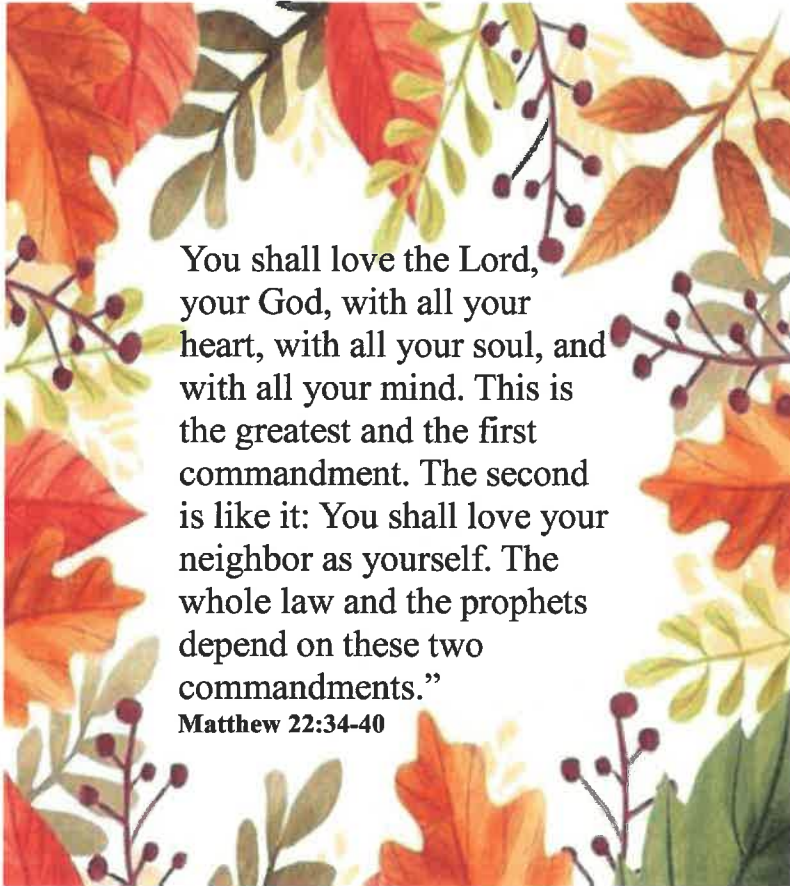
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You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:34-40

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.jfntoledo.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

- 10/24 (Saturday)
 - 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**
- 10/28(Wednesday)
 - 8:00 a.m. **Virgil Schnipke**
- 10/29 (Thursday)
 - 8:00 a.m. **Catherine Brinkman**
 - 7:00 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 10/30 (Friday)
 - 8:00 a.m. **Jim Martin**
 - 9:00 a.m. **Kyler Gudakunst—7 Day**
Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale
- 10/31 (Saturday)
 - 4:00 p.m. **CONFIRMATION MASS**
 - 5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
- 11/1 (Sunday) **ALL SAINTS DAY**
 - 8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*
 - 10:30 a.m. **MEMORIAL MASS**
Virgil and Wilma Tenwalde
Nancy Spencer (30 Day)

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.



Confirmation

Next Saturday, October 31st at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Immaculate Conception. Forty 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. Seating will be limited during this Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 1st.



Dear Padre' Question: *Difference between options and choices in our lives?*

In our technical world, our lives are drowning in options that consume our time. Even watching television may be a giant undertaking because it seems to take fifteen minutes to go through all the channels trying to choose what to watch. When it comes times to settle on news channels we find most of them to be as I was once told, "ALL IDOTS!"

Although some options in modern living may border on the ridiculous, having them is not always bad. The definition of option is...the power or right to choose: freedom of choice, free will. But worse than options is the sad truth that we often assign equal value to the choices we have. Making decisions must always be responsible and legitimate. Taking responsibility for our choices in each moment of our lives is not easy...it's often a thorny patch that we maneuver clumsily. But with concerted focus on three areas...managing our thoughts, dispelling our fears, and modifying our behaviors, we can become responsible for the so called rose that is our life.

One of the greatest challenges in creating a joyful, peaceful and abundant life is taking responsibility for what you do and how you do it. At times we think as long as you can blame someone else, be angry with someone else, point a finger at someone else, you may say it's ok, but you are not taking responsibility for your life.

To use the example of abortion, it can never be a correct, moral choice. The question of choice often suggest that the outcome would be a valuable one. We may have options concerning how we are to live out the details of discipleship, but what options do we have if Jesus invites us through baptism to follow him in fidelity? Only to accept whole-heartedly, or not to accept. What will our R.S.V.P. be?

- Padre' Jerry

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 be 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.



Mass on Facebook: A computer has been set up in the sacristy, so Mass can now be viewed on the Immaculate Conception Facebook page just as it is shown on cable channel 71!! Please note that this is at the mercy of someone starting and stopping it on the computer in the sacristy. Since Fr Jerry has a lot of other things to do and to prepare for before each Mass, all weekday and weekend Masses may not always be on Facebook. During this time of COVID restrictions that we are living in, this is an important asset for the elderly and health compromised parishioners who watch Mass on TV and also for funeral masses, weddings, and special sacramental masses when travel for out of town family and friends is not an option or when seating in church is limited.. If you can help with operating this before and after any specific Mass, please contact Renee Kelch. It is very easy and instructions are posted by the computer! THANK YOU to OTEC and Microtronix and several generous parishioners for their efforts to bring this wonderful opportunity to life!

Memorial flowers this weekend are in memory of Kenneth, Dorothy, and David D. Miller.



Congratulations to Mike and Joyce Basinger, winners of the Festival 50/50 drawing. They will receive \$1050.00!!



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!

FESTIVAL MANAGER MEETING: THANK YOU to all that contributed in helping make the festival so successful! God truly blessed us with THE BEST volunteers a parish could have! We are asking all festival managers attend a manager follow up meeting. We would like to know ANY feedback about not just the day of, but also of anything we can change for preparations for next year! The meeting will take place in the K of C/Fitness Room on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m, Please use the west side entrance. If you are unable to attend, please let Renee Kelch know along with any suggestions!!

Glandorf St. John's St. Bonifest is October 31st 2020. Reverse Raffle tickets are available for \$60 each. Prizes include: \$7,000, \$2,000, 2- 1/8 beef prizes & every 50 drawn \$300. **Chicken BBQ meal on Saturday, October 31st is carry out only. Cost is \$8 per meal. Drive thru is at the Glandorf Fire station from 5-7pm. BBQ tickets can be purchased from Fr. Tony, at Your Place, Manufacturer's Plumbing Supply, Brooky's, the Bombshelter and at the rectory.** They will be raffling off 7 quarters of Beef with tickets being 6 for \$20. 50/50 tickets 6 for \$5. If you would like to purchase tickets through the mail, send a check to St. John's, Box 48, Glandorf, OH 45848. Tickets will be filled out for you. All other St. Bonifest events will be cancelled for this year. Call the rectory at (419) 538-6928 with questions.

The Immaculate Conception **Parish Council** will have 4 seats available beginning January, 2021. Anyone interested in serving on the Parish Council should contact a current council member (listed on the front of the bulletin) or call the Parish Office. *"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."* **1 Peter 4:10**

Next Weekend's Readings (October 31-November 1, 2020)
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

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. 31 (Saturday) 4:00	Brynn Horstman, Carter Horstman Brooke Kortokrax
Nov. 1 (Sunday) 10:30	Rachel Kemper, Grant Kortokrax, Heaven Ross

LECTORS

Oct. 31 (Saturday) 4:00	Michelle Kortokrax
Nov. 1 (Sunday) 10:30	Pat Ricker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Oct. 31 (Saturday) 4:00	Tammy Saxton
Nov. 1 (Sunday) 10:30	Nancy Vetter, Cherie Kemper

USHERS

Oct. 31 (Saturday) 4:00	VOLUNTEERS
Nov. 1 (Sunday) 10:30	Bill Beining, John Vetter

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

October 25 (Sunday)	Kathy Beining
October 26 (Monday)	Lisa Beining
October 27 (Tuesday)	Mary Ann Beining
October 28 (Wednesday)	Lori Beining
October 29 (Thursday)	Nancy Beining
October 30 (Friday)	Millie Beining
October 31 (Saturday)	Sara (Brad) Beining



ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING

For the week of October 25th: The Don & Sherrie Looser Family



The parish staff is glad to be able to recognize parishioners that volunteer in areas we don't often see or think about.. The staff is so appreciative of Art Hoehn and all he does for Father Jerry and the parish. Art and his wife Kathy have been married for 43 years and have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Since they have been married, they have been managers of the festival carry out meals! Art

and his wife have been very instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for Ottoville native, Sister Mary Lou Miller, a Precious Blood Missionary in Santiago, Chile. A memorial was built outside their church honoring them and the Miller family for their generosity! Since the pandemic, Art spearheaded adult mass servers for weekday and funeral Masses. He has helped tremendously with training the youth and adults! Since his retirement from Chief Supermarket after 44 years, he enjoys reading inspirational books. In fact so much, that he enjoys sharing them with the parishioners by donating a lot of books to our parish library. Ask him for recommendations! He has also generously placed sanitized children's books and toys in the parish office foyer for you to keep, free of charge! Currently Art enjoys farming for his son-in-law and also at Precision Drainage. Art, Immaculate Conception appreciates you sharing your time and talents with all of us!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you to all for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You still have time to give! Special envelopes are still available at all church doors and in the Parish Office lobby. Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on how we can be "ready to be completely at the service of God's will" all year round (MISSIO.org).



November 1st. begins *National Vocation Awareness Week*, a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as married and single people, men to serve as priests, deacons, brothers, and women as religious sisters. (Include information about contacts and any pertinent information for your local Observance of NVAW). Let your life proclaim good news!

Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, author of *Dead Man Walking*, offers a live stream presentation on the death penalty. "Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues" is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Sister Helen's 1993 book, *Dead Man Walking*, tells of her experience of journeying with a man on death row. An advocate for the end of the death penalty, she has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and on shaping the Catholic Church's opposition to all executions. The cost of the presentation is \$15. Register to receive a live stream link. Visit www.webercenter.org and click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org. Limited scholarships are available.

Please plan on joining us for the Annunciation Radio Fall Sharathon October 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th. Now in our tenth year, we are committed to continue providing Catholic programming to listeners throughout our Toledo Diocese. In these tumultuous times, we need to make sure we are prepared for the year ahead. Can we count on your support? Please listen in as host Debbie Georgianni welcomes our diocesan priests and special guests, and be sure to call in your pledge during the Sharathon at 888-214-0624, or make a secure online donation on the Annunciation Radio mobile app, or at www.annunciationradio.com. 89.7 Toledo, 88.1 Sandusky, 89.9 Bryan, 89.5 Mansfield, 90.9 Willard.

Landeck St. John the Baptist Church will have their annual "Sausage & Sauerkraut" dinner on Sunday, November 8, 2020. This year, due to COVID 19, we will have drive-thru carry outs only. Cars will line up, heading north on Kill Rd, from 3-7pm. Volunteers will direct traffic, keeping the flow moving. Dinner includes homemade sauerkraut & sausage, mashed potatoes, pancakes, applesauce and pie. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and Children (8 and under) are \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased either pre-sale at the parish office or on the day.

Are you looking for a respite from the pandemic, the politics, the news reports? Come away for a day at **Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center** in Fremont, Ohio. A self-guided day retreats is available from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on November 20. The cost of is \$13/person with use of all amenities available (labyrinth, meditation deck, library, chapel, grotto, walking paths, sitting rooms, reflection benches, art room, etc.). Lunch is available for an additional \$10; reservations must be made ahead of time. Come by yourself or bring a friend or your spouse. Allow the peacefulness of our holy grounds restore your spirit. If this date does not work for you and you would enjoy a day away, call the retreat center to arrange a different time (419-332-6522). Visit www.pinesretreat.org for a full list of amenities.



