

*December 3, 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](mailto:sisterdianne@millhousechurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

December 3, 2017: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Irvin Hardebeck

December 8, 2017: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, *Holyday*: Melissa Moffett (Friday, 6:00 pm)

December 10, 2017: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Robert Horan

**PLC Notes:**

**Advent** – Today we begin the season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, the time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. When Christ comes, we want to be wise virgins, ready to meet Him, not carrying lamps, but our good deeds. We hope to be gathered with the sheep at His right hand, and possess the heavenly Kingdom. As we begin this season of preparation, of waiting, we want to open our hearts to God's love, as we prepare to welcome him into our lives and homes. The candles of the Advent wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom. The church recommends the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation (Confession) as part of our conversion process. Please join us for the **Cohort Penance Service**, on Wednesday evening, **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 pm**, here at Immaculate Conception. We will have four priests available that evening, and all four will be behind closed doors for your privacy. We will use the standard confessional in the back, as well as the East entryway (outside door will be locked and inside door closed). In addition, we will use both East and West sacristies in the front, also with closed doors. During the time for one-on-one confessions we will have background music playing to offset any other noise, and again to increase your privacy. Even if you may choose not to confess, please join us for the service, as a first step in preparing your hearts, and to support those receiving the **sacrament of reconciliation** for the first time. Part of the preparation for other sacraments is the sacrament of reconciliation. It is recommended before the rite of Full Communion, before a marriage, and before First Communion. These children are preparing for First Communion in the spring and request your support during these next few months of preparation. We congratulate **Lanie AmRhein, Kenlee Gault, Will Meyer, Kate Schettmer, and Madalyn Scudder** for taking this very important first step in their life of **Faith!** And we thank their parents for their role in this initial Faith Formation of their children, for modeling and supporting their growth.

Also on Wednesday is the feast of **St. Nicholas!** He is the actual real Saint behind the Santa Claus story. He was a real man, a bishop, living in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, in what is now modern-day Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Nicholas used his **whole inheritance** to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop while still a young man. Legend has it he tossed coins and other treasures down chimneys to the needy. Don't forget to hang your stockings by the fireplace to see what he might bring!

**Breakfast with Santa:** School Hall immediately after Mass. Come join in the fun!


**United Catholic Appeal.** This week we jumped from 46% to 56%! We are well on the way!

**Youth Group** – Christmas outreach, **fruit basket distribution** to our parish shut-ins. Assemble baskets and deliver to the elderly of our parish, December 10th immediately following Mass. Please meet in the Parish Office to assemble baskets and sign cards. Youth members provide the following: 6<sup>th</sup> grade-**Apples**; 8<sup>th</sup> grade- **Oranges**; 9<sup>th</sup> grade- **Bananas**; 11<sup>th</sup> grade- **Grapes**; 12<sup>th</sup> grade- **Grapefruit**.

**Save the date: Decorating the Church** for Christmas is always an event to look forward to. Please join other families on December 17<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass to bring our sanctuary alive!

**Christmas weekend.** Christmas falls on Monday this year, which means our Eucharistic celebrations fall on Sunday evening. As usual, the Christmas Masses are scheduled for 4:00 and 6:00 pm. Remember that these two Masses are Christmas Masses, not the Sunday Mass. The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception on Saturday evening at 4:00 pm.

**Calendars: Bass and Gasper** Funeral Home has once again blessed us with a complimentary calendar for every home. Please pick one up in the church entry. We thank them for their generosity!

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| Campaign for Human Development \$15.00;<br>Cemetery Fund \$40.00;                  | Adult Envelopes    | \$ 2072.00 |
|  | Loose cash, checks | \$ 278.00  |
|  | Fuel Fund          | \$ 25.00   |
| <b>\$ 3,028 needed weekly</b><br><b>Thank you! We are most grateful!</b>           | Total:             | \$ 2375.00 |

## December 10: Special Collection – Retirement Fund for Religious

**Remember in Prayer:** David Bedel, Bernard Huff, Bernard Pfeifer, Gerald Hermes, Dale Helms, Diana Bova, Chris Mennel, Emily Mennel, Chris Owens, Thomas Powers and Velma Ortman. Please call the parish office with any request for home visits, Communion, or anointing.

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sacristan:** Jo Fledderman

**Musicians:** Men’s Choir

**Greeters/Ushers:** Mitch and Lori Nobbe,  
Mike and Kathy Kehrman

**Lectors:** Niki Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Daniel Fledderman,  
Jo Fledderman, Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff

**Servers:** Kenny Stier, Anna Johannigman

**Counters:** Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,  
Aaron Gault

#### Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Ann Stier

Youth Choir

**Ushers:** Allison Nobbe, Trent Nobbe, Ryan  
Schwering, Colton Johannigman

**Greeters:** Evan Wullenweber, Matthew Schoettmer  
Maria Meyer, Ben Stier

**Petitions:** Kenny Stier

**Gifts:** Hope Diekhoff, Kalie Fry, Campbell Johannigman  
Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein,  
Jeanne Fry

Hunter Collins, Michael Stier

Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
Sara Hermes

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8, 6:00 pm (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Sacristan:** Marilyn Horan

**Musicians: Men's Choir**

**Greeters/Ushers:** Joe and Donna Johannigman, Bill and Niki Johannigman

**Lectors:** Anna Johannigman, Claire Wullenweber

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermesch, Cindy Johannigman, Ann Stier

**Servers:** Trent Nobbe, Allison Nobbe

**Church Cleaning Committee-** December: Mollie Johannigman (chairperson), Lori Nobbe, Nichole Schoettmer, Kathy Westrick, Amy Hermesch, Sara Hermesch, Cindy Johannigman, Kim Johannigman, Jessica Hamilton.

## Dates To Remember



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| December 3  |            | Breakfast with Santa – School Hall  |
| December 3  | After Mass | Youth Choir Practice                |
| December 6  | 6:45 pm    | Faith Formation Pre-k – Grade 5     |
| December 6  | 7:00 pm    | Cohort Advent Penance Service at IC |
| December 8  | 6:00 pm    | Mass Feast of Immaculate Conception |
| December 10 |            | Fruit Basket Delivery (youth)       |
| December 10 |            | Giving Tree Gifts due today         |
| December 10 | After Mass | Mixed Choir Practice                |
| December 13 | 6:45 pm    | Faith Formation Pre-k – Grade 5     |
| December 17 | After Mass | Church decorating                   |

**Thank you:** The family of Anthony Scheidler would like to thank the Ladies of the parish and Stones Restaurant for all the work and time for the funeral meal. Thank you, Sister Donna, Father Bill and all who participated in the beautiful funeral Mass. We are all very grateful.

## Upcoming Events

**Retirement for Religious Collection:** Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

**CYO Volleyball -** If any girls in the parish are interested in playing volleyball this winter, please contact Joe Johannigman (812-593-5243)

**2017 Christmas Outreach: *The Giving Tree!*** Thank you for your generosity! Gifts are beginning to come in. But many ornaments remain on the tree. All gifts are to be returned and placed under the tree UNWRAPPED and with the Giving Tree ornament ATTACHED. This will help us to know for which child the gift was intended. Money placed in an envelope and marked “Giving Tree” would also be graciously accepted and used to shop for any “missing” items! Place such envelopes into the collection basket. All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday, Dec. 10th. If you are interested in helping sort, shop, or deliver, please contact Anita Fry, Melea Gault, Laura Meyer, Kristin Stone, or Dana Fledderman.