

*September 16, 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 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

September 30, 2018 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Paul Herbert

A couple of Sundays ago the Gospel reading at Mass told of Jesus' disciples abandoning him. He asked the twelve apostles if they were going to leave him too. Peter responded, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." For those of us who choose to stay, Peter's words can serve as a life raft that we cling to amid the wreckage of the American church. But Peter's story doesn't end there. You know it well: Peter abandons Jesus, denying him three times. Yet after the resurrection, Jesus comes back for Peter, asking him three times, "Do you love me?" When Peter says "yes," Jesus replies: "Feed my sheep."

This is not the first time our faith has been tested. It will probably not be the last time, either. But the Gospel tells us that even when the church fails to be faithful to God, God never ceases to be faithful to us. God is loving us even now. The pain of abuse and betrayal is real, but so is the healing power of love and reconciliation. Jesus Christ still lives. Thus faith, hope and love will never die.

**Membership** – privilege and responsibility. Last week we started a reflection on Membership and what it means. Each of the next three weeks we will continue the reflection relative to Time, Talent, and Treasure.

**Time** – presence, attendance, participation, is an essential element of membership. Think about your family. If a member is never present in the family, the family will not feel supported, and cannot support the missing member. In the church, presence is just as important. Part of the reason for gathering is to worship. But part of the reason for gathering is to support one another. Our presence is truly felt by others. And our absence is felt as well. Mass isn't the only occasion to be present. Visiting a parishioner who is sick, or giving someone a lift to church, or taking time to attend a meeting, or stopping in at the funeral home, are all occasions when our presence speaks loudly, and we serve our parish! Membership requires some level of presence.

**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.

Caution tape, equipment and supplies remain in the rear of the church and parking area. This 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the **tiling project** continues and is likely to extend over several weeks or months. The drive around the back of church is 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!

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, Steve Reen, and Stephen Koors, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, & Joan Nobbe.

**Travis Wenning**, a young child, has been on our prayer list for several months as he battled cancer. The battle is over. Please remember his family in your prayers. It is hard to let go of a child!

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

**Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday of this week, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. in the Office Meeting Room. The program is titled: “Who Does He Say You Are? Women Transformed by Christ in the Gospels.” Cost for this program is just \$4.00 and materials will be distributed at the first meeting. Call Kate Bedel with any questions, 812-614-0987.

**“Passion & Purpose”** - the Dynamic Catholic Institute, is presenting an event with Matthew Kelly on November 16th, from 2 - 5p in St. Leon. See bulletin board for more info and registration. This promises to be an awesome event as Matthew Kelley is a nationally renowned speaker and writer. Reserve your seats today! Anita and Melea plan to attend. Think about joining them!

The family of **Darlene Huff** wishes to express their sincere gratitude for all the support offered to them at the sudden death of Darlene. They are especially grateful for all those who dropped what they were doing to provide food for the luncheon. All were fed on several levels.

### Liturgical Ministries

#### September 16

**Sacristan:** Anne Stier  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Joe & Donna Johannigman,  
 Craig & Paula Wullenweber  
**Lectors:** Jacob Mattox, Donna Johannigman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian Huff, Ann Stier,  
 Norbert & LaDonna Hoeing  
**Servers:** Trent & Allison Nobbe, Anna Johannigman  
  
**Musicians:** Men's Choir  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
 Sara Hermes

#### September 23

Dana Fledderman  
 Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James Hamilton,  
 Ed Johannigman  
 Ben Stier, Alison Mattox  
 Daniel & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie Diekhoff  
  
 Campbell Johannigman, Rhett & Kenlee  
 Martin  
 Mixed Choir with Abby  
 Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes

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

### Remittance 9/9/2018

	Envelopes
	<b>Loose:</b> \$ 190.00
<b>\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>	<b>Envelopes:</b> \$ 1859.00
<b>Total</b>	\$ 2049.00



### Dates to Remember

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)

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!)