

December 30, 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 30 – Feast of the Holy Family – Ben Huff

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

January 6 – Epiphany – Margie Herbert

January 13 – Baptism of the Lord – Kathryn Schoetmer

A New Year Blessing by Joyce Rupp

I hope for you in this new year of 2019

That the single, most significant dimension of life is your relationship with God, the Source of Goodness, who never ceases to sing love songs to your soