

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

**Mass Intentions:**

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

December 23, 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 4:00 pm: For our Parish

December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm: Horan Family

December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve 6:00 pm: Jerry Jacobs

**PLC Notes:**

**Decorating the Church for Christmas:** Today immediately following Mass, all families are invited to take part in assembly of the crib and trees, to prepare our worship space for the Christmas Feast! is always an event to look forward to. Please join other families on December 17th immediately following Mass to bring our sanctuary alive! **Retirement for Religious**

**Religious Give Thanks:** A religious Sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of people to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donations to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious.

**Thank you!!** The “Giving Spirit” is all around! This week the Parish received an anonymous gift of \$10,000.00 from a parishioner who is grateful for our support and dedicated to the ongoing ministry we engage in. We are grateful beyond words! God bless your generosity!


**Buildings and Grounds:** The roofing project was put on a temporary delay last week, though we did receive the needed bid from the roofer for our planning. Our energy and efforts have shifted to tiling and land drainage issues. You will notice flags marking future digging sights and eventually will see the work in progress. Again, we are grateful for donated time and expertise from parishioners!

**Youth Choir:** We want Christmas Eve to be a joyous occasion. Rita will not be able to join us that evening, but we have a substitute organist from the Cohort who is willing to work with us. She would like to practice with all of you interested vocalists on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the church. Please lend your voices! (And don’t forget to bring those bells!

**Confirmation Date!** We received a confirmation from Father Danda today concerning Confirmation of our Youth. All of us in the Deanery have been waiting to hear the assigned dates. Ours will be at St. Mary’s Greensburg, on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm. More information will be coming.

**Remember in Prayer:** David Bedel, Bernard Huff, Bernard & Nell Ann Pfeifer, Gerald Hermes, Dale Helms, Diana Bova, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Thomas Powers and Velma Ortman.

Please call the parish office with any request for home visits, Communion, or anointing.

Religious Retirement #1490.00; Cemetery \$20.00 Immaculate Conception Feast \$803.00	Adult Envelopes	\$ 1756.00
	Loose cash, checks	\$ 236.00
	Maintenance Fund	\$ 517.00
<b>\$ 3,028 needed weekly</b> <b>Thank you! We are most grateful!</b>	Total:	\$ 3312.00

**United Catholic Appeal.** No movement this week. We remain at 64% of our goal.

### Liturgical Ministers

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

**Sacristan:** Dana Fledderman

**Musicians:** Mixed Choir

**Greeters/Ushers:** Tom & Lois Johannigman, Mark  
and Cindy Hermesch

**Lectors:** Melea Gault, Kenny Stier

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Donna Johannigman, Brian  
Huff, Lisa Huff, Emery Mapes

**Servers:** Evan Wullenweber, Caaden Gault

**Counters:** Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel  
Cindy Hermesch

**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 PM**

LaDonna Hoeing

Donna & Sarah Schwering

Mike & Mollie Johannigman, Steve and  
Diane AmRhein

Mary Jo Wenning, Niki Johannigman

Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman, Joe  
Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff

Ben Stier, Adam Hermesch

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,  
Gretchen Stone

### Ministries for Christmas

**December 24: Christmas 4:00 PM**

**Sacristan:** Ann Stier

**Musicians:** Youth Choir

**Ushers:** John & Cindy Johannigman, Mike &  
Kathy Kohrman

**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

**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!

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** This past Tuesday was the delivery day of the **Giving Tree gifts** to South Decatur Elementary. What a success it was! Thanks to all your help and generosity. We were able to more than fulfill the lists from 7 handpicked, very deserving South Decatur families and 10 students from the special needs class for a total of 32 kids. Every child received one or more of each of the following: shirt, pair of pants, shoes, socks or underwear, and a special toy on their list. In addition to these items, each family also received wrapping paper, bows, tape, a Christmas ornament and a \$45 gas card! Above all this, it seems the good character of this community was witnessed by a visitor. As a result, the anonymous visitor spread the word and, also the generosity. Our Giving Tree recipients therefore received an even bigger outpouring of love and of gifts than what was mentioned. God is truly using our hands to serve others! Thank you once again for all that you do!

\*If you are curious to see more, there will be pictures posted on our church website, and soon in the back of church.

**Fruit Basket Outreach to our Elders:** Simultaneously with the Giving Tree project, our youth were busy putting together, and then distributing, 22 beautiful fruit baskets! They seemed to enjoy the work, but those receiving the gifts were so touched by this generosity! As I engaged in Communion Calls this week, each elder parishioner raved about, not only the thoughtful gift, but the delightful visits they enjoyed from our youth. The greatest gift is indeed the gift of time!

## Upcoming Events

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

Today	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 pm & 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 to your parish can help magnify the impact of the gifts on ministry. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity. Thank you.

**Attention Fans & Followers of St. Francis of Assisi.** Mark your calendar. On Tuesday, Dec 26th at 8:00pm on PBS, "The Sultan and the Saint" docu-movie can be viewed at home or at other viewings nationwide ([sultanandthesaintfilm.com/viewings-parties](http://sultanandthesaintfilm.com/viewings-parties)).