

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

March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday: Ben Lamping and Family

PLC Notes:

Eucharistic Ministers: an update to this long-awaited list: if you've been following the issue through the stages of development, you know that we were asked to submit a list of potential candidates. Candidates are not volunteers but are appointed by the pastor or PLC to meet the parish needs. They are to be exemplary Christian witnesses, living in right relationship within the church, willing to serve the parish community in the capacity of taking the Eucharist to the sick or shut-ins, and physically able to move safely about the church and sanctuary. After the list is compiled and submitted to the Office of Worship each person is approved or appointed by the Archbishop for a three-year term. Our list was submitted more than a year ago, but if you remember, we were without an Archbishop at that time. So, in January of this year we started over, and the updated list was finally approved and returned to us. The group is authorized to serve in the capacity of Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, at Immaculate Conception parish, effective June 3, 2018 to June 3, 2021, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Prior to that date we are to engage in a period of instruction (a brief class) and a rite of commissioning at a Sunday Mass. We hope to schedule this all during the spring so that we are ready to begin the new service by June 3rd. A list of approved candidates will be posted on the bulletin board.

Now a new development: due to the Florida shootings and deaths, a new emphasis has been placed on safety and security, not only for our youth but for all vulnerable individuals including our elderly and all those we serve. One step of the new effort is to begin **“Safe and Sacred Training,”** and **background checks** on all parish volunteers, not just on those working with the youth, but on ALL volunteers. beginning with this particular group, the Eucharistic Ministers, and then moving on to include all readers, and ushers, and cantors and committee members and literally ALL volunteers. This will be quite a process to initiate and to track in every parish. Please work with us as we move toward this ultimate goal. We realize this will not be an easy process to complete, and we will assist in any way that we can. Many of our parish members do not have internet access for the process, but we will assist each one who may need that assistance, at the parish computers. The online process will cost nothing from the individual, as the parish will be billed, but it will require about 45 min. of your time. If you have internet access you can do this education from the comfort of your home, or the library, or you may make an appointment to come into the parish office. This new mandate comes directly from Archbishop Thompson. (See letter on board.)

Church Cleaning: We have an awesome group of monthly team leaders! They brought energy and fresh ideas. Plans include permanent team leaders with LaDonna serving as coordinator, a yearly calendar so all may plan ahead, and plans to add men, young adults and teens to our teams. Please call a team leader to

volunteer or call LaDonna to have your name added to the roster. All are welcome! The more volunteers the faster the job will get done.

March is budget month. The Finance Committee met on Wednesday evening to begin the budget process, and Mike Witka from the Archdiocesan Office will be on hand Wednesday to advise and review. 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. 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.

Part three of the **tiling project** is in process. This one may take more than a week to complete. You will see a pile of gravel in the parking lot, and a larger pile of fill dirt nearby. There may also be other supplies as needed, and some equipment. A few trees are coming down in the yard across from the office building, one is dying a slow death and won't survive. A couple of others are interfering with the sewage drainage. It will be a work in process for a few weeks and will look much worse before it gets better, but it is in good hands.

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 his letter on the bulletin board.

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 18th

Sacristan: Jo Fledderman

Musicians: Mixed Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman

Lectors: Donna Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman

Servers: Tony Schwering, Mary Schwering

Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

Sunday, March 25th

Marilyn Horan

Donna & Sarah Schwering

John & Cindy Johannigman, Dave & Cindy Stone

Jeanne Fry, LaDonna Hoeing

Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein

Kenny Stier, Colton Johannigman

Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault

Collection Remittance

Catholic Relief Services - \$184.00		Adult	\$1,413.00
		Loose	220.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.			\$1,633.00

Dates To Remember



March 18	After Mass	Parish Council Meeting
March 23	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
March 25		Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week
March 27	2:00 pm	Chrim Mass at Cathedral, all are welcome
March 29	Mass 6:00 pm,	Holy Thursday with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
March 30	4:00 pm,	Good Friday service
March 31	7:30 pm	Cohort Easter Vigil at Napoleon
April 1		Easter Sunday! (No egg-hunt this year due to campus construction)
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 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.

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

The **Knights of St. John** will have a free will offering breakfast, Sunday, April 8th at the Knights Hall in Millhousen.

