

December 23, 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

Mass Intentions:

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 (Ryan Stone - guest musician)

December 30 – Feast of the Holy Family – Ben Huff

December 31 – Holy Day Anticipation Mass 4 pm, Solemnity of Mary – Darlene Huff

Children and Youth Christmas Choir – Practice today immediately following Mass.

Church Decorating – We are grateful to Gregg Mattox and the wonderful team that turned out to decorate. Doesn't the church look festive?! We should be proud to invite our families and friends!! Note the Deanery Tour of Churches posted on the board.

Remittance 12/16/2018

		Envelopes	
ENERGY: \$200.00	MAINTENANCE: \$75.00	Loose:	\$ 132.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		Envelopes:	\$ 1485.00
Special Collection: Religious Retirement Fund: \$540.00		Total:	\$ 1617.00

United Catholic Appeal: I promised updates: Our weekly report from the Archdiocese reflected an increase. We are at 67 % of our goal! Great progress! While only 62 of our registered families have pledged or donated so far, we are doing very well! Let's keep the momentum going! If you haven't sent in your check or pledge yet, now is a great time!

Please remember to pick up your 2019 box of **collection envelopes**, now available in the entryway. Most of you are very faithful in using them! Thank you so much. The use of the envelopes is very important to our bookkeeping and maintaining of all regulatory requirements to preserve our tax exemption status. There may be regulations that seem "nonsensical" to us but we would be in a very tough place if we lost our exemption. So, thank you greatly for complying! Some have stated that they don't want others to know what they give. Believe me when I tell you, that no one knows what you give, unless you write it on the envelope. And there is no need to do that. All contributions are recorded by number and no one but our accountant and Parish Administrator (PLC) has access to that information. Even if you don't care to use the envelopes for your own tax information, you are supporting the tax status of the parish by conforming. A couple of reminders: When you attend Sunday or Holy Day liturgy at

any of our neighboring parishes, please use the envelopes as you would here. We have an agreement with all of the local parishes. All envelopes are mailed (unopened) to the home parish on Monday morning. Even if you attend another church regularly, **WE** benefit if you use our envelopes. Some of you prefer to mail them to our office yourself, that is fine as well, but dropping them in the basket at any church saves postage. Obviously, our neighbors can't sort out your loose cash from their own, so loose cash dropped in another parish is lost to us. The envelopes also document our numbers in attendance. Maintaining our parish status, may eventually be related to the numbers. We want to count you as our parishioners. So, drop our envelopes in the basket, wherever you are. If envelopes are not used for a span of two years, and you are not involved in parish registrations, volunteering, or otherwise counted as parishioners, you may be considered "inactive."

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

Dates to Remember

December 23 - Christmas Choir practice with Abby, following Mass

December 30 – All Deanery Churches open 1-5 to share their Christmas Decorations

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation, Anticipatory Mass December 31, 4:00 pm.

Christmas Memorials: This is the last chance to sign up for the Christmas Memorial list. To have the name of a deceased loved one added to our list and taken to the altar for our Christmas Masses, please just drop a donation in the box marked for "Christmas Flowers" and add the name to the list. Following Mass this morning, the list will be typed. Honor your loved one this Christmas!

Liturgical Ministries

December 23

Sacristan: Dana Fledderman

Ushers/Greeters: Joe & Donna Johannigman,
Mike & Mollie Johannigman

Lectors: Kenny Stier, Niki Johannigman

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeanne Fry, Steve AmRhein,
Ann Stier, LaDonna Hoeing

Servers: Anna, Colton, Campbell Johannigman

Musicians: Donna & Sarah Schwering with Abby

Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline
Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

December 30

LaDonna Hoeing

Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James
Hamilton, Ed Johannigman

Jeanne Fry, Anna Johannigman

Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermes,
Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman

Hunter Collins, Ben & Michael Stier,

Donna & Sarah Schwering

Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

December 24, (4 pm)

Sacristan: Ann Stier

December 24, (6 pm)

LaDonna Hoeing

Ushers/Greeters: Mitch & Lori Nobbe,
Bill & Niki Johannigman
Lectors: Melea Gault, Ben Stier
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan & Jo Fledderman,
Mark Stier, Aaron Gault
Servers: Trent & Allison Nobbe, Tony
Schwering, Campbell Johannigman
Musicians: Children & Youth Choir with Abby
Gift Bearers: Jed & Allison Ortman Family
Counters: Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel,
Cindy Hermes (12/25)

Dave & Cindy Stone, Don &
Jeanne Fry
LaDonna Hoeing, Mary Jo Wenning
Joe & Julie Diekhoff,
Norbert Hoeing, Paul Diekhoff
Anna, Colton, Campbell Johannigman
Ryan Stone
Tim & Stephanie Hoeing Family
Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel,
Cindy Hermes (12/25)

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a sub, or call the parish office for assistance.

*****Safety Committee:** The middle school student entering a school in Richmond, IN last week, and initiating a shooting exchange with police, ultimately ending in his own death, brings the issue pretty close to home. It can happen in Indiana, and it could happen here. Because that community was prepared, because someone acted and called the police before something happened, many other deaths were avoided.

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, it is not too late to call the office and join in the planning.

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 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.

May the peace of the Christ Child live in your heart and bless your families and homes! Merry Christmas to all!