

October 29, 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:

October 29, 2017, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Thomas Merkel

November 01, 2017, Feast of All Saints: Alex Veerkamp


November 05, 2017, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Omer Fry

PLC Notes: From time to time Questions come up about our faith. When there is a question for one person, it might need to be answered for others as well. So, this column will attempt to answer those burning questions. If there is a question you would like to ask, or receive clarification on, submit it in the collection basket, in a voice mail, or in person. I will try to shed light.

Question: What are the **Holy Days**, why do we need to know, and why do they seem to change? This came up from one of our youth. There are two resources that may help us with the answer, the “**Code of Canon Law**” which is the church’s “rule book” and the “**Catechism of the Catholic Church**” which is our official “text book” or teacher. These two resources attempt to teach us the official stance of the church on any given topic, and to teach us about those rules and regulations, and explain the expectations and recommendations. To start from the beginning:

Easter is the primary tenet of our faith. The whole story of our salvation was “from the beginning” celebrated on Sunday. Christ rose from the dead, on Sunday, securing our salvation, our promise of life everlasting. To celebrate and remember this greatest of all celebrations, the church, through Canon Law, has declared that Sundays should be a day of rest from our labors, and a day of remembering and celebrating our great story of salvation, which we do in the celebration of the Mass. Canon 1246 states: “**Sunday**, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal (Easter) mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church (around the world) as the primordial (the original, the primary, from the beginning) holy day of obligation.” So, all Sundays are Holy Days of obligation. It goes on to say, that the following days must also be observed: and it lists ten additional days, which are observed and celebrated as Holy Days of Obligation in Vatican City. But the canon goes on to say, that “with the prior approval of the Apostolic See (the Pope), the Conference of Bishops can suppress (limit), some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.” Thus, different countries celebrate different holy days of obligation, apart from Sunday, which they all celebrate. These differences are determined by the Conference of Bishops in each country. In the United States, we celebrate five additional Holy Days. The Catechism explains **Holy Days** this way: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the **worship** owed to God, the **joy** proper to the Lord’s Day, the performance of the **works of mercy**, and the **appropriate relaxation of mind and body**.” This tells us clearly that we need to be involved in worship of our God. Work and activities not related to worship or works of mercy, are not appropriate for Sunday, our day of rest, or for designated holy days of obligation. If we are working to “earn a little extra money” or “to get ahead,” it may not be the way we should be spending our Sundays. But obviously some work needs to be done each day, as in care for the infirmed and suffering, visiting the sick or homebound, and other works of mercy. This may cause us to

pause and ponder our own activity. In some countries the law (or state) steps in. For one European nation, it is against the law to even wash the car or mow the lawn on Sunday. And violators will be prosecuted. It is equally important for some to not impose on others the noise of machinery or motors, as it violates the peace and quiet conducive to prayer and worship. “Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse one from the obligation of Sunday worship or rest, but the faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial (causing harm or injury or detriment to) to their faith, health or family life.” Of the ten Holy days of obligation that have been spelled out by Canon Law, the bishops of the US have transferred several to Sunday celebrations each year. In the case of a couple of others, if they fall on a Saturday or Monday, thereby imposing conflicts of scheduling, the Bishops have removed the obligation for attending Mass. This explains why some seem to change. The Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, which are days when we are expected to participate in worship, primarily the Mass, and to rest from our labors, are the following: Mary, Mother of God (Jan.1); Epiphany (Sunday); Ascension (Sunday); The Body and Blood of Christ (Sunday); Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15); All Saints (Nov. 1); Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8); Christmas (Dec. 25).

