

May 6, 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

Mass Intentions:

May 6, 2018 – 6th Sunday of Easter: Herman Schoettmer Family

May 13, 2018 – The Ascension of the Lord: Irvin Hardebeck (Mother's Day)

PLC Notes:

Second Communion: today is again a very special day, not just for five young people, but for all of us, as we receive Christ in the Eucharist for the second, 20th, 100th time, or anytime we receive! We believe that each, and every time we receive Christ in the Eucharist, is equally special, and to be celebrated. With the children, let us bow before we receive; and loudly respond "Amen," "Yes, I believe;" and let us focus our hearts on a prayer of thanksgiving after receiving Jesus.

Eucharistic Ministers: This morning, after the homily, we will be commissioning our Eucharistic Ministers, and we ask for all of them to come forward 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. The service period for these newly commissioned ministers will be June 3, 2018 through June 6, 2021, beginning and ending on the Feast of Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. 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, and Claire Wullenweber.**

We thank those who have been patiently serving in this capacity for several (and in some cases, for many) years. As of June 3rd, your ministry is complete. For those who are continuing, or are newly commissioned, please remember the annual meeting on **Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm**, and please remember the need for all ministers to complete the **Safe and Sacred training**.

In addition to this special blessing today, the Archdiocese has sent us a special blessing for all **catechists** as they end their year of service. We will incorporate this blessing at the end of Mass and ask for all catechists present to stand to receive this special grace.

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.

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 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 13th, 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 Mothers who are choosing life and need our support. Please give generously.

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. Look for new seed to be sprouting in the cemetery and auction yards. Expect to see digging in the yard across the street from the Office.

Dialogue with our insurance company proved very beneficial this week. With members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the insurance adjustor, and the contractor all present, resolution was reached, and the **roofing project will move forward**. After more than a year since the hail damage, the decision was made for insurance to cover replacement of the Convent, and Office building roofs, a large percentage of the garage roof, and partial coverage for the Southwest corner of the Church. The work is set to begin mid - June and completion is expected before the end of the fiscal year.

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.

May 6, 6th Sunday of Easter

Sacristan: Ann Stier

Musicians: Men's Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Joe & Donna Johannigman,
Steve & Diane AmRhein

Lectors: Donna Johannigman, Jacob Mattox

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Johannigman,
Brian Huff, Lisa Huff, Emery Mapes

Servers: Adam Hermesch, Campbell Johannigman

Counters: Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel,
Cindy Hermesch

May 13, Ascension, Mother's Day

Dana Fledderman

Ryan Stone

Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James Hamilton,
Ed Johannigman

Anna Johannigman, Claire Wullenweber

Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne Fry,
Cindy Johannigman

Hunter Collins, Caaden Gault

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

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

Collection Remittance

Church in Africa - \$30.00, Catholic Home Missions - \$138.00 Maintenance - \$50.00,	Envelopes \$2454.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Loose 203.00
	\$2657.00

Special Collection: support Right to Life, and pregnant mothers

Dates to Remember



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

May Devotions to honor “Mary, Mother of the Church” Feast Day



In honor of the new feast day proclaimed by Pope Francis, “Mary, Mother of the Church,” the Sisters of St. Francis invite the public to join them for May Devotions on Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. The new feast is to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost each year, reminding us that Mary was present with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Please join us for this outdoor service, held at the Shrine of our Lady of Fatima on our campus.