

**March 4, 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](mailto:sisterdianne@millhousechurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

March 4, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent: Marie Stier

March 11, 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Albert Schoettmer

**PLC Notes: Food for The Poor:** This weekend, March 4th, Father Robert White will speak at all services for the Cohort about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. He will share personal witness about “Food for The Poor” and their mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

It is with very mixed emotions that I announce to you today the upcoming **retirement** of **Kathy Westrick** as Administrator of Religious Education here at Immaculate Conception, planned for the end of May, the end of the current academic year. While I am very happy for her, and her upcoming time of relaxation, I am at the same time very much aware of the loss it will mean to so many here. Early on in her tenure here, Sister Christine hired Kathy to coordinate our Religious Ed. program, and she has been the face of Religious Ed. for hundreds of students, parents, and families for nearly twenty-five years! How many lives she has touched! Over the years, as the class sizes have decreased from twenty to four or five, Kathy has picked up many other responsibilities in addition to Religious Ed. She has “filled in” or taken responsibility for all activity in the parish at multiple times when Sister Christine was ill. She has gone from coordinating, to singlehandedly cleaning the entire school building. She has picked up sacristy work, and typing, and even learned to do checking, and deposits, and payroll out of necessity. We are grateful for her twenty-five years of dedicated service to this parish and know that she will be greatly missed. Finding a suitable replacement for her role will be our next big task. Dialogue has begun with the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education as well as the Archdiocesan Human Resources Department. Obviously, we would all prefer a parishioner to assume this role. If you are currently a catechist, have excellent organizational skills, and have interest in serving your parish in this way, or if you know of someone else who is interested and would serve us well, please come forward as soon as possible.

Please remember to pray for and support our **Confirmation Candidates?** Lent is a great time to send them a quick note, or text, or check in with them about their journey of faith. Let them know they don’t walk alone. Please remember their retreat on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

You may be aware that our **Clavenova** (piano) has been causing some problems for our musicians. While the keyboard works well, the recording mechanism has a mind of its own. Joe Johannigman has taken the initiative to research possible resolutions of this problem. If you are aware of any service organizations that might be helpful to this end, please call the parish office, or let Joe know of your information.

Though it might seem hard to believe, March is already here, and **March is budget month**. Each committee or group that might seek funding during the next fiscal year for any project, or work, or occasion, is asked to submit their projected needs at this time to the Finance Committee. Part of the role of

the Finance Committee is to assist you in these efforts, but they can't help if you don't ask. Throughout the year, they cannot approve spending that has not been budgeted. So please, submit your projected expenses, and they will do their best to lead us to a sound financial future.

Lenten opportunities for communal prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving abound. Note: The **Stations of the Cross** on most Friday evenings, the **Bible Study Group** convening on Wednesday evenings, and the rosary group on Saturday mornings. Add to that a **Cohort Penance Service** on March 11<sup>th</sup> and the opportunity for **Perpetual Adoration** at St. Mary's Greensburg. In addition, we remind you of the Annual **Indiana Catholic Women's Conference** coming up. Offered for our prayer, reflection, and study is a **Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Thompson**, printed in the Criterion last week, and posted on the board. If you would like a personal copy of this challenging letter, just call the office and one will be provided. In the almsgiving department, multiple opportunities beg for our support. Remember the **Sacrifice Jars** project. Please pick up a jar as you leave Mass this morning, if you have not already done so. The 40 days of sacrifice will be reflected in the change that adds up and eventually goes to local charities. Thank you to Jeannie Fry for organizing this event.

**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** - On April 22, 2018, Jim and Marieda Koors will be celebrating and would like to invite the parish to join them for this special occasion. What a witness to their marriage vows! They have invited Fr. Dan Bedel to offer a **Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm**, here at Immaculate Conception, followed by a reception at the Knights of St. John Hall. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join them! The date happens to coincide with the Confirmation of our youth that same afternoon, at St. Mary's Greensburg at 2:00 pm. If you plan to go to Mass at St. Mary's, please join Jim and Marieda after. Even if you have other commitments, please stop in to congratulate them. They request no gifts, but a card shower will honor them. Please find a basket for that purpose in the entry way nearer to that date. Because we expect that most everyone in the parish will want to attend one of these two celebrations, the **8:00 a.m.** Mass at Immaculate Conception will be **cancelled** for this day. As always you are welcome to join any of our neighboring parishes for liturgy that morning.

**Emergencies: Call Offs** - To sign up for "Remind" and receive emergency text messages in the comfort of your home, text "@icchurch" to 81010. Please see the flyer on the board or contact Kenny Stier for assistance.

**Remember in Prayer:** Gerald Hermesch, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, & Thomas Powers. Please call the parish office with any request for home visits, Communion, or anointing.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sacristan:** Dana Fledderman

**Musicians:** Men's Choir

**Greeters/Ushers:** Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Mike & Kathy Kohrman

**Lectors:** Kenny Stier, Anna Johannigman

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

### Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

LaDonna Hoeing

Youth Choir

Steve & Diane AmRhein, Mark & Cindy Hermesch

Melea Gault, Jerry Fry

Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman, Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff

**Servers:** Hunter Collins, Michael Stier  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
 Sara Hermesch

Rhett Martin, Kenlee Martin  
 Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

**Church Cleaning Committee-** March: Kimberly Hoeing (Chairperson), Margie Georgi, Sharon Helms, Kristen Stone, Mary Jo Wenning, Carol Helms, Linda Mazingo, Bailey Mazingo

### Collection Remittance

Criterion - \$20.00, Home Missions - \$100.00, Church in Europe - \$130.00	Adult \$2,022.00
	Loose 133.50
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	
Thank you. We are most grateful.	<b>Total</b> \$2,155.50

### Dates To Remember



- March 4 After Mass Religious Ed Grades 6-11
- March 5 7:00 pm Faith Formation Meeting
- March 9 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- March 11 1:30 pm Cohort Penance Service at Napoleon
- April 14 All Day Retreat for Confirmation Candidates.

#### **Fish Fry: - March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Millhousen Volunteer Fire Department invite you to their Fish Fries – 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Fish, Tenderloins, French Fries, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Desserts.

#### **Fish Fry: All You Can Eat – March 16<sup>th</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Millhousen Knights of St. John invite you to their Fish Fries – Adult Dinners \$10, Ages 3-10, \$5 and Under age 2 Free. Dinner includes white fish, French fries, coleslaw, applesauce, and dessert. To-go orders are available

**St. Mary’s School – Greensburg :** Welcomes you to the 2018-2019 **K- 8<sup>th</sup> grade registration** for new school families. Stop by the office of St. Mary’s School, 1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way Greensburg, to fill out the necessary paperwork. See flyer on bulletin board for more information.

**Annual Indiana Catholic Women’s Conference:** Saturday, March 10, 2018, Indiana Convention Center, 8:30 am – 4:45 pm. To register online visit: [www.indianacatholicwomen.com](http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com). Or call 317-888-0873. Music, speakers, lunch included. See flyer on board.

**Project Rachel** ([www.projectrachel.org](http://www.projectrachel.org)) is the Catholic Church’s ministry to those who have been involved in abortion. Many women and men experience guilt, sorrow, shame and regret after an abortion. They may feel isolated and alone and far away from God and the Church. Project Rachel is an integrated network of services including pastoral counseling, support groups and retreats and it’s available in the Indianapolis Archdiocese. A **Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat** ([www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)) will be held March 9-11<sup>th</sup> for women and men who have suffered in the aftermath of abortion. Call 317-452-0054 to confidentially talk to someone about the pain of abortion and to sign up for the retreat.