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"Building Strong Catholic Families...Building Strong Catholic Youth"**ADVENT PRAYER
GOD OF HOPE****God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.****God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.****God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.****God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the center, the focus of our lives****always and particularly this Advent time.****Through Him who is our hope, our joy, our peace
in union with the Holy Spirit,
one God forever.****Amen.****A D V E N T****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.**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Contact the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513. In case of an emergency, call Father Jerry's cell phone.**BULLETIN ARTICLES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY
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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

11/28 (Saturday)

4:00 p.m. **Tony and Dorothy Sanders
Janice Schimmoeller and
Jim and Aaron Sanders
Arnold Kemper—30 Day**

5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*

11/29 (Sunday)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*

10:30 a.m. **Paul and Martha Turnwald
Sue Logan (7 Day)**

12/2 (Wednesday)

8:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the John
and Leona Nartker Family
George and Lucinda Hilver**

12/3 (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. **Bettie Altenburger**

12/4 (Friday)

8:00 a.m. **The Hoehn and Kehres Families**

9:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*

12/5 (Saturday)

1:00 p.m. *Wedding: Colin Bendele and
Taylor Mangas*

4:00 p.m. **Bernie and Sally Looser
Martin Bendele (30 Day)
Elmer and Armella Martz**

5:30 p.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*

12/6 (Sunday)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. *Mass at St. Barbara-Cloverdale*

10:30 a.m. **Henrietta and Joe Landin
Bernard Calvelage (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.

BAPTISM on November 28th:

Kylynn Joann Ardner

Daughter of Nick and Courtney (Landin) Ardner

WEDDINGS: The following couples request your prayers
as they prepare for their upcoming marriages:

Colin Bendele and Taylor Mangas (III)

Dylan Fischer and Ashley Wehri (II)



Dear Friends in Christ,

For the past eight months, we've lived through the COVID pandemic. We know what it's like to be locked out of our parishes, unable to attend Mass, and unable to receive the Eucharist. Yes, we know the hunger that stirred in our souls. I want Jesus! I want the personal experience of being with Him and Him within me.

Even if there is another lockdown, the Holy **Sacrifice of the Mass will go on**, and it will continue to be the source of all blessings. We have been very thankful for our ability to live-stream the Mass to local TV's and on Immaculate Conception's Facebook page. We give so little, and yet God gives us everything. He gives us His only Son in the Eucharist.

In reality, religion is the ultimate duty. And, especially in the Mass, it is the path to salvation—even for those outside the Church—even for her persecutors. There is nothing so important as our duty to worship. Our faith is always challenged both by our times and by this pandemic. Yes, we always strive to move in the right direction of drawing closer to Him.

Don't be discouraged by earthly affairs. Remember that our citizenship is in heaven. During our time on earth, our highest duty is to give praise and thanks to God—and it's in no higher form than in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Christmas season I know will be a challenge getting together as we did once before, but faith goes on and we must always strive to be strengthened in it. **Due to the COVID restriction, seating at Masses as you know will a little limited, especially at the 4:00 Children's Mass. To help remedy the situation we will be offering an additional Mass at 5:30, at Immaculate Conception. This also will be celebrated as a children Mass. You can help by signing up for which Mass you and your family will attend. There is sign up sheet in the back of church.**

There will be copies of a new Matthew Kelly book... "I Heard God Laugh" available this Advent season. There will be 150 copies between the two parishes. Please pick one up, enjoy reading it, and pass it on to others in your family. I hope you read it and I pray it gives you hope and courage, maybe even a little laughter.

Remember December 8th is our Feast Day, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. At Mass on Tuesday evening at Ottoville we will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Blessed Sacrament exposed and praying of the rosary, Mass will follow at 7:00 p.m.. At St. Barbara, Mass will be 9:00 a.m. followed by the Blessed Sacrament being exposed. Confessions will be available throughout the month please check the bulletin for days and times at each parish.

May God bless you this Advent Season as we prepare for Christ's coming,
~ Fr. Jerry

The Pope's Monthly Intention for December, 2020

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Next Weekend's Readings (December 5-6, 2020)

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



If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one this Christmas season, envelopes are now available at all church doors. The suggested donation is \$20.00. Please return envelopes by December 13th.



Christmas Angels of Putnam County are in need of your help again this year. The Putnam County Department of Job & Family Services has provided a list of items needed for children that will not have a Christmas without our help. In our church vestibule, you will find a tree filled with these angels. Choose an angel and purchase the items from their list on the angel. Place the UNWRAPPED items with the ANGEL ATTACHED to the items in the tub provided. In years past, Ottoville parishioners have helped almost 100 young angels. Thank you for your support again this year! Deadline to return gifts is December 6th.



