

March 11, 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:

March 11, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Lent: Albert Schoettmer

March 18, 2018: - 5th Sunday of Lent: Irvin Hardebeck

PLC Notes:

Church Cleaning: A committee has formed to take a fresh look at church cleaning. LaDonna Hoeing is coordinating the effort. The committee of team chairpersons will meet to share ideas on Tuesday evening March 13th at 7:00 pm in the parish Office Building. All are welcome to attend or convey your ideas and concerns to LaDonna prior to the meeting. Always looking for more volunteers.

Confirmation Candidates! All eight of our candidates have completed a very important step in the journey of preparation for this sacrament. Each one has written a very personal letter to the Archbishop addressing the issues of why they want to be confirmed, and how this preparation time is changing their lives. They did an awesome job! Work continues on their service hours and all will attend an all-day retreat on April 14th. Please keep this group in your prayers and offer them a word of support.

Clavinova (piano) update: a musical instrument repairman from Noblesville visited on Friday and made some minor repairs and adjustments to our instrument. The good news is that the electronics (the computer) and the keyboard are in good condition and will serve us well into the future. He found some paper clips, a pencil and other small items wedged into the inside (similar to what was found in the organ when it was tuned). We can prevent those issues from repeating. In addition, he cleaned and tended to the disk drive, the recording part of the piano. The drive has had a lot of use and is declining with age. It will not last but is functional at this time. The part is no longer made but could be found for a very large price. He recommends re-recording the music we wish to use for the future and then playing on a CD player or computer. Also, we could record on new floppy disks (still available, but only online) and use the disk drive for as long as possible. His best suggestion is to find a good pianist.

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.

Youth Ministry - the following note from Jake and Allison: "After much reflection and prayer we have decided to step away from our role as youth ministers. With the new baby at home and our busy schedules we know we would not be able to be as effective as we would want to be in this very important role. It would be in our and the parishes best interest for someone else to step into that role. Please know that this was not an easy decision for us to make and we are grateful for your understanding in this situation."

Part two of the **tiling project** is now complete. Jessie and team spent an entire day last Saturday, and well into the night! The Auction yard, west of the school building is tiled and draining well. All tile, labor and time have been donated! We are very grateful to our generous donors! It will make a big difference by August. In the mean time we need some good heavy rains to help level it out. Eventually grass will reappear. The cemetery tile is draining well too! Two parts down, two to go.

Ryan Stone plans to join us for liturgy on Mother's Day. I invited him to lead our music that day, and he will speak to us at some point concerning his recent Haiti trip. Please see the bulletin insert this morning.

Wedding: On April 14, 2018, Leanna Rose Johannigman, daughter of Ed and June (Brancamp) Johannigman, of Immaculate Conception, plans to wed Derek Michael Steele, son of Jamie Leigh and Beth Ann (May) Steele, here at Immaculate Conception Church. Please offer prayers of support during these last weeks of preparation!

60th 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.

With the first day of spring only a week away it is a good time to review our **Mowing contracts**. Immaculate Conception has a very large property to maintain and mowing expenses are second only to the cost of heat. For a number of years, we have had the good fortune of hiring mowers from within our parish. We would like to continue that trend and will accept bids from anyone interested in taking on this awesome responsibility. Bid sheets will be available for pick up in the parish office, any time after the Parish Council meeting next Sunday for both I.C. and St. Denis properties.

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 Hermes, 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 11th

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Musicians: Youth Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Steve & Diane AmRhein, Mark & Cindy Hermes

Sunday, March 18th

Jo Fledderman

Mixed Choir

Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman

Lectors: Melea Gault, Jerry Fry
Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman, Donna Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning
 Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman
Servers: Rhett Martin, Kenlee Martin
 Tony Schwering, Mary Schwering
Counters: Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone
 Cindy Hermes

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 - \$40.00, Home Missions - \$70.00, Catholic Relief - \$20.00	Adult	\$2,920.00
Church in Europe - \$4.00, Religious Ed - \$50.00	Loose	89.25
	Youth	10.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		\$3,019.25

Dates To Remember



- March 11 1:30 pm Cohort Penance Service at Napoleon
- March 13 7:00 pm Church Cleaning meeting in Office Building
- March 14 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- March 18 After Mass Parish Council Meeting
- March 27 2:00 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral, all are welcome
- April 14 All Day Retreat for Confirmation Candidates.

Fish Fry: - March 23rd

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 16th, March 30th

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- 8th 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.

Smorgasbord Dinner at St. Maurice Church in Napoleon on Saturday, April 14th from 4:00 until 7:30 PM. Menu includes turkey, roast beef, meatloaf, lots of sides, salads and desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 yrs. See flyer at www.stmauricechurch.org