

January 14, 2018

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:

January 14, 2018 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Robert Horan

January 21, 2018 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Alex Veerkamp

PLC Notes:

This morning we celebrate the “**Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation**” for eight of our youth: they are **Kalie Fry, Annie Gant, Cameron Hardebeck, Anna Johannigman, Joseph Maples, Trent Nobbe, Vic Schutte and Kenny Stier**. The purpose of the rite is to introduce to you, the faith community, the candidates who are preparing for Confirmation in the spring, so that you can be aware, and support these young people with your prayers, and by sharing your faith. One of the responsibilities of each one of us is to evangelize, to share our faith. This is a prime opportunity! Each one of these young people is taking a big step, and they all need and deserve our support. When they were infants, their parents chose their faith for them, and along with their godparents, professed vows or promises to guide these folks in the formation of their faith, to bring them up in our faith, to be the initial and most important teachers of our faith. The role of the parents is primary. But all of us have a role as well, and each one of us has something to give, to teach or to model, thus sharing in that ultimate responsibility of passing on our faith. As part of the rite today, we will renew our baptismal promises, or say aloud just what it is that we believe about our faith. As their parents did for them when they were young, today each one of these candidates will speak these promises with their own voice, supported by our voices, their community of faith.

Some think of confirmation as a rite of passage, a declaration of becoming adult in our faith, and it is that. But more importantly, it is the beginning of one’s faith journey! These youths are saying yes to all that we believe. They are currently involved in a preparation time, to learn more deeply about what it is to walk in the light of faith, to come to know God on a personal level, to explore the questions, to try on the behaviors of a disciple of Christ. Confirmation, along with Baptism and Eucharist, form the sacraments of initiation. So these folks are being initiated into our faith. Initiation is a beginning.

The Catholic Catechism says that in the sacrament confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. This is the reason the candidates are each required, during this preparation time, to complete service hours, time spent trying out different types of service, or ministries within the church. In our youth we watch, and learn, and imitate. In our adulthood we take on the responsibility of membership. Membership for each one of us is embraced by our stewardship, our gifts of time, talent and treasure. Once again, we have the opportunity to model for these candidates, each one of these gifts. They are observing in us, how we live out our faith, how we give of ourselves, to this church, this faith that we hold dear. And they are practicing, spending time in volunteer positions, as liturgical ministers, in the soup kitchen, visiting shut-ins, serving other’s needs.

The candidates are praying for the gifts of the spirit, the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We too, continue to seek these gifts. Please support these candidates on this very important journey, this first step towards a closer union with God.

Remember in Prayer: Sister Christine Ernestes, Gerald Hermesch, Dale Helms, Diana Bova, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Thomas Powers and Velma Ortman. Bernard Huff has been placed on Hospice and is declining. Please remember him and family in prayer.

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

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, January 14th

Sacristan: Marilyn Horan

Musicians: Youth Choir

Greeters: Kenlee Martin, Evan Wullenweber

Ushers: Gabby Edwards, Joshua Edwards,
Brian Wittkamper, Hunter Collins

Lectors: Kenny Stier, Alli Nobbe

Gifts: Mary Schwering, Clair Schoettmer,
Caaden Gault

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

Servers: Rhett Martin, Tony Schwering

Counters: Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

Sunday, January 21st

Ann Stier

Mixed Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Don & Jeanne Fry, Joe &
Donna Johannigman

Jacob Mattox, Anna Johannigman

Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman, Joe
Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff

Kenny Stier, Michael Stier

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

Church Cleaning Committee- January: Jeanne Fry (Chairperson), June Johannigman, Rita Peters, Gretchen Stone, Dorothy Fry and Kara Brown.



\$ 3,028 needed weekly

Thank you! We are most grateful!

Collection Remittance

Adult Envelopes	\$ 1733.00
Loose cash, checks	\$ 70.50
Christmas	\$ 20.00
New Years	\$ 85.00
Total:	\$ 1908.50

United Catholic Appeal: A reminder that this appeal is the most important appeal to all Archdiocesan ministries and programs. The needs of those served by the Archdiocese are greater than ever. If you have already given or pledged, we thank you! If not yet, please do so. IC Parish has reached 68% of it's goal.

Special Collection: Collection for Propagation of the Faith, January 28, 2018.

Contribution Envelopes: Contribution (Collection) Envelopes remain in the entry of the church. Please pick them up as you come or go, to save the parish postage. They are in alphabetical order for your convenience. If anyone is a registered parishioner but does not find a box labelled for you please let Sister know.

Contribution Statements have been processed and will be available next Sunday for use as you work on filing your taxes. Like the envelopes, they will be in alphabetical order in the back of church.

Dates To Remember



January 14	During Mass	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
January 14	After Mass	Religious Education Grades 6-11
January 14	After Mass	Un-decorate Church
January 14	After Mass	Maintenance Committee Meeting
January 15	7:00 PM	Faith Formation Commission Meeting
January 17	6:45 pm	Religious Education Grades Pre-K-5
January 17	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
January 21	After Mass	Parish Council Meeting

Confirmation Date! Scheduled at St. Mary's Greensburg, on Sunday April 22nd at 2:00 pm.

Faith Formation Meeting: There will be a Faith Formation Commission meeting on Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the parish office.

St. Mary's School – Prospective Preschool/Kindergarten Open House – Monday, January 29, 2018
See Bulletin Board for further information.

St. Peter's Catholic Church will have their 16th annual whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast, Sunday, January 28, 2018 from 7:30 to noon, located at the St. Peter's Community Building on St. Peter's road between Blue Creek Road and Highland Center Roads. A free-will donation benefits the St. Peter's Parents for Catholic Education Fund. The menu includes our delicious whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs, pancakes and homemade pastries. We also have a raffle and tenderloin and split the pot raffle.

Oldenburg Academy and the RAA will be hosting the Christian band "The Lasting Hope" on Friday, February 2 at 7pm in the OA auditorium. Admission is free. Prior to the concert, the Knights of St John, Commandery of Oldenburg will host a ham dinner in the Holy Family cafeteria from 5-7pm. Free will offering. Carry outs available.

Huddle up with **Oldenburg Academy's Team OASIS** for game day perfect play Super Bowl Sunday for their annual FREE WILL OFFERING Breakfast; Sunday, February 4th - 7:15 am till 12:15 pm at St. Louis School Cafeteria. The event supports OA's new athletic facility. Enter to win a Supersize TV courtesy of Geis Electronics. Enjoy pancakes & whole-hog sausage.

Lenten Fish Fry: Fridays 4:30-7:00 PM, February 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16 & 23,
All Saints Parish, St. Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Road, Yorkville, IN.
Adults \$10.00; Children \$5.00

Celebrate Love!

Join us as we celebrate love and marriage! Saturday, February 10, 2018, 5:00-11:00pm.
The celebration begins with Mass- 5:00pm @ St. Louis Church. Following Mass, the evening will continue at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Batesville. Festivities include: Dinner, Dessert & Dance, Champagne Toast, Blessing of Married Couples, and Presentation on Love & Marriage. Reservations due by February 4 \$15 per person; cash bar available, St. Louis Parish, 812-934-3204