

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

March 29, 2018 – Holy Thursday: Robert Horan

April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday: Marie Stier

PLC Notes: A reminder that **The Easter Vigil**, on Holy Saturday evening, is the culmination of our season of remembering the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection! Beginning with the Easter fire, the lighting of the Paschal candle, the blessing of the new holy water, the renewal of our baptismal promises, we sing out our Alleluia of Resurrection! Please join our cohort celebration at Napoleon, beginning at 7:30 pm.

We were informed that the **palms** were in short supply this year, but we had our order in early and our supply came as expected. When word came that our neighbors at Greensburg had no palms, we shared our abundance with them, as did Napoleon. There may not be as many as you like for creative work, but hope we have enough for each household to share.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will be gathering for their annual **spring work day** on Saturday April 21st beginning at 8:00 am. They are hoping to complete many projects and request as many hands as possible. Please join them for part or all of the day.

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 at (812-663-2736) to have your name added to the roster. All are welcome! The more volunteers the faster the job will get done.

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!

Spring has arrived and with it all things are growing in spite of the snow! Our **Mowing contracts** will not change much from previous years but we added a clause to support honoring Sunday as a day of rest, and having our property trimmed and cleaned up prior to our Sunday gatherings. We hope to continue hiring mowers from within our parish if possible. Interested parties may pick up a bid sheet at the parish office.

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.

Collection Remittance

Catholic Relief Services - \$155.00; Criterion - \$22.00	Adult \$2,323.00
	Loose 139.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Fuel 60.00
	\$2,522.00

Dates To Remember



March 25		Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week
March 27	2:00 pm	Chrism 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.
April 14	2:30 pm	Wedding Johannigman/Steele
April 15	12:30 pm	Confirmation Practice
April 21	8:00 am	Spring Work Day – ALL are welcome
April 22	4:30 pm	Koors 60 th Wedding Anniversary
April 22	1:00 pm	Confirmation at St. Mary's, Greensburg
April 29	8:00 am	First Communion

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.