

December 24, 2017

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN

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

Mass Intentions:

December 23, 2017 4th 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

December 31, 2017 Holy Family Sunday 8:00 am: Irvin Hardebeck

PLC Notes:

Decorating the Church for Christmas: A big thank you to Philip Hamilton for coordinating, and to all who stayed to help decorate the church inside and out. The finishing touches will happen just in time for Christmas Eve and all lights will be on for that celebration. The children's tree will come alive as each child adds a homemade ornament. We are grateful to all those who donated memorial money to help with the flower expense. The names of your departed loved ones are displayed in front of the altar, and will be remembered in our prayer during these celebrations.

Christmas Eve: Our Christmas celebrations usually bring in a large crowd of family and friends. We want to especially thank those ladies who have sacrificed time on Saturday this year to clean and prepare the church for our guests! We are still hoping for a few strong men to set up additional chairs in the side aisles and rear of the church. Thanks to our hospitality ministers, and all liturgical ministers for these special days. Special thanks to our music ministers for their time and talents. Please remember to bring your **bells** to the Christmas liturgies to ring out the Gloria!

Contribution Envelopes: The "Collection Envelopes" or "Contribution Envelopes" for 2018, are ready and available this morning for pickup. They are in alphabetical order in the entryway. Please take a few minutes to claim these boxes as they are already needed next Sunday. Picking them up saves a lot of postage for the parish, so please pick them up today. If anyone is a registered parishioner but does not find a box labeled for you, please let me know. If you are one who mails your checks in each week, therefore do not need collection envelopes, please let me know that too.

2017 Contribution Statements will be processed early January. All 2017 contributions, including year-end contributions need to be received by December 31st. Please do not use 2017 envelopes after that date.

Confirmation Date! We received a confirmation from Father Danda concerning Confirmation of our Youth at St. Mary's Greensburg, on Sunday April 22nd at 2:00 pm. More information will be coming. All those involved, please mark your calendars.

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 23rd

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing
Musicians: Donna & Sarah Schwering
Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Mollie Johannigman,
Steve and Diane AmRhein
Lectors: Mary Jo Wenning, Niki Johannigman
Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman
Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff
Servers: Ben Stier, Adam Hermesch
Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

Sunday, December 31st

LaDonna Hoeing
Men's Choir
Craig & Paula Wullenweber, Kyle
Johannigman, Anna Johannigman
Jeanne Fry, Donna Johannigman
Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne
Fry, Cindy Johannigman
Colton Johannigman, Campbell Johannigman
Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

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

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).

Christmas Memorials:

We Remember our deceased loved ones during the Christmas Liturgies: Tony Scheidler, Rosemary Bruns, Dale Bruns, Holly Bruns, Paul Herbert, Marie Stier, Larry Fry, Art Ortman, Alma Schwering, Alex Veercamp, George Rupp, Joe, Naderman, Everett & Mary Ann Wenning



Christmas Blessing
-Joyce Rupp

May you give and receive love generously.
May this love echo in your heart like
the joy of church bells on a clear December day.

May each person who comes into your life
be greeted as another Christ.
May the honor given to the Babe in Bethlehem
be that which you extend to every guest
who enters your presence.

May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children
be awakened within you.
May it lead you to renewed awareness and appreciation
of whatever you too easily take for granted.

May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened
as you gather around the table of festivity
and nourishment.

May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust
this Luminescent Presence to guide you each day.

May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart
and visit the One who offers you peace.

May you bring this peace into our world.
Amen

