

September 17, 2017

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COMMUNITY STRIVES TO LIVE THE GOSPEL BY WORSHIPPING GOD,
LEARNING AND SHARING THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND SERVING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

Bulletin information is due by Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. sisterdianne@millhousechurch.com

Mass Intentions:

September 17, 2017, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Marie Hardebeck

September 24, 2017, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Thomas Merkel

PLC Notes:

Today we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**. The Archdiocese chose the theme of "Living as Missionary Disciples." We have been talking about a Missionary Disciple, and the life of Stanley Rother continues below. Some of the qualities of his life are ones we will want to cultivate and strive for. We've also been talking about "being called by name," and this morning, we will call each catechist by name. Each one of us is called by name to live as missionary disciples, to give our lives to the service of handing on our faith to others, to witnessing the Gospel by our lives. Those who have taken on the role of catechists and aides will be commissioned this morning, and recognized for the great gifts of time and talent that this commitment entails. We are most grateful for their service! Catechetical Sunday is also a time for each one of us to reflect on our role as catechists, as missionary disciples, and on the time and talent each one of us is called to share. How will we pass on our faith and witness to the Gospel?

Called By Name: On Wed., Oct. 4th, Archbishop Thompson will be having Mass and dinner with young people from our deanery who were invited through the "Called By Name" program. In order to support these and all young people in discerning their vocations, "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament" times will be available that day in different parishes throughout the deanery. You are invited to stop by and pray for our youth, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for all those suffering in our world! Here at Immaculate Conception Adoration will run from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Also available is a list of adoration times and places throughout the Deanery. If another time or location fits better into your schedule, please avail yourself of the opportunity. A reminder: When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, it can never be without an adorer, there must always be someone in the church. Please don't leave your post until your replacement arrives. A sign-up sheet is available this morning in the entryway.

"Time & Talent": Our re-commitment process continues. Please place completed forms in the basket.


"The Shepherd Who Didn't Run: Fr. Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma" – as introduced a couple of weeks ago, this ordinary farmer and priest made a difference in the lives of others. He is being beatified (the first step to sainthood) on September 23, in Oklahoma City, becoming the first martyr born in the United States. The book notes five qualities this missionary martyr proclaimed with his life. We covered three of those qualities last week: **Ordinary:** he lived an ordinary life; **Mercy:** he lived out the works of mercy; and **Compassion:** showed God's love to all around him.

4.) Perseverance: When Rother was in the seminary he failed the first year of theology, and was sent home and advised to pursue a different vocation. Instead, he visited the bishop who recognized something special in him, and assisted him to find another seminary. His struggle to learn (in his case it was Latin)

is something all of us can relate to. But he didn't give up. His perseverance continued. Years later, this young man who had flunked out of seminary due to a struggle with Latin, became the same man who agreed to go to a foreign mission that required him to learn not only Spanish, but also the rare and challenging dialect of his parishioners.

5.) Confidence in God: While optimism is a mental attitude that may or may not be based on reality, Confidence in God looks at real life with the certainty of God's presence, regardless of the circumstances. Less than a year before his murder he wrote: "The reality is that we are in danger. But we don't know when . . . given the situation I am not ready to leave here just yet. I don't want to desert these people . . . there is still a lot of good that can be done under the circumstances." That is Confidence in God! And that is love. When one loves, one loves till the end! In his last letter home he said, "the shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger." Stanley Rother, the shepherd who chose to face death rather than abandon his flock, the shepherd who didn't run, loved to the end. And in so doing, he made God's presence real and tangible to the people in his life. Father Stanley Rother, Servant of God, pray for us!

Annual Parish Harvest Party: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are currently looking for volunteers for the party on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017. We need assistance in the kitchen area, decorating, games, and a few other areas. If you are interested in helping, please call or text Anita Fry at **812-614-3588**, or Melea Gault at **812-614-8874**.

