

July 15, 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 Wednesday at 10:00a.m. sisterdonna@millhousechurch.com

Mass Intentions:

July 15, 2018 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Marie Stier

July 22, 2018 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Paul Herbert

PLC Notes:

On Wednesday of this week we buried the infant son of parishioner Cassie Hellmich and Chris Carmer in the infant circle. Please pray for this grieving couple and all those who suffer the loss of infants and children. Much healing is needed to deal with this kind of loss! May God bless them and comfort them in their sorrow.

Fear of the stranger and a **desire to protect** one's own family or community from the unknown are ingrained in human behavior. Yet these are just a few of the responses that human beings are capable of. From ancient times till today there is also the impulse to extend hospitality and protection to those who are displaced, homeless or in great need.

The **Catholic Church** is consistent and forthright in support of immigrants and refugees, calling all the faithful to welcome and protect them. This support is not for a political agenda. The Church affirms the right of any country to protect its borders. Yet the deepest traditions and teachings of our Christianity encourage us to overcome our fears and aid the poor, the homeless and the stranger.

In Genesis, God calls on Abraham to abandon his home and **migrate** to a new land. Later, Jacob and the Israelites follow Joseph to Egypt, **migrants** escaping a famine in their homeland. In the book of Exodus, the tribes of Israel flee Egypt and wander in the desert for 40 years, **refugees** in search of the Promised Land. This early history of migration had a profound influence on our ancestors. **Hospitality** was a prized virtue! The people were told that they must love the **foreigner** in their midst.

It continues: The Holy Family became refugees when they fled to Egypt to escape Herod's slaughter. And later in Matthew Jesus describes himself as one without a home who "has nowhere to rest His head."

From its earliest days, the Church viewed itself as a **pilgrim** people, "strangers in a strange land." Jesus embraced the **undesirable**, the leper and the Samaritan. And he taught: "for I was hungry, and you gave me food . . . a stranger and you welcomed me. . ." His followers understand that they see the face of Christ in the other, and that all are made in the image of God and therefore possess equal dignity.

This truth is central to the Church's teaching on the treatment of **migrants** and **refugees**. We are to Love our neighbor as ourselves, Christ says. The Church seeks to minister to refugees and to protect their rights, both in their homelands and in their adopted lands. Almost all of us have stories of our ancestors who sought a better life for themselves and their children in this country. We must share these stories as we seek to understand those who arrive today. Pope Francis, during his visit to the US, reminded us that most all of us are **sons and daughters of immigrants**. He asked us to treat others as we would want to be treated. The US Bishops, following the principles of Catholic teaching, support the **duty** of Catholics to welcome the migrant and the refugee. They call for immigration reform, and oppose actions that break up families, dividing children from their parents and husbands from their wives. We must ask ourselves if we

see the face of Christ in the newcomer? Are we welcoming to the stranger? We are called to pray about our own fears and failings and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in overcoming these fears.

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting our annual **Mission Appeal** last Sunday! Fr Binoy was pleased with your generosity and welcoming spirit! If you were not with us last Sunday but are interested in giving to this special mission in India, please feel free to add your donation to the basket this morning or next week. Place your contribution in a separate envelope and mark it "Mission Appeal."

You were also very generous to the "**Pop Collection**" for Auction Day! Again, your assistance is much appreciated. You can add to that collection as well, by placing your donation in a separate envelope and marking it "Pop."

The Buildings and Grounds Committee had a very long but fruitful meeting. The last phase of the tiling project will be delayed until after the Auction so as not to have safety issues or decreased parking space for our big weekend! But immediately following that event you will again see upheaval and equipment. After hours of talking and sharing ideas, a "field trip" and professional problem solving, there is a plan in place and progress is promised. We are so very grateful for the labor and time investment of these generous and faithful servants of our parish! And we are equally blessed by their talents, skills, and professional knowledge!

Registration for **Religious Education** classes for grades Preschool through 12, for the 2018-2019 school year, will continue today, Sunday July 15th! Please stop by Mollie's table in the entry way of church to enroll and/or re-enroll your children for classes. Your child, or children **MUST** be four years of age by August 1, 2018 to enroll for this school year. We would greatly appreciate all registrations to be completed by the end of the day today. If you are unable to register today, please call Mollie at your earliest convenience.

Immaculate Conception Community Consignment Auction and raffle!! August 11th is just around the corner! We need everyone to be successful!!!! Remember that the Auction is our one and only parish fund raiser, so all hands are needed to bring it to a fruitful completion. Volunteer sheets are on the table in the entry way for you to sign up for identified duties, dates and times.

Also coming soon is our new Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Community Consignment **Auction T-shirt**. It has been promised for next Sunday and will be available for sale in the back of Church for \$7.00 each. Please purchase one, (or several) and wear it proudly to raise Parish spirit and to assist us in advertising!

Please pick up **Auction flyers** from the table in the entry way and circulate them anywhere you might be going, to get the message out there. Stores, offices, on parked cars, at other churches. Share them with your neighbors, extended family members, whoever might be interested. The signs are up, the radio repeats: Tell everyone!

As they did last year, the Sisters of St. Francis have donated a gift basket as a **raffle Prize**. It will be on display at the entry way. What kind of prizes are you or your business offering to donate? Brian is waiting for your call!

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to **cook** lunch and dinner meals for the workers (about 40 people) on the Friday we accept all the consignments. So, if you are looking for a way to volunteer, or if you have a grill or smoker and would like to put a meal together for the auction workers, we would like to hear from you. For more information please call or text Andy Schwering 812-614-2169.

Mixed Choir: For the month of July only, the Mixed Choir has shifted from the third weekend to the fourth weekend because our organist will be away. A reminder that Abby comes 30 minutes early to practice and review music, so please come and join her. Thanks to the Schwerings for holding this group together even while attendance has been low.

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

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

Liturgical Ministries

July 15

Sacristan: Ann Stier

Musicians: Anna Johannigman

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

Lectors: Donna Johannigman, Claire Wullenweber

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing,
Cindy Johannigman, LaDonna Hoeing

Servers: Colton & Campbell Johannigman

Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

July 22

Dana Fledderman

Mixed Choir with Abby

Mark & Cindy Hermes, John & Cindy
Johannigman

Jake Mattox, Anna Johannigman

Daniel & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie
Diekhoff

Ben Stier, Kenny Stier

Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara
Hermesch

Church Cleaning: July: Cindy Hermes (Chair), Paula Fry, Melea Gault, Aaron Gault, Allison Mattox, Stephanie Hoeing, Timothy Hoeing, Tuesday evening, July 10th, 6:30 pm.

Remittance

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EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIEST:	\$60.00	Loose: \$ 165.00
PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:	\$21.00	
MISSION APPEAL:	\$550.80	
POP FOR AUCTION:	\$458.25	
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		Envelopes: \$ 2462.00
Total		\$ 2627.00

Dates to Remember



July 18th

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July 22

7:00 pm

After Mass

Father John Geis – surgery, Please Pray.

Finance Committee Meeting

Parish Council