

**December 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 10:00 a.m. [sisterdonna@millhousechurch.com](mailto:sisterdonna@millhousechurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent – Ben Lamping Family, Living & Deceased

December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent – Herman Schoettmer & Family, Living & Deceased

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent - Albert Schoettmer

December 24 – Christmas Eve 4:00 PM – The Horan Family (Children & Youth Choir)

December 24 – Christmas Eve 6:00 PM – Jerry Jacobs (Men’s Choir)

Have the “**Best Advent Ever!**” ‘TIS (almost) THE SEASON

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we’re ready to drop. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Sign up for **BEST ADVENT EVER**, a free email program that will help you to slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent you’ll receive an email with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, real life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. To sign up, visit [BestAdventEver.com/Christmas](http://BestAdventEver.com/Christmas)

**Remittance 12/2/2018**

**ENVELOPES**

<b>ENERGY: \$20.00</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE: \$1251.00</b>	<b>Loose:</b>	\$ 179.00
<b>\$3,028 NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET BUDGET.</b>		<b>Envelopes:</b>	\$ 2673.00
<b>Campaign for Human Development: \$140.00</b>		<b>Total:</b>	\$ 2852.00
<b>Christmas Giving Tree: \$580.00</b>			

**\*Special Collection today for Retirement Fund for Aging Religious**

**United Catholic Appeal:** I promised updates: Our weekly report from the Archdiocese reflected an increase. We are at 63 % of our goal! Great progress! While only 55 of our registered families have pledged or donated so far, we are doing well! Let’s keep the momentum going! If you haven’t sent in your check or pledge yet, this would be a great time!

**Retirement Fund for Religious** collection, this year titled, “**Share the Care.**” This annual appeal benefits 31,00 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests, who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church. Most often these religious have worked their entire lives for meager salaries, or minimal stipends, and now in their advancing years, the cost of healthcare is greater than their savings. These men and women were church leaders who

opened hospitals, staffed our schools, and supported our parishes for the long run. Please be generous back to them in thanksgiving for their generous service.

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

### **Dates to Remember**

December 9 - Fruit Basket Project, Following Mass, School second floor

December 9 - Giving Tree sorting and packing following Mass, School ground floor

December 16 - Decorate Church, **2:00 pm**, EVERYONE is welcome.

December 23 - Christmas Choir practice with Abby, following Mass

Carrie Stier has graciously committed to coordinating choir practices for the Children's **Christmas Choir** this year. Please join Carrie to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child! Rehearsal times are: 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).

**Giving Tree** - Anyone interested in helping to sort, pack or deliver, please contact Anita Fry, 812-614-3588.

**Fruit Basket Outreach:** Today, right after Mass, come with your fruit and expect a good time. Coordinated by the Senior Class, this is a great opportunity to reach out and support one another. All students are asked to participate. If unable to attend, please contact Mollie in advance. Classes are asked to donate the following: Kindergarten – cookies; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades – bananas; 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades – oranges; 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades – apples; 9<sup>th</sup> grade – grapes; 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Hershey Kisses and Hugs. The elementary classes have created cards to include warm greetings. Please gather in the second-floor classrooms.

**CYO Basketball** – The Cohort Team is getting started and invites all high school youth interested in having a great time to join in the fun. Head Coach this year is Benjamin Harlemert of Napoleon, assisted by Kyle Johannigman, of Millhousen. All practices are in the Millhousen gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30. The game schedule will be forthcoming. Please call Ben at 812-756-2124 to sign up, or for more information. If there are adults interested in helping out, or driving team members to games, please complete the “Safe and Sacred” training and background check online. Student participants will need parental permission signatures and code of conduct forms signed and returned. No fees. Cohort parishes will cover the expense.

**Christmas Memorials:** A box and sign-up sheets are available this morning in the entry way, for those who would like to honor their deceased loved ones by contributing to the Christmas Flower fund. Drop your donation into the box and write your family members' name on the sheet. During the Celebrations on Christmas Eve, the names will be carried in with the offertory gifts, and we will remember each one in prayer. Their memory will live on in the beautiful Christmas flowers adorning our worship space!

Note, a change from the usual decorating ritual: due to a scheduling conflict, **Church Decorating** will not happen immediately following Mass, but will take place at 2:00 pm on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful to Gregg Mattox for coordinating this event. We are in need of a couple of strong men able to bring boxes and the stable down from above. Fear not if you are not “a decorator” for Gregg knows exactly how to bring it all together. Please just follow his direction. We appreciate an hour of your time and strength to adorn our church for this special season!

#### Liturgical Ministries

December 9

Sacristan: Marilyn Horan  
Ushers/Greeters: Sophia Witkamper, Grady Scudder,  
Tom & Lois Johannigman  
Lectors: Ben Stier, Maria Meyer  
Gift Bearers: Scott & Nicole Schoettmer Family  
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Huff, Emery Mapes,  
Mark Stier, Cindy Hermesch  
Servers: Hunter Collins, Tony Schwering,  
Jessica Diekhoff  
Musicians: Youth Choir with Abby  
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
Sara Hermesch

December 16

Ann Stier  
Dave & Cindy Stone, Craig & Paula  
Wullenweber  
LaDonna Hoeing, Donna Johannigman  
Norbert, Hoeing, Tim Hoeing, Aaron  
& Melea Gault  
Rhett & Kenlee Martin, Mary Schwering  
Men's Choir  
Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy  
Hermesch

**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 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. We will invite a representative from the Sheriff Dept. and will need a volunteer from the Fire Department. We will need at least two parents, and someone from our Catechesis staff. All committee members will need to take “Safe and Sacred.” The first meeting is planned for early January.

**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.

**Faith Formation Commission:** On Tuesday, February 26th 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. We will need volunteers to bake cookies, to offer hospitality and be greeters.