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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 22, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Easter: Jim and Marieda Koors

April 29, 2018 – 5th Sunday of Easter: Irvin Hardebeck

PLC Notes: The Easter celebrations continue! Today is full!! Congratulations to the Candidates for Confirmation! By the time of this reading they will already be confirmed. The celebration took place today at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Greensburg, with five parishes joining together to present the candidates. We are proud of parishioners **Kalie Marie Fry, Annalise Rose Gant, Cameron Lawrence Hardebeck, Anna Louise Johannigman, Joseph Robert Maples, Trenton James Nobbe, Victor Joseph Schutte, & Kenneth Edward Stier.** These young people have all completed a year long journey of preparation, service hours, classes, letter writing, and a retreat, all to grow in their faith and move forward into the adult role of serving their parish community and growing in wisdom and understanding. Our loving God has been their companion on this journey and came today to bless them with the gifts of his spirit! We as a community are blessed by their presence among us. May we continue to support them as we grow together.

At 4:30 today we celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of **Jim and Marieda Koors!** By the standards of todays world, this is a major miracle, for two people to be together for such a length of time! God has indeed blessed them and blesses us as well to have them serving among us. We welcome Fr. Dan Bedel for this celebration, and all the family, and friends of Jim and Marieda who gather today to honor this couple. Following the liturgy today, all are invited to an open house at the Knights Hall to continue celebrating.

In addition to these home celebrations, today we celebrate **Catholic Home Missions** with “an appeal to strengthen the Church at Home.” The collection serves to support mission work within our own country.

We add to the “home celebrations” today by embracing “**Earth Day 2018.**” Earth Day originated on April 22nd in 1970 as an effort to teach and create awareness of environmental concerns. It has grown to become an annual event worldwide, held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It is now coordinated by a global network and celebrated in 193 countries each year to increase awareness of energy consumption, over population, climate change, global warming, clean drinking water, reforestation, endangered species, and all environmental concerns. How does your family or neighborhood celebrate Earth Day? What are the environmental concerns for this small community? And what can we do as a group or as individuals? How do we recycle? How much do we pollute? How do we care for Mother Earth? What is our contribution to the carbon footprint? Do we replant trees that need to come down? Do we minimize fertilizers and pesticides? Do we use more than our share of the earths resources? Pope Francis says “our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “And St. Francis says, “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.”

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. It is said that “the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail.” (**Laudato Si’**: On Care of our common home).

What are your deepest hopes for our common home? What commitments will you assume to bring these hopes about? What small step will you take today?

The Knights of Columbus Councils in the Batesville Deanery would like to invite you to the **Vocation Dinner** on Thursday evening, April 26, beginning with a social hour at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:30, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Batesville. This annual event honors the priests and religious working in our deanery. Fr. Eric Augenstein, Archdiocesan Vocation Director is the Key Note speaker and another priest will share his vocation story. Tables can be reserved to gather around the honored guests. To register or reserve for your group please call Ben Langferman at 812-654-3326.

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 want to add a little competition to the recipe. So, put on your thinking caps, but don't share your ideas just yet. The winner will need to be a surprise! Pick up a flyer and let the creative energies flow!

The Buildings and Grounds Committee - turned out in their full glory yesterday, for the annual spring work day, and accomplished a lot of work. Cement was poured in the infant circle and crosses placed on unmarked graves. Low places were filled in, rough places made smooth. The cemetery is looking good. In addition, many hands were busy with many small tasks that may not show but needed to be done. We are grateful, for both ladies and gentlemen, who donated many hours of service time to spruce up our campus, inside and outside. Thanks to Ken Stone for preplanning, organizing, and gathering materials, in addition to supervising the work.

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.

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.

4th Sunday of Easter, April 22

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Musicians: Joan Koors and June (cantor)

Ushers/Greeters: Dave, Cindy and Steve Stone,

Lectors: Carl Koors, Donnie Koors

Petitions: Brittany Koors

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim & Kim Stone, Carl Koors, Margie Bruns

Servers: Norbert Hoeing

Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault

5th Sunday of Easter, April 29

Marilyn Horan

Men's Choir

John & Cindy, Mike & Mollie Johannigman

Melea Gault, Niki Johannigman

Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman, Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff

Jessica Diekhoff, Allison Nobbe

Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermes

Collection Remittance

Church in Africa - \$21.00, Home Missions - \$20.00	Adult \$1,482.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Loose 200.00
	Maintenance 100.00
	\$1,782.00

Special Collection for Home Missions, today, April 22, 2018

Dates To Remember



April 22	4:30 pm	Koors 60 th 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 25	6:45 pm	Religious Ed Classes Pre-K – Grade 5
April 29	8:00 am	First Communion
May 2	6:45 pm	Last Class Religious Ed Pre-k – Grade 5
May 6	8:00 am	Blessing of catechists, and all Eucharistic Ministers

Rummage Sale: St. Maurice Catholic Church, Napoleon, May 4-5, Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am – noon. \$2.00 bag day Saturday. Sale held in the Parish Hall, HWY 229.

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/marriageand family/ministries-bereavement.html or contact Deb Van Velse 317-236-1586 or dvanvelse@archindy.org.

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