Ottoville Community Christmas decorating will take place on two days this year:

- Saturday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m.—put up lights
- Sunday, November 15th at 1:00 p.m.—put up decorations (nativity scene, ornaments, etc.)

All help is greatly appreciated! Students are able to earn community service hours for helping with decorating!

**Monetary donations are needed. Many strands of lights were broken last year from the weather so new strands (hopefully commercial grade) will need to be purchased for this year. Checks can be made out to "Ottoville Mother's Club" and mailed to P.O. Box 513, Ottoville. For more information, contact Beth Moorman at (567) 242-8172, Emily Moorman at (567) 376-0251, or Brooke Kortokrax at (419) 266-5922.



KHS Blood Drive – Monday, November 2nd at

Kalida High School's gym, from noon to 6:00 p.m. Appointments are highly Recommended. All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies and masks are required to donate. To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-REDCROSS, or call Mrs. Beth Grime at 419-532-3529.

20/20 is considered
perfect vision.
Maybe God is using
2020 for us to
see clearly that He's
in charge and the
only one who can
help us!

Amen



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!



Spaghetti Supper

The Ottoville Boy Scouts will once again be offering an Election Night Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, November 3rd from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and will

be CARRY-OUT ONLY! Pickup will be in the parking lot between the Parish Center and Church. The meal includes spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, and applesauce. Cost is \$7.00 per meal. For tickets, call Ron Miller at (419) 453-3149 or see a Boy Scout.

The Boy Scouts will also be having their annual **FOOD DRIVE** next month. Bags will be distributed at masses the weekend of November 7th and 8th. Please return your filled bag before masses the weekend of the November 14th and 15th



The Ottoville Area Community Club will be having a **KRAUTFEST** ON Sunday, November 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The meal includes homemade sauerkraut, whole hog sausage links, mashed potatoes, applesauce, and a pretzel roll. Cost is \$8.00. Drive-thru pick-up is at the Boy Scouts Room on the north side of the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Tickets are available from OACC members. Proceeds benefit community projects.

The Fort Jennings American Legion Restaurant and Auxiliary will be offering **Swiss Steak Dinners** on Election Day, November 3rd from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a drive-thru carry out. Cost of the meal is \$9.00 and includes swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, applesauce, roll, and dessert. Call the American Legion at (419) 286-2100 to reserve your meals. If no answer, leave a message with your name and the number of meals you would like. Deadline to call is Wednesday, October 28th. There will be a limited number of meals available at the door the day of the dinner.

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CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 5TH 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 fifth of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This fifth outline will provide an overview of the issue of immigration.

Immigration

The first principle of Catholic Social Teaching is the dignity of the human person. From the moment of conception, each person is made in the image and likeness of God. This principle teaches us then that every immigrant, documented or undocumented, is made in God’s image and deserves our love and respect as a child of God.

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written:

The Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. (Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2000)

Thus our starting point in discussing the immigration issue is one of mutual respect and the recognition of the dignity of our fellow man, especially the immigrant among us. One who has traveled to Latin American countries in particular can understand some of the desperate circumstances which drive migrants to our border seeking a better life.

Of course, the Church recognizes that a sovereign nation has a right and a responsibility to protect its own borders. As Pope Francis has stated:

Can borders be controlled? Yes, each country has a right to control its borders, who enters and who leaves, and countries that are in danger—of terrorism or the like—have more right to control them more . . . (Pope Francis, Interview with the Spanish newspaper El País on January 22, 2017)

The sovereignty of nations is consistent thought in Catholic Social Teaching as is further explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2241:

Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants’ duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws, and to assist in carrying civic burdens.

In summation, Catholics approaching the immigration issue must maintain a balance between caring for the dignity of every human person, be they documented or undocumented in our nation, while appreciating the necessity of each nation state to regulate its borders for the common good. Given the prosperity in the United States of America, it is also important for our nation to strive to seek to help, as best as we are able, those seeking a better life:

The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2241)

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