

April 1, 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:

April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday: Marie Stier

April 8, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Easter: Irvin Hardebeck

PLC Notes: Were you there when we held the palm branches as a symbol of our praise, reverence, and love for the humble Master who has saved and set us free? Were you there at the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday tasting the grace of the Eucharist, and did you surrender to the consolation of foot washing? Were you there listening to the Passion and venerating the crosses in your own life on Good Friday, learning that the mystery of suffering in your own life is the sacred ladder by which you ascend to the beauty of the kingdom of heaven? Were you there when we gathered around the Easter fire at the Vigil, calling to mind the Lenten journey, first marked with ashes, but now becoming filled with fire – the mighty force of the risen Christ and the courageous strength of the Holy Spirit. Are you with us today as we proclaim the resurrection of Christ as the beautiful truth of redemption, knowing that the Lord walks with us, loves us, and is leading us to the fullness of joy and peace? Are you here with us, in humble awareness of our weakness, yet sharing the joyful proclamation of God's victory? The crucified Christ has washed us clean, forgiven our sins, and is fashioning us into the new creation of his saving death and resurrection! Today we proclaim together our Alleluia, our gratefulness for the new life within! Easter is now, alive in us! It is not just a day, not even just a special day! It is a season, a beginning, the culmination of faith alive in us, bursting forth into a new creation of beauty and surprise!

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.

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!

Our **Mowing contracts**, while not changed much from previous years, have a new 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. All bids are due back to the office by April 6th.

Faith Based Movies: The Batesville Deanery is sponsoring the faith-based movie, “I Can Only Imagine” April 5, at 7:00 pm, at the Wolf Theater in Greensburg in Easter Week. Tickets will be available at the theater for a free-will donation. Please see bulletin board for more information

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.

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sacristan: Ann Stier

Musicians: Men’s Choir

Greeters/Ushers: Craig & Paula Wullenweber,
Mike & Kathy Kohrman

Lectors: Claire Wullenweber, Niki Johannigman

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Fledderman, Jo
Fledderman, Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff

Servers: Evan Wullenweber, Caaden Gault

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sarah
Hermesch

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 8

Dana Fledderman

Youth Choir

Ushers: Trent Nobbe, Alli Nobbe, Hunter
Collins, Jessica Diekhoff

Greeters: Kalie Fry, Campbell Johannigman
Ben Stier, Anna Johannigman

Petitions: Kenny Stier

Gifts: Hope Diekhoff, Emily Georgi, Brian
Wittkamper

Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne
Fry, Cindy Johannigman

Michael Stier, Colton Johannigman

Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

Collection Remittance

Catholic Relief Services - \$20.00;	Adult	\$1,882.00
	Loose	117.00
	Rel Ed	100.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		\$2,099.00

Dates To Remember



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

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 whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast, Sunday, April 8th at the Knights Hall in Millhousen. The proceeds help pay for maintenance and repairs.

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Support Group: St. Mary, (1331 Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg) will offer a six-week evening session of Seasons of Hope from 6:30 – 8:30 PM in St. Mary's meeting room starting on April 9th. If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group offers prayer, scripture, faith sharing and fellowship. Come and be comforted. If you are interested in attending this program, please call the Parish Office (812-663-8427) and leave your name and phone number. Please register ASAP. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Annual Mission Day – End of Life Conference: Moral Guidelines, Health Care Decisions, & Pastoral Care – May 8th, 2018: Join us as we explore issues pertaining to end of life. Presenting the day are experts from the field including Fr. Ryan McCarthy, who will share the Catholic Church's guidelines on critical end of life decisions, and Dr. Colleen C. Brown, a physician certified in family medicine and Hospice & Palliative medicine, who will compare the program benefits and patient qualifications needed for eligibility into hospice and palliative treatment programs. Melissa Wilson, MSW, LCSW will offer information on specific resources and skills which participants can share with their family, friends, community and parish. Concluding the day, Fr. Jim Farrell will present on the pastoral care of patients and their families facing end of life, followed by an interactive panel discussion on witness statements from parishioners who faced a loss and how they experienced the ministry of consolation in their parishes. The Conference will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House (5353 East 56th Street, Indianapolis IN, 46226) on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 8:30 – 4:00. The cost is \$30 which includes lunch and materials. Register online by May 4, 2018 at www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-bereavement.html or contact Deb Van Velse 317-236-1586 or dvanvelse@archindy.org.

Easter Ponderings

Sturdy, deep green tulip shoots.

How did they know it was time to push up through the long-wintered soil?

How did they know it was the moment to resurrect, while thick layers of stubborn ice still pressed the ground flat?

But the tulips knew. They came rising strongly, a day after the ice died.

My heart stirs like dormant tulips, and hope comes dancing forth.