Religious Ed Collection - \$3.00	Adult Envelopes	\$ 2470.00
	Loose cash, checks	\$ 286.00
	Youth Envelopes	\$ 3.50
	\$3028 needed weekly	Total:

Special Collection: Today, September 17, for the hurricane victims in Texas and Florida. Please give generously to this special collection as we know there is great suffering. We continue to pray for the deceased, their loved ones and all who now suffer from heat, flooding, destruction, and loss.

Remembered in Prayer: David Bedel, Bernard Huff, Bernard Pfeifer, Gerald Hermes, Tony Scheidler, Dale Helms, Jim Nobbe, Paul & Marjorie Herbert, and Diana Bova. Please call the parish office with any request for home visits, Communion, or anointing.

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, September 17th

Sacristan: Dana Fledderman

Musicians: Mixed Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Dave & Cindy Stone,
Craig & Paula Wullenweber

Lectors: Jerry Fry, Jeanne Fry

Eucharistic Ministers: June Johannigman, Steve AmRhein, Brian Huff, Lisa Huff

Servers: Rhett Martin, Kenlee Martin, Caaden Gault

Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

Sunday, September 24th

LaDonna Hoeing

Donna & Sarah Schwering

Mike & Mollie Johannigman, Evan & Claire
Wullenweber

Donna Johannigman, Niki Johannigman

June Johannigman, Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing,
Mark Stier

Trent Nobbe, Anna Johannigman, Campbell Johannigman
Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermes

Church Cleaning Committee- September: Sarah Schwering (Chairperson), Donna Schwering, Alison Ortman, Laura Meyer, LaDonna Hoeing and Kathy Kohrman. Please call the parish office (812-591-2362) with day and time you plan to clean, so that the Church can be unlocked.



Dates To Remember

September 17	8:00 Mass	Catechetical Sunday
September 17	After Mass	Parish Council Meeting
September 20	6:45 pm	Faith Formation Grades Pre-k – 5
September 24	After Mass	Faith Formation Grades 6-11
September 27,	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
October 7	Sat. 4:00 pm	Mass and Harvest Festival!! (No Sunday Mass)

Upcoming Events

Holy Land Travel Experience: Recently some of our parishioners visited the Holy Land. Their experience was so uplifting they wish to share the experience with you. They will be showing pictures and telling you about the trip on Sunday, September 24th after Mass in the lower level of the school. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Come share the experience of the Holy Land. All are invited!

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 16-18, 2017 – Indianapolis IN

Please continue to pray for us to make this trip to NCYC, a great experience for all!

Can Collection – September 17th-October 22nd, (Please donate your cans after the mowing season)

Cohort & Deanery News:

Our Lady of Fatima 100 Year Anniversary will be celebrated at St. Louis Church in Batesville on the 13th of October with a Prayer Service at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Holy Family Church Festival – Oldenburg October 1, 2017, Dinners 11:00-4:00, Booths and Games. Turtle Soup available at The Village Sore, Oldenburg, September 28-30 during regular business hours.

2017 Jr. High Overnight Retreat: The Batesville Deanery presents “Transformers: The Catholic Knights:”, October 26, 6:30 pm-October 28, 2:30 pm at Camp Woodsmoke. Open to 6th-8th graders. To register, contact the parish office OR send \$50 and the registration form to : The Batesville Deanery, 18 West St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006. Please register by October 13, 2017. Questions: Call 812-932-0789. Girls: Bring a snack, Boys: Bring a 2 liter Pop. After your registration, we will send you a packing list and any other important information.

Hurricane Harvey & Irma Evacuees Coming to Indiana: HELP IS NEEDED

Catholic Charities Disaster Response, Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been asked to assist in preparation to receive evacuees from both Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma in the coming weeks and months. We have been asked to head up Disaster Case Management to insure that the needs of these individuals and families are met here in Indiana. The evacuees would come to the Indianapolis area. Disaster Case Managers who could be available to volunteer for this task need to be trained here. Training will be held at the O’Meara Catholic Center on October 4th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. If you can help, please contact Jane Crady, jacci@tds.net, 317-642-7322

Please keep all victims of these and other natural disasters in your prayer.