

**November 18, 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 10:00 a.m. [sisterdonna@millhousenchurch.com](mailto:sisterdonna@millhousenchurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

November 18, 2018 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Tony Scheidler

November 21 – Thanksgiving Mass – For our Parish Family, no other intention assigned.

November 25<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Christ the King – Darlene Huff

December 2 – First Sunday of Advent- Tony Scheidler

Winter has descended upon us with a passion, even though the calendar says it is weeks away! Along with the cold weather we have been ushered into the **FLU** season! Please remember to get your flu shots if you have not already done so. Because the primary mode of transporting flu is by touch, hand shaking, door knobs, etc. we will take an active role in prevention. The hand sanitizer will be used by all Eucharistic Ministers before touching the hosts. And for the next two months at least, we will not hold hands during the Our Father, nor shake hands at the time or Peace. We can easily nod, smile, and exchange peace with our neighbors without touch. If you are feverish or suspect the flu please feel free to abstain from Mass, rest and pray from home.

Thank you for your **United Catholic Appeal** pledges last weekend, and for those mailed in advance! It is never too late to contribute to this most important cause! We will receive weekly updates from the Archdiocese and you will be kept informed of how we reach our goal.

Today is the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. The envelope is in your box. (Will read letter from the Archbishop.)

Happy Thanksgiving to all! While **Thanksgiving** is NOT a Holy Day of obligation, meaning we are not required to attend Mass, we will celebrate Thanksgiving at a special liturgy on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in anticipation. There are so many blessings to be grateful for!!

**Liturgical Ministries**

**November 18**

**Sacristan:** Ann Stier

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

**Lectors:** Melea Gault, Jeanne Fry

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Kohrman, Ann  
Stier, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault

**Servers:** Michael Stier, Tony & Mary  
Schwering

**Musicians:** Men's Choir

**Counters:** Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel,  
Cindy Hermesch

**November 25**

Dana Fledderman

Joe & Donna Johannigman, Dave & Cindy Stone

Jerry Fry, Donna Johannigman

Dan & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie Diekhoff

Rhett & Kenlee Martin, Anna Johannigman

the Schwerings with Abby

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,  
Gretchen Stone

**Church Cleaning:** November: Chair: Dana Fledderman, Julie Diekhoff, Lisa Huff, Susan Hamilton, Jeanine Scheidler, Marcie Johannigman.

## Remittance 11/11/2018

	Envelopes
<b>ENERGY: \$825.00</b>	
<b>\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>	<b>Loose:</b> \$ 179.25 <b>Envelopes:</b> \$ 2225.00
	<b>Total:</b> \$ 2404.25

**Remember in Prayer:** Bailey Streiker, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Stephen Koors, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Joan Nobbe, Craig Simon.

### Dates to Remember

November 18, Parish Council Meeting after Mass  
November 19, Buildings & Grounds Committee 7:00 pm  
November 21, Thanksgiving Mass (anticipatory – 6:00 pm) Not a Holy Day

Carrie Stier has graciously committed to coordinating choir practices for the Children's **Christmas Choir** this year. Rehearsals have begun. All children, no matter the age, are invited to join this group. Some have returned the children's ministry list and are already signed up. If you would still like to be included, please report for practice, the only requirement. Practice times are planned for three Wednesday evenings before Religious Ed., and one Sunday morning just before Christmas, with Abby. Please join Carrie to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child! Dates are Nov. 28, Dec. 12, at 6:15 pm in school, and Sunday Dec. 23, right after Mass in Church. (For the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve. Mass).

**2018 Christmas Outreach – The Giving Tree** is glowing with excitement! Our 2018 Christmas Outreach with South Decatur Elementary School is underway. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in past years in supporting our community through giving to struggling families at South Decatur Elementary. You may pick your ornament(s) from the "Giving Tree" today, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the back of church. All gifts are to be returned and placed under the tree UNWRAPPED and with the Giving Tree ornament ATTACHED. This will help us to know for which child the gift was intended. Money placed in an envelope and marked "Giving Tree" would also be graciously accepted and used to shop for any "missing" item! All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> for sorting and delivery. If you are interested in helping sort, shop, or deliver, please contact Anita Fry, Laura Meyer, or Melea Gault, or Dana Fledderman.