When young people serve our parish, it sends a message of inspiration to so many. Sara Beining is a great example of that strong spirit she so selflessly shares with the parish! Sara is the daughter of Art and Bernice Schnipke. She has been married to Brad Beining for 13 years and they have 3 children, Brooklyn, Braxton and Brayden. After Sara

attended a CRHP retreat this past spring, she developed a thriving passion for her faith! She enjoys enriching children with the love Jesus has for them by organizing and being the lead teacher for Immaculate Conception's Sunday School program for the past 8 years. She is also the 2nd grade religious education teacher. She volunteers where ever she is needed, but enjoys the church festival as a dining room manager. During Lent of 2020, Sara organized the successful "Drive thru" Stations of the Cross in Ottoville. She enjoys giving back to the community by serving on the park board and park carnival committee running the mini king and queen contest. Sara also spearheaded a very successful benefit for Wade Wehri in 2019. She doesn't stop giving at a local level! She serves as co-chair at her place of employment, on Central Mutual Insurance company's connection team which helps plan activities for the employees to help locally such as food drives and gifts for the less fortunate. When not giving back to the parish and community, Sara enjoys boating, water sports, and sand volleyball all with her husband and children and family game night at her parents. Immaculate Conception appreciates your dedication and passion, Sara as you answer God's call to serve in so many ways! Thank you!

THIS WILL BE THE LAST "PERSON OF THE WEEK" UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR!

As you have probably heard, there is talk of building a new rectory here on the Immaculate Conception grounds. The plans/drawings are available for you to view in the back of church. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Attached to this bulletin is a form for you to complete to share your thoughts and suggestions. Be sure to put your name and telephone number on the form or your response will not be considered. Please return forms to the green box in the back of church. If you would like to discuss this project, feel free to stop in the Parish Office or call Father Jerry.

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.

Dec. 5 (Saturday) 4:00	Aiden Hilvers, Kiley Hilvers, Austin Landin
Dec. 6 (Sunday) 10:30	Andy, Beth, and Emily Moorman

LECTORS

Dec. 5 (Saturday) 4:00	Mary Lou Miller
Dec. 6 (Sunday) 10:30	Tom Beining

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dec. 5 (Saturday) 4:00	Tina Weber, Anne Hemker
Dec. 6 (Sunday) 10:30	Ann Beining, Renee Kelch

USHERS

Dec. 5 (Saturday) 4:00	Ron Hemker, Gary Pohlman
Dec. 6 (Sunday) 10:30	Brian Beining, Chris Burgei

LADIES TO PRAY THE ROSARY

November 29 (Sunday)	Doris Brinkman
November 30 (Monday)	Stella Buettner
December 1 (Tuesday)	Irene Bullard
December 2 (Wednesday)	Cathy Burgei
December 3 (Thursday)	Cindy Burgei
December 4 (Friday)	Deb Burgei
December 5 (Saturday)	Jean Byrne



ALTAR/SANCTUARY CLEANING

For the week of November 29th: **Marge Hicks**

And the New Year begins... We have entered into the **Advent Season** and with it we enter into a new Liturgical Year for 2020-2021— **A Year of Grace!** This 1st Sunday of Advent we begin the Lectionary Cycle of Year "B". Human beings cannot live without Hope. We are blessed to be able to think about the future and to fear our actions on the way and how they may shape it. We cannot live without God's Graces! Every year our focus takes a new way. Each year we focus on a way of improving ourselves. This year we come to realize how much we really rely on God's Grace and how much more we need it. Living a "Year of Grace" helps us to realize how much we depend on His graces in our lives so as to live out our lives more in this grace. Come Lord Jesus, Come this Advent as we prepare for His coming. We prepare through and with the graces he blesses us with in the Sacraments we receive. Live the Spirit of Advent and share the hope of His coming. Receive His Sacraments, His Blessings and His Graces.



Being that it is the Thanksgiving Season, we would like to extend our thanks to everyone that helped us following the accident last November. We are truly grateful for living in such a great community that really cares for everyone's well being. We wish everyone a safe holiday season. Thanks again.

Adam, Alicia, Cecelia, and Orval Eickholt

OTTOVILLE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



In Celebration of **ADVENT**

FEED YOUR BODY

Carry Out Holiday Meal

Sunday, December 13th

11:30am-1:00pm

Ham, Noodles, Green Bean casserole,
applesauce & roll/butter **\$8/Dinner**

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Call 419.453.3513 OR

stop in the parish office week days 8am-3pm,
OR after Masses Nov. 28/29 & Dec. 5/6

Penance Service

Sunday December 13th

2:00 pm in Church

Formed

In conjunction with our parish mission of Building Strong Catholic Families, we are encouraging parishioners to watch a program of 3 short videos on FORMED.org called **FORGIVEN**, beginning the week of November 30 for the 1st episode. Week of December 7 for the 2nd episode. The third episode will be highlighted at the penance service.

Visit FORMED.org/signup and search for our parish by name or Zip code.

PURIFY YOUR SOUL

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power of Confession!*

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Praying For The Sick
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Checking On A Friend
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Helping Others
NOT CANCELED

Being The Church
NOW MORE THAN EVER

If 2020 is telling us
anything... It's telling us to
enjoy the moments we
have, and don't take any day,
anything or anyone for
granted.

Building Strong Catholic Families during Advent 2020 – This year for Advent and Christmas, Immaculate Conception wants to help all parishioners, young and old, to stay connected during the week in between Sunday Liturgies, and to give you more opportunities to prepare for the coming of Jesus! Included in this week's bulletin, you will find a calendar of events and activities planned for the next 6 weeks—your own Parish Advent Calendar! There is something for everyone!

We highly encourage parishioners to sign into [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org). Search for our parish by name or zip code and go to the "Program" tab on top and click on the "The Sacraments" option. That will bring you to a series called **FORGIVEN**. Click on that and scroll down to sessions 1, 2 and 3. For the first week of Advent please watch session 1. Watch session 2 on the second week of Advent and then attend the Penance Service for Reconciliation on December 13th to hear about the 3rd session, or watch it beforehand. You may also attend Reconciliation at your convenience when scheduled. Watch **FORGIVEN** on Formed and experience the transforming power of Confession!

Join us every Tuesday LIVE at 6:00 p.m. on cable channel 71 or Immaculate Conception's Facebook page for a special guest to hear an informative discussion highlighting that week of Advent or Christmas (approximately 20 minutes in length)! See the calendar for the schedule of guests. I

Children, join us on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. LIVE on cable channel 71 or on the Immaculate Conception Facebook page for Sara Beining's "Saturday Story Time" for kids of all ages! Don't miss the first episode this Saturday, November 28th to learn about the exciting Christmas challenge!

Fr Jerry is offering drive thru Reconciliation December 19th from 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. in the parking lot on the south side of church (parking lot between church and Parish Center) for those who are more comfortable not attending inside church. This is your last chance to help prepare yourself for His coming!

We will recommend a movie from Formed.org to make your Thursday night Movie Night a great addition to your Advent and Christmas traditions! Follow the instructions above to sign into Formed.org and go to Movies on the top tab, and click on Movie night. These are wonderful family movies everyone will enjoy!

Beginning today and each week during Advent, there will be a bulletin insert with prayers and meditations that are wonderfully catered to any Catholic individual or family!

Immaculate Conception Parish staff and the Strong Catholic Families committee pray this helps you and your family walk in love during these weeks of Advent as you wait and prepare for His coming!



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 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!



KNIGHTS NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 2238
Ottoville, Ohio

MEETING DATES:
2nd
each month
4th
of each

**CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Sunday of
at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday
month at 7:00

Santa Claus is coming to town on Sunday, December 6th! Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold the annual Ottoville Winterfest in the usual way this year but we can't let the holiday season pass without a visit from Santa! Santa will take a parade around town starting at 12:00 noon. He will be passing out goodie bags and accepting letters. Please join the fun by coming outside your homes or coming into town for the parade. The parade route can be found on the Ottoville Winterfest Facebook page.



