

*September 9, 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](mailto:sisterdonna@millhousechurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

September 9, 2018 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Marie Stier

September 16, 2018 - 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ben Huff

September 23, 2018 -25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -Deceased Members Koors Family

What is **MEMBERSHIP** all about? According to Webster, membership is about belonging to a group or organization. Membership in the Church is broadly defined to include all those persons who are baptized and are united to the Roman Catholic Church. The next question then is: what unites us to the Catholic Church? The answer to that question is faith, or Creed. Our profession of faith is what identifies us as members of the body of Christ. It is a summation of all that we hold in common, all that we truly believe. And for faith to be real, we need to put it into action. We cannot claim to believe, but never act on that belief.

What does membership in a Parish entail? How does one define **“Parish Membership?”** And how is membership in a parish measured or assessed? By tradition, parishes were defined by very clear boundaries. Lines were drawn, and parishes were defined by physical boundaries, one “belonged” by virtue of where one resided. Today those boundaries are less important. As a much more mobile society, many people move fluently between several parishes. Most would define parish membership to be about where one worships, as opposed to where one resides. As with any organization that one might belong to, membership **privileges** are balanced by the **responsibilities** of membership. The privileges of parish membership include the fact that all are welcome, all have a voice, and all are supported by the gifts of the group. The corresponding responsibilities of membership are to provide inclusion of all members, to listen to the spirit alive in each one, and to share our time, talent, and treasure, for the good of the whole, for the body of Christ. More on time, talent, and treasure in the weeks to come. But today consider “membership.”

**Calling all 12<sup>th</sup> graders!** While your schedules are tight, and your energies are flowing in many directions, how many of you would be interested in coming together to support each other in the process of embracing your adult role of putting faith into action? Instead of weekly or bi-weekly classes, a Sunday morning alternative for those interested, would be to come together, maybe monthly, to plan or organize an outreach project. Everyone enjoyed the fruit basket project in years past, reaching out to our elder parishioners and taking a little time to visit them in December. Let’s do that again, but this time, the 12<sup>th</sup> graders could take the lead. We have one volunteer already! Who would like to join in the planning and execution of this project? And while we talk about this outreach idea, others will surely come to mind. For instance, do you have any fun ideas to add to our Parish Harvest Party? The committee is open to ideas and looking for volunteers. What a great way to serve your parish in time and talent, while developing your personal leadership skills. Anyone interested in these or other parish related activities or outreach projects, please join us on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Office to begin a new conversation and support one another!

**“Remind”**- is our mode of communicating parish closures by text message, during ice, storms or any bad weather. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to sign on to the Remind app with your cell phones. Instruction sheets are available in the entryway. **“Remind” will also be implemented as our primary mode of communication for all Religious Ed. messaging.** It will be used to call off class, to schedule meetings, to give reminders, make announcements, and keep you in the loop. It will be the primary mode of communication! Each family should have received a flyer explaining Remind. It is important that each family signs up. For anyone needing assistance, please contact Mollie.

Don't be surprised to see caution tape, equipment and supplies appearing in the rear of the church and parking area. This 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the **tiling project** has already begun and is likely to extend over several weeks or months. The drive around the back of church will be completely closed off. Please be patient with the process and please be cautious.

Buildings and Grounds Committee has scheduled a **Fall Work Day** on Saturday, **September 22**, beginning at 8:00 am and continuing until the work is completed. Plans include cleaning up the cemetery, painting some trim work, trimming some bushes, and general maintenance on the grounds. Please consider volunteering a few hours to help keep our campus beautiful! Ken Stone will organize and prioritize the projects and looks forward to your assistance for part of the day. Thank you for offering your precious time. Everyone is welcome! If outdoor work is not to your liking, there are indoor chores as well, mopping the gym, washing windows or providing lunch. Lots of hands will make everyone's work easier.

**Parish Harvest Party**- planning has begun! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. A festive weekend liturgy will start the feast at 4:00 pm, followed by dinner and fun! This is a family day you don't want to miss! Volunteers of all kinds are needed to make this event one to enjoy! We need decorators, cleaners, food preparation, games. Please call Melea or Anita to get involved!

Each Friday, August 3 – September 28, answer the **U.S. Bishops'** call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray)!

If there is any parishioner interested in a part-time position here in the parish cleaning the school building, please call the office for more information.

**Remember in Prayer:** Bailey Streiker, Gerald Hermes, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Thomas Powers, Travis Wenning, Steve Reen, and Stephen Koors, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, & Joan Nobbe.

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

### **Liturgical Ministries**

#### **September 9**

**Sacristan:** Marilyn Horan

**Ushers/Greeters:** Tom & Lois, John & Cindy Johannigman

**Lectors:** Niki Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mark Stier, Cindy Johannigman, Melea Gault, Tim Hoeing

#### **September 16**

Anne Stier

Joe & Donna Johannigman, Craig & Paula Wullenweber

Jacob Mattox, Donna Johannigman

Brian Huff, Ann Stier, Norbert & LaDonna Hoeing

**Servers:** Evan Wullenweber, Tony Schwering,  
Mary Schwering  
**Musicians:** Youth Choir with Abby  
**Counters:** Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,  
Aaron Gault

Trent & Allison Nobbe, Anna Johannigman  
Men's Choir  
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
Sara Hermesch

**Church Cleaning:** September: Laura Meyer (Chair), Kathy Kohrman, Allison Ortman, Sarah Schwering,  
Donna Schwering, LaDonna Hoeing..

### Remittance 9/2/2018

		Envelopes
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		<b>Loose:</b> \$ 133.00
		<b>Envelopes:</b> \$ 3043.00
<b>Total</b>		\$ 3176.00
<b>Yes!</b>		

### Dates to Remember



- Sept. 9 Auction Follow-up Meeting, after Mass
- Sept. 11 Annual Board meeting, 7:00 pm
- Sept. 12 Finance Committee Meeting
- Sept. 16 Catechetical Sunday – We honor our catechists
- Sept. 16 Parish Council Meeting – after Mass
- Sept. 16 Servers Organizational meeting, after Mass, in Church
- Sept. 22 Work Day – Buildings & Grounds 8:00 am
- Oct. 20 Parish Harvest Party- Save the Date! (Saturday evening)

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St. Mary's Greensburg is offering a group for the bereaved: **SEASONS OF HOPE.**

If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ centered faith sharing group is for you. The group will meet for six Mondays beginning on September 10<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in the church meeting room. The program begins at 6:45 and concludes at 8:30 pm.

### Prayer, Scripture, Faith Sharing, & Fellowship

If interested, please call the parish office (812-663-8427) to register and leave a phone number. A member of the Bereavement Ministry Team will call you back. You are welcome to bring a friend or relative with you. (Kathy Sheilds)

**“Passion & Purpose”** - the Dynamic Catholic Institute, is presenting an event with Matthew Kelly on November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 2 - 5p in St. Leon. The link below will connect you to the web-site for registration and ticket information. This promises to be an awesome event as Matthew Kelley is a nationally renowned speaker and writer. Reserve your seats today!