Also, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Class is sponsoring the **Fruit Basket** project. More directions will be forthcoming. But the first thing they need is some commitment to help deliver the fruit baskets. Drivers are needed to assist the Youth project. If you have completed your "Safe and Sacred" Training, and have a little time for Sunday outreach, please contact Anna Johannigman.

**Faith Formation Commission:** On Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Immaculate Conception (Millhousen), Ken Ogorek, Archdiocesan Catechetical Director, will offer a workshop on Faith Formation Commissions. The workshop is suitable as a refresher for long-time commission members, an orientation for new members, or an info session for prospective members. Please email [kogorek@archindy.org](mailto:kogorek@archindy.org) to register and/or ask any questions you might have about this opportunity. While Immaculate Conception is sponsoring, hosting this event, it is being presented by the Office of Catechesis, and being offered multiple times throughout the Archdiocese. This February event will be offered to all members of the Batesville Deanery. Please register in advance so that accommodations can be made.

**Safety Committee:** We would all like to think that school violence will never happen here, but history has

shown that it does happen, usually in small communities, to people who would never have guessed or expected it. No one (and no place) is immune. We want to be proactive. We need the support of the adults in the local community. We are looking for volunteers. We are in the process of creating a “**Safety Committee**” for our parish, with the guidance of the Archdiocese, to look at ways we can continue to create a safe environment for all. If you think you would like to serve in this capacity, please call the office to extend your service.

**Cohort Advent Penance Service** – and “First Penance” for our second graders, will be combined as it was last year, taking place on Wednesday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Church, here at Immaculate Conception. We have four priests committed to us that evening, Frs: John Geis, Bill Turner, Frank Eckstein and Joe Nelson. All four will be hearing private confessions, behind closed doors. As in years past, we will host the priests for supper prior to the service, and all Religious Ed. students will attend this service in place of their usual class. We are hoping many parents will also attend to support their children in this spiritual exercise and sacrament. The Cohort offers two Penance Services each year, one during Advent hosted by Immaculate Conception, and one during Lent hosted by St. Maurice. This is a very special evening for our second graders who will be making their First Confession. Please join us for this evening of preparation for the Coming of Christ!

Second graders are: Laykin Baltus, Brynkliie Ortman, Andrew Stier, and Luke Stier.

**Turkey Dinner** – St. John’s Lutheran Church – Napoleon, Today, November 18, 2018 from 11:30 – 1:30 pm. Carry outs available.

**Santa** is coming to town! Knights of St. John, Millhousen, annual Breakfast with Santa, is happening right here at our school, Sunday December 2, 2018, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Santa arrives at 9:00! Sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, coffee cakes, milk OJ, and coffee. Free will offering benefits Immaculate Conception Church!

**Lights of Christmas! Open Door Tour.** Sunday, December 30, 2018 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm the Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our Deanery. Bask in the sacred spaces of our adored Savior dressed in their finest during this Christmas season. Take a family photo or offer a family prayer. These locations will have doors open for four hours. See list on bulletin board.

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Live Nativity** – Friday, Dec. 7 & Saturday, Dec. 8 from 5-9 pm at St. Anthony Church, 4773 Church Rd., Morris, IN., Celebrate the birth of Christ, as we present: Live manger scene, live animals, local church and school choirs performing both indoor/outdoor throughout the evenings, sweet treats, hot beverages. All are welcome to this free event!

Our first Christmas gift has arrived! The **new 2019 Catholic Calendars** are on the table in the entryway, courtesy of Bass & Gasper Funeral Home! Please help yourself! And if you have an opportunity, thank Mike Gasper for remembering us with such a thoughtful gift!

Another gift – Sister Donna has purchased an **outdoor nativity**, (her personal gift to the parish), to replace the plastic models which continue to blow away. The piece is of one statue, the holy family, a little smaller, not stone, but definitely heavier than plastic. We will continue using the same wooden stable. And thank you to Steve Stone for the spotlight!

It is almost time for our new **Missalettes**. We begin with new books on the first Sunday in Advent. In an effort to save on shipping costs, and save trees, we decided to go with an annual book rather than changing out several times throughout the year. The copywrite for our music books expires at the end of the year, so all of them need to be removed and replaced annually, like it or not. But the book of Sunday readings will now be part of that book. Everything will be in one book, and everything replaced once a year. Because we will be using the same book all throughout the year, we ask that you handle them carefully so to preserve them for an entire year.