

June 10, 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:

June 10, 2018 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Joe & Lenora Diekhoff

June 17, 2018 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Marie Stier

This Reflection for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time from *LPi Connect*

I have a tendency to psych myself out over things. I can get overwhelmed running through various scenarios of outcomes or responses in my mind, which can oftentimes keep me up at night. Sometimes, I try to control people or circumstances in order that my plan comes about. But it never works out the way I had hoped. I think the same is true with the kingdom of God.

I grew up in the era of the “new evangelization” and witnessed a whole crop of new initiatives and programs aimed at engaging the culture for Christ. In my naiveté, I was enamored by the idealism of the Gospel and didn’t take into account very well whose Kingdom I was representing.

I love what St. John Paul II said, “The kingdom will grow insofar as every person learns to turn to God in the intimacy of prayer as to a Father, and strives to do His will.” (RM, 13). This was a key insight that I didn’t know when I was younger. I hadn’t yet understood my dignity as a son of the Father, so I didn’t know how to do what was asked of me, nor was I able to share His heart in those things.

St. John Paul continues, “This kingdom aims at transforming human relationships; it grows gradually as people slowly learn to love, forgive and serve one another.” (RM, 15) This is a second key insight: Where is this kingdom located? In relationships. I love traveling and visiting churches wherever I go, and I have become keenly aware of the vitality of a parish. In my observations, it has nothing to do with the exquisiteness nor contemporaneity of the architecture. I have been to liturgies in beautiful cathedrals that were spiritually cold and empty. I have been to liturgies in standing-room-only gyms and halls, where I was overwhelmed by the spiritual vitality of the community.

Building the kingdom that is intentionally focused on restoring relationships is much more difficult than creating innovative and relevant programs because programs require less heart energy than relationships. Programs live in controlled environments with predictable outcomes; relationships are not predictable (any married person already knows this!). Programs grow through mile markers of success; relationships grow through the complexity of honest conversations. Programs can impact lives; relationships add value to lives. Programs have structure; relationships need only availability. Programs analyze data and generate statistics to gauge success; relationships measure the number of hours making memories together. Programs tend to have a limited shelf life; relationships can grow despite limitations of time and location. And programs can have a financial investment; relationships always require a sacrificial investment. When I build my kingdom for God with my gifts and talents, I measure growth by human standards. When I help God build His kingdom with the tools He has given to me, I measure growth by His standards, which are not measurable with my tools.

After I planted my garden, I was away from the Hermitage for a couple of weeks. When I came back, I was amazed to see how my garden had grown while I was away. The bleeding hearts were peculiarly fascinating! I had started the garden with loads of mulch, compost, and lots of water, and nature took over in my absence. So it is with the kingdom of God. It grows without needing control or manipulation, provided that I've done my part.

Today, I find myself less anxious and less controlling. But I still have a long way to go in situations or relationships for which I am responsible. However, I notice that the outcomes have been consistently better than I would have imagined or planned myself. For these, it is indeed good to give thanks to the Lord for His kindness and faithfulness to me. (cf Ps 92: 2-3).

Br. John Marmion Villa, M. Div.

Remember in Prayer: Bailey Streiker, Gerald Hermes, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Thomas Powers and Travis Wenning.

Please call the parish office with any request for home visits, holy Communion, or anointing.

June 10, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacristan: Ann Stier

Musicians: Youth Choir with Abby

Ushers/Greeters: Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte,
James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman

Lectors: Niki Johannigman, Allison Mattox

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Stier, Jacob Mattox,
Brian Huff, Emery Mapes

Servers: Ben Stier, Adam Hermes

Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

June 17, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dana Fledderman

Mixed Choir with Abby

Craig & Paula Wullenweber, Jerry &
Dorothy Fry

Ben Stier, Mary Jo Wenning

Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein, LaDonna
Hoeing, Norbert Hoeing

Rhett Martin, Kenlee Martin

Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron
Gault

Church Cleaning: June: Lois Johannigman (Chairperson), Jeanne Harrison, Mary Ann Fry, Tina Hoeing, Carrie Stier, Nancy Vanderpohl, Kate Bedel, Niki Johannigman

Collection Remittance

Catholic Home Missions - \$50.00	Envelopes	\$1,926.00
	Loose	125.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		
Total		\$2,051.00

Dates to Remember



- June 11 9:00 am S. Donna returns to office.
- June 17 Father's Day, Collection for Future Priests
- June 20 7:00 pm Catechist meeting

Coming: Collection for Future Priests: The Vocations Office receives funds each year from a second collection taken up throughout the Archdiocese to cover the expenses of educating our future priests. The Archdiocese anticipates having about 25 seminarians in formation this fall. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support which provides the necessary education and formation for our priests. Please be generous in support of this collection and please continue to pray for vocations! This year the collection is June 17, 2018.

If you know of a young man or woman you believe would serve well in **priesthood or religious life**, please call (317) 236-1496 and leave the individual's name and contact information with the vocation director, Fr. Eric Augenstein.

Rummage Sale: St. Louis School annual Rummage Sale will take place Friday, Sat. and Sun. June 8,9, and 10. Held in the Activity Center which is air-conditioned and handicap accessible, everyone is invited and welcomed. Sale hours: June 10: 8 am – 1 pm \$2.00 for a provided Kroger bag of goods.

Your shopping matters: Shop for Father's Day at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/35-0876357> and Amazon donates to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Millhousen Inc.

St. Catherine of Siena: Parish Festival, June 24, 2018, St. Maurice, IN. Mass 10:00 AM, Serving Chicken, Roast Beef Dinners, Turtle Soup, 10:30-4:3. For more information check out Facebook Page @ STCAHTERINEOFSIENAIN. (See bulletin board for more info on this festival and others.

Third Grade Classroom Teaching Position for 2018-19

St. Nicholas school Sunman is accepting applications for a qualified third grade teacher who will teach all curricular areas. Must have a current Indiana license and be a practicing Catholic. See bulletin board for more information.



**“Whoever does the will of God is
my brother
and sister
and mother.”
Mark 3:35**