World Missions \$359.00, Religious Ed \$50.00	Adult Envelopes	\$ 2896.00
	Loose cash, checks	\$ 347.00
\$3028 needed weekly Thank you! We are most grateful!	Total:	\$ 3293.00

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

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, October 29th

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing
Musicians: Virginia Gilbert
Greeters/Ushers: Bill & Niki Johannigman,
Steve & Diane AmRhein
Lectors: Anita Fry, Niki Johannigman
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry,
June Johannigman, Joe Diekhoff
Servers: Allison Nobbe, Anna Johannigman
Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

Sunday, November 5th

Marilyn Horan
Men's Choir
John & Cindy Johannigman,
Dave & Cindy Stone
Melea Gault, Ben Stier
Daniel Fledderman, Jo fledderman,
Emery Mapes, Donna Johannigman
Trent Nobbe, Evan Wullenweber
Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

November 1, Feast of All Saints, Mass 6:00 pm

Sacristan: Jo Fledderman
Ushers/Greeters: Jessica Diekhoff, Caaden Gault,
Evan Wullenweber, Josh Edwards
Lectors: Claire Wullenweber, Kenny Stier
Petitions: Kenny Stier

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Diekhoff, Julie
Diekhoff, Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier
Servers: Tony Schwering, Michael Stier
Gifts: Youth
Musicians: Youth Choir (Practice 5:15, Nov 1)

Church Cleaning Committee- November: Julie Diekhoff (chairperson), Beth Schwering, Jeanine Scheidler, Susan Hamilton, Jennifer Johannigman, Jessica Johannigman, Marcie Johannigman. 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

November 1st Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 6:00 pm
No Faith Formation Class Grades Pre-k - 5
November 5 After Mass Faith Formation Grades 6-11
November 8 6:45 pm Faith Formation Grades Pre-k - 5
November 12 United Catholic Appeal

Upcoming Events

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 16-18, 2017 – Indianapolis IN
Please continue to pray for our youth.

Cohort & Deanery News:

Save the Date: 2/24/18, 3rd Annual E6 **Catholic Men's Conference**, East Central High School, see flyer on bulletin board. Archbishop Thompson will be the main celebrant.

Coping with Grief During the Holidays

Date: Monday, November 13, 2017. Time: 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church Greensburg. The Bereavement Ministry of St. Mary's Catholic Church, invites you to join us for a very special program on coping with grief during the holidays. This program is open to the public.

St. Maurice Church will hold their annual Fall Smorgasbord at the Parish Hall on State Road 229 in Napoleon, on Saturday, November 11 from 4:00 to 7:30. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12. Menu includes roast beef, turkey & dressing, meatloaf, homemade noodles & rolls, German potato salad, sauerkraut, variety of vegetables, salads and desserts.

Oldenburg Academy Open House: Oldenburg Academy will host an Open House on Sunday, November 12, 2017, from 1:00 – 3:30pm. Prospective students and families will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful and historic OA campus and learn about the OA Experience from students, faculty, administrators, parents and alumni. Families can register to win for two separate tuition certificate drawings: one drawing will be for a Catholic Elementary/Middle School and one drawing for incoming freshmen. Questions? Contact Annette Hunger, Admissions Office, ahunger@oldenburgacademy.org or 812.934.4440 ext. 231. Visit our website at www.oldenburgacademy.org to learn more.

St. Mary's School, Greensburg: On Saturday, Nov. 11th, St. Mary's School in Greensburg is hosting a Holiday Shopping Expo in our gym and cafeteria. Admission is free, and over 50 vendors will be set up to sell everything from crafts to antiques to baked goods.

Prayer Talk: "The Single Most Important Daily Decision" given by Father Shaun Whittington on Thursday, November 30, 6:30 pm, St. Louis Church, Batesville

Catholic Community Foundation: Integrity and Initiative – One of our goals as a parent is to help each child be the best they can be – not just financially, but also in his or her career as well as family and spiritual life. A Catholic estate plan is much more than transferring property to children and heirs; it's about leaving a legacy and remembering the parish family in your estate plan as well. To learn more about our parish endowment fund and planned giving, please visit the CCF website at www.archindy.org/CCF.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, November 3-5: Marriage Encounter Weekend will take place on November 3-5, 2017 (Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House). To learn more or apply to attend, visit www.wvme.org.