

*April 8, 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:**

April 8, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Irvin Hardebeck

April 15, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter: Paul Herbert

**PLC Notes: Happy Easter** once again!! It is hard to let the reality of Easter soak into our consciousness with the weather so bitter all around us. Archbishop Thompson reminded us that we spent 40 days of Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the sacred celebration of victory and redemption! We have been set free from the slavery of sin. We need not live in the shadows of darkness. We are welcomed into the light! The significance of Easter is so incredible that it takes us 50 days, 10 more days than our Lenten preparation, to pull out all the stops of rejoicing in the Good News of Salvation! May this Easter season be rich in grace, peace, hope, and joy for all within our faith community. And may the warmth of springtime catch up with us sometime within this **50 days of celebration!**

The 50 days will usher in other celebrations as well. On Saturday of this week we have a **wedding** to celebrate. How life-giving is that! And don't forget to pray for our **confirmation candidates** as they spend Saturday in a day-long **retreat**. Our prayer and support go with them. Candidates and sponsors, please don't forget to attend rehearsal next Sunday at 12:30 pm at St. Mary's Greensburg.

Once again, remember in prayer, the Sisters of St. Francis, as we convene for "part two" of our planning and goal setting process. The parish office will be closed on Wednesday thru Sunday as we meet, this time to elect new leadership, and project our future focus. As in February, Sister Donna will be away, all ministries are covered, and there will be no bulletin next weekend.

Please remember to mark April 21<sup>st</sup> on your calendars, the date set for the **parish work day**. All contributions of time will be greatly welcomed, and all-day workers will be rewarded with a good lunch. Plan to spend some time with us.

Though **April 22** is only halfway through our 50 days of celebration, it promises to be the biggest celebration of all! The liturgy celebrating our eight **confirmation** candidates will be at St. Mary's Church at 2:00 pm, with all family and friends in attendance! And later that same day we celebrate the **60<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary** of Jim and Marita Koors! The Liturgy will be here at Immaculate Conception at 4:30 pm, with an open house at the Knights Hall following.

The following weekend, celebrating continues with **First Communion** on April 29<sup>th</sup>. And then the 50 days is rounded out by **Mother's Day, May Crowning, and Graduation**, all in May. It is definitely an Alleluia season!

Thanks to all who contributed through our "**Sacrifice Jars**" during the season of Lent! This too is something to celebrate! Our "change" and "savings" over 40 days, yielded a mighty sum! We have written

a check for **\$831.69** to “The Bread of Life,” and many hungry people within our community will eat because we have sacrificed! What a wonderful way to share our blessings and reach out to those in need!

During these storming days and weeks, we have been without power on numerous occasions for hours at a time, and at times without phone and as always without internet various times. We want to thank **Norbert Hoeing** for his multiple climbs to the highest height, the **steeple**, to reset the church clock. It is not a pleasant climb in the best of weather conditions. We are aware the clock is still not chiming hourly, but it is keeping good time. Please be patient during this stormy season.

Our creativity is usually stimulated during the spring, and we would like to channel that creativity into a community project: creating a parish tee-shirt. The purpose of the shirt is two-fold, it would serve to identify the volunteer workers at the parish Auction in August; and to advertise for that end as well. We are thinking of bright and cheerful, in the established Auction colors of black on bright yellow, with the parish logo on the front left shoulder and the Auction information on the back. To generate creativity, spirit, and fun, we are thinking of adding a little competition to the recipe. So, put on your thinking caps, but don't share your ideas just yet. The winner will want to be a surprise! More information to come!

**The Buildings and Grounds Committee** will be gathering for their annual **spring work day** on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 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. He will 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!

**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.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 8**

**Sacristan:** Dana Fledderman

**Musicians:** Youth Choir and Abby Wagner

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

**Greeters:** Kalie Fry, Campbell Johannigman

**Lectors:** Ben Stier, Anna Johannigman

**Petitions:** Kenny Stier

**Gifts:** Hope Diekhoff, Emily Georgi, Brian Wittkamper

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

**Servers:** Michael Stier, Colton Johannigman

**Counters:** Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 15**

LaDonna Hoeing

Mixed choir and Abby Wagner

Don & Jeanne Fry, Bill & Nikki

Johannigman

Melea Gault, Jerry Fry

Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein

Tony Schwering, Mary Schwering

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

## Collection Remittance

Catholic Relief Services - \$50.00; Criterion – \$20.00;		
Holy Places - \$629.00	Adult	\$3,782.00
	Loose	297.95
<b>\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>	Maintenance	\$1,064.00
		\$5,143.95

### 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 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
April 22	1:00 pm	Confirmation at St. Mary’s, Greensburg
April 25	7:00 pm	Practice for First Communion (in church)
April 29	8:00 am	First Communion

**Smorgasbord Dinner at St. Maurice Church** in Napoleon on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmauricechurch.org)

The **Knights of St. John** will have a free will offering whole hog sausage and pancake breakfast, Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 56<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-bereavement.html) or contact Deb Van Velse 317-236-1586 or [dvanvelse@archindy.org](mailto:dvanvelse@archindy.org).