Offering Envelopes
The 2021 Collection Envelopes are now available in the back of church. If you do not find a box with your name on it and would like one, please put your information on the clipboard and we will provide one for you. Due to very low usage, children and teen envelopes are not being distributed to all this year. If you would like a box for your child, please take one of the boxes for children/teens that are also in the back of church. Please be sure to put the child's information and envelope number on the clipboard provided. Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at (419) 453-3513.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Putnam County, the ladies of the parish have decided to temporarily suspend having the Tuesday morning exercise classes effective immediately. The situation will be re-evaluated after the first of the year. Please watch future bulletins for more information.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH ADVENT CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 29 ADVENT BULLETIN INSERT 1ST Episode of FORGIVEN on FORMED.org	Nov 30	Dec 1 6:00 p.m. Guest Segment with Father Jerry	Dec 2	Dec 3 MOVIE NIGHT "Coming Home" on FORMED.org	Dec 4	Dec 5 9:00 a.m. Story Time 3:15 TO 3:45 P.M. RECONCILIATION
Dec 6 ADVENT BULLETIN INSERT 2nd Episode of FORGIVEN on FORMED.org	Dec 7	Dec 8 IMMAC CONCEPTION FEAST DAY 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. MASS 6:30 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. Guest Segment w/Cory & Shelly Eickholt	Dec 9	Dec 10 MOVIE NIGHT "Joseph of Nazareth" on FORMED.org	Dec 11	9:00 a.m. Story Time 3:15 TO 3:45 P.M. RECONCILIATION Dec 12
Dec 13 ADVENT BULLETIN INSERT 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. HOLIDAY MEAL 2:00 p.m. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE	Dec 14	Dec 15 6:00 p.m. Guest Segment with Deacon Jose Flores	Dec 16	Dec 17 MOVIE NIGHT "Mary of Nazareth" on FORMED.org	Dec 18	Dec 19 9:00 a.m. Story Time With Santa 2:45 TO 3:45 P.M. DRIVE-THRU RECONCILIATION
Dec 20 ADVENT BULLETIN INSERT	Dec 21	Dec 22 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christmas Music Live Streamed on Cable Channel 71 and Facebook Live	Dec 23 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christmas Music Live Streamed on Cable Channel 71 and	Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Masses at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. Mass at 9:00 p.m.	Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.	Dec 26
Dec 27 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS	Dec 28	Dec 29 6:00 p.m. Guest Segment with Father Jerry	Dec 30	Dec 31 MOVIE NIGHT "The Fourth Wise Man" on FORMED.org	Jan 1	Jan 2 9:00 a.m. Story Time
Jan 2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Jan 3	Jan 4 6:00 p.m. Guest Segment with Adam & Beth Schnipke	Jan 5	Jan 6 MOVIE NIGHT "Adventures of Occee Nash" on FORMED.org	Jan 7	Jan 8 9:00 a.m. Story Time

Patience and Hospitality

Mass Readings: Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 / Mark 13:33–37

Called to “Be watchful! Be alert!”

The Old and the New: In today’s Mass readings, we can see the dynamics between the Old Testament and the New Testament. The two comprise a single plan of salvation. In this Sunday’s readings, the prophet Isaiah expresses the hunger of the Hebrew heart for salvation and the coming of the Messiah. He exclaims, “Return for the sake of your servants”! In the Gospel reading, Jesus fulfills this prophecy. He comes as Lord and Savior. After completing his work of redemption, Jesus calls us to wait for his second coming. He tells us to “Be watchful! Be alert!” since we will not know the day or hour when he will return.

Our Response: From our Old Testament and Gospel readings, we can discern many themes and messages, but the principal lesson is clear: We must wait. The entire season of Advent is given to us by the Church as a tool to help us form our hearts to wait. Today, Saint Paul affirms a waiting spirit in his First Letter to the Corinthians, even thanking God for the grace within us so that we “are not lacking in any spiritual gift” as we wait. But as we wait, what particular virtues could we nurture? Among the many possible virtues that waiting can produce, two spiritual gifts that stand out are patience and hospitality. We can learn to have the calm spirit of patience in our own hearts, as well as the tender care of hospitality to others who are waiting and in need.



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PRAYER

“Once again, O LORD of hosts; / look down from heaven, and see.”

~ Psalm 80:15



O Ancient of Days,
You care for us even when we are distracted,
Turn your face upon us.
Teach us to wait for you.
Bless us with patience and hospitality,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR REFLECTION

We live in a frenzied world, full of numerous duties and commitments. Waiting is countercultural. Patience is a rarity. How can we be the difference? How in our lives can we show the beauty and power of patient waiting?

Saint Andrew the Apostle

November 30

Saint Andrew was one of the Twelve Apostles of the Lord. He was the brother of Saint Peter, the chief apostle. The brothers were from a prominent fishing family in the port city of Capernaum in the region of Galilee. Andrew was an early disciple of Saint John the Baptist, who told him to follow Jesus. Being from a comfortable family, it was probably very difficult for Andrew to surrender his life of relative ease. And yet he left that world and joined the band of disciples who were following Jesus, where he frequently learned to die to himself and to wait for the Lord. Through such waiting, Andrew was taught deeper patience and broader hospitality. This Advent season, we ask Saint Andrew to pray for us as we seek these same virtues in our lives.



DAILY LIVING

“Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.” ~ Saint Francis de Sales



FAMILY FOCUS

The season of Advent consists of preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ through four Sundays. Each Sunday is celebrated by the lighting of a candle along the Advent wreath. It's a noble practice to have such a wreath in the Christian home, and to mark the lighting of the new candle with some devotional practices.

On the First Sunday of Advent, we light a violet candle. It matches the color of the priest's and deacon's vestments, as well as any coverings on the altar or ambo in our parish churches. The color violet represents repentance and preparation. As we light our first candle, let's think of the following:

- What sins do I want to fight and remove from my life?
- What people or situations need greater patience from me?
- How can I be more generous and kinder in my hospitality to others?

CATECHISM CONNECTION

By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: ... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 736

“Be watchful! Be alert!”

— Mark 13:33