

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

December 17, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Albert Schoettmer

**PLC Notes:**

**Retirement for Religious Collection:** For the history of Religious Life within the United States, religious orders have worked tirelessly to further the education of our youth, in all parish ministries, and in healthcare, for small stipends or minimal financial support. They are not, and have never been supported by the Archdiocesan collections as are the priests. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose operational funds are depleted. Thank you for your generous support today!


**2017 Christmas Outreach: The Giving Tree!** Thank you for your generosity! Money placed in an envelope and marked "Giving Tree" would 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 today. If you are interested in helping sort, shop, or deliver, please gather in the school basement after Mass. Your assistance is needed and appreciated.

**Youth Group Today**– Christmas outreach, **fruit basket distribution** to our parish shut-ins. Assemble baskets and deliver to the elderly of our parish, Today, immediately following Mass. Please meet in the school classroom 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**.

**Thank you!!** The "Giving Spirit" is all around! The Parish has received two generous gifts this week! One donor took a big bite out of our fuel bill which is much appreciated. Another donor picked up the bill for repair work completed at the St. Dennis property. God bless your generosity!

**Buildings and Grounds:** The roofing project was put on a temporary delay this week, not because of funding or need, but because the labor pool is already dried up for the season (and next). Our energy and efforts have shifted to tiling and land drainage issues. You will notice flags making future digging sights and eventually will see the work in progress. Again, we are grateful to much donated time and expertise from parishioners!

**Remember in Prayer:** David Bedel, Bernard Huff, Bernard & Nell Ann 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.

Campaign for Human Development \$50.00;	Adult Envelopes	\$ 2640.00
	Loose cash, checks	\$ 142.91
	Maintenance Fund	\$ 1530.00
<b>\$ 3,028 needed weekly</b> <b>Thank you! We are most grateful!</b>	Total:	\$ 4312.91

**Today: Special Collection – Retirement Fund for Religious United Catholic Appeal.** This week we jumped from 56% to 64%! We are climbing!

### Liturgical Ministers

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

**Sacristan:** Ann Stier  
**Musicians:** Youth Choir  
**Ushers:** Allison Nobbe, Trent Nobbe, Ryan Schwering, Colton Johannigman  
**Greeters:** Evan Wullenweber, Matthew Schoettmer  
**Lectors:** Maria Meyer, Ben Stier  
**Petitions:** Kenny Stier  
**Gifts:** Hope Diekhoff, Kalie Fry, Campbell Johannigman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein, Jeanne Fry  
**Servers:** Hunter Collins, Michael Stier  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch

#### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Dana Fledderman  
Mixed Choir  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Tom & Lois Johannigman, Mark and Cindy Hermesch  
Melea Gault, Kenny Stier  
Donna Johannigman, Brian Huff, Lisa Huff, Emery Mapes  
Evan Wullenweber, Caaden Gault  
Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

### Ministries for Christmas

#### December 24: Christmas 4:00 PM

**Sacristan:** Ann Stier  
**Musicians:** Youth Choir  
**Ushers:** John & Cindy Johannigman, Mike & Kathy Kehrman  
**Lectors:** Melea Gault, Ben Stier  
**Gifts:** Tyler & Kristin Stone Family  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Stier, Mark Stier, Dan Fledderman, Jo Fledderman  
**Servers:** Trent Nobbe, Michael Stier, Adam Hermesch

#### December 24, Christmas 6:00 PM

LaDonna Hoeing  
Sarah & Donna Schwering with organ  
Dave & Cindy Stone, Jerry & Dorothy Fry  
LaDonna Hoeing, Mary Jo Wenning  
Jeannie Fry, Norbert Hoeing  
Norbert Hoeing

**Church Cleaning Committee-** December: Mollie Johannigman (chairperson), Lori Nobbe, Nichole Schoettmer, Kathy Westrick, Amy Hermesch, Sara Hermesch, Cindy Johannigman, Kim Johannigman, Jessica Hamilton. Meet at 9:00 am, **December 9th and 23rd.**

## Upcoming Events

Save the date: **Decorating the Church** for Christmas is always an event to look forward to. Please join other families on **December 17th** 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.

You may have already noticed that the **Gloria** has been omitted for all Sundays during Advent. This omission helps build up the grandeur of the Christmas Gloria. In addition, the students and youth have been invited to bring bells to the Christmas liturgies to “ring out the Gloria” in full splendor! We extend that invitation to everyone. Bring, and ring out, your bells during the entire Gloria!! And don’t forget to wear red!

## Dates To Remember

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	Coffee & Doughnuts in school hall provided by the 4-H group both after Mass, and after Church decorating
December 23	Sat. 4:00 pm	4th Sunday of Advent Mass
December 24	4:00 & 6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Masses

## Year End Giving

Consider the Possibilities of Year-End Giving. At year end, we often express thanks to God by giving to others. Careful considerations of the type and timing of charitable gifts can help magnify the impact of the gifts on ministry. To consider the possibilities of bequests, as well as gifts of appreciated stocks, real estate and cash, please contact the Catholic Community Foundation, Inc. The Foundation stewards our parish endowment funds. Joanna S. Feltz, J.D., director of Planned Giving, [jfeltz@archindy.org](mailto:jfeltz@archindy.org). 317-236-1482 or 800-382-9836 (ext. 1482). And remember, God is never outdone in generosity. A gift directly to the parish at year-end is also very helpful. Thank you.

**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!