

*April 29, 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 10:00 a.m. [sisterdianne@millhousechurch.com](mailto:sisterdianne@millhousechurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

April 29, 2018 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Irvin Hardebeck

May 6, 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Herman Schoettmer

**PLC Notes:**

**First Communion:** today is a very special day for five of our young parish members, as they are gifted with receiving the body and blood of Christ for the first time. While the first time is very memorable, we believe that each, and every time we receive Christ in the Eucharist, is equally special, and to be celebrated. Today marks the beginning of a new pattern in the lives of these children. We are hoping that this new pattern, receiving Christ in the Eucharist on Sunday morning, will continue every Sunday for the rest of their lives! This is the first of 999 or more times! The children have learned to recognize Christ present in the tabernacle, as evidenced by the burning sanctuary lamp; on the altar, as evidenced by the ringing bells; and as present in their own hearts, in a special way as they receive his body and blood today. They have learned respect, and how we show respect, by bowing before we receive; by loudly responding “Amen,” “Yes, I believe;” by reaching out and opening their hands to receive; and by focusing on prayer immediately after returning to their seats. Their excitement can be a reminder to all of us about just how special is this gift of receiving Jesus in our lives. Thanks to their parents for being the first and most important teachers! And thanks to their catechists and families and fellow parishioners who model this each and every week. Those receiving Jesus today for the first time are: **Lanie AmRhein, Kenlee Gault, Will Meyer, Kate Schoettmer, and Madalyn Scudder.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** on Sunday morning May 6<sup>th</sup> we will be commissioning our Eucharistic Ministers during Mass, and we ask for all of them to be present for this special blessing. Each one has been appointed by Archbishop Thompson, to serve in this special role, within this parish, for a period of three years. Those being commissioned are: **Steve AmRhein, Joseph Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff, Ruth Diekhoff, Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman, Jeanne Fry, Aaron Gault, Melea Gault, Cynthia Hermes, LaDonna Hoeing, Norbert Hoeing, Timothy Hoeing, Marilyn Horan, Brian Huff, Cynthia Johannigman, Donna Johannigman, Kathryn Kohrman, Emery Mapes, Jacob Mattox, Ann Stier, Kenny Stier, Mark Stier, Kathy Westrick, and Claire Wullenweber.**

In addition to this special blessing next Sunday, the Archdiocese has sent us a special blessing for all **catechists** as they end their year of service. It also will be used next Sunday. We ask for all catechists to be present to receive this special grace.

**VBS – Vacation Bible School** – will not be happening at Immaculate Conception this year due to a lack of interest and commitment. We thank Mollie Johannigman for her willingness, for prep time, and for canvassing the neighborhood to get the pulse of intended participation. It seems that there is no common “good time” for this five-day activity. June is full, with trips, vacations, and baseball. While our numbers of

age-appropriate youth are getting smaller, we are willing to create a program if we get five or more children who want to participate. Unfortunately, that has not happened this year. St. Mary's is still an option. We thank the Ladies Auxiliary who have generously donated for this project. Maybe next year.

**The Decatur County Right to Life** group is again placing a memorializing add in the Greensburg Daily News from May 23 to May 29 to draw attention to the unfortunate issue of abortion. We have a role to play. All of the area churches are again being asked to financially sponsor the add. Last year we took up a special collection for this cause and would like to do so again, on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>, the day we honor all Mother's. Half of our collected funds will be sent to Right to Life, and half will be sent to Clarity Pregnancy Center to support those Mother's who are choosing life and need our support. Please give generously.

60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary - **Jim and Marieda Koors** wish to extend a very big "thank you" to each and every one who contributed to their wonderful celebration! They especially want to thank Fr. Dan Bedel, Sister Donna Prickel, and all who planned, and tended to the many details of preparation, all of their family and friends who traveled to participate, and all of their fellow parishioners who gathered to celebrate.

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!

**Buildings and Grounds** – Work continues in preparation for phase three of the tiling project. REMC was here on Thursday to take down the last tree standing in the way of the drainage project and threatening to take out our power lines. All can rest easy as the wood is dragged away, and markers are placed for digging. Dialogue with our insurance company continued this week as we move toward resolution of the hail damaged roofs.

**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.

Vacation Bible School  
Memorial Day Remembrance

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 29**

**Sacristan:** Marilyn Horan

**Musicians:** Men's Choir

**Ushers/Greeters:** John & Cindy, Mike &  
Mollie Johannigman

**Lectors:** Melea Gault, Niki Johannigman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Daniel Fledderman, Jo  
Fledderman, Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 6**

Ann Stier

Men's Choir

Joe & Donna Johannigman, Steve & Diane  
AmRhein

Donna Johannigman, Jacob Mattox

Donna Johannigman, Brian Huff, Lisa Huff,  
Emery Mapes

**Servers:** Jessica Diekhoff, Allison Nobbe  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch

Adam Hermesch, Campbell Johannigman  
 Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

**Church Cleaning:** Paula Wullenweber (Chairperson), Emily Simon, Kendra Martin, Ann Stier, Trisha Maples, Abby Asher

### Collection Remittance

Church in Africa - \$20.00, Home Missions - \$95.00, Cemetery - \$250.00	Adult	\$1,131.00
	Loose	188.00
<b>\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>		\$1,319.00

### Dates to Remember



- 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,
- May 6 8:00 am Commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers
- May 8 7:00 pm Annual Eucharistic Minister Meeting - Church
- May 9 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- May 13 8:00 am Mother’s Day, May Crowning

**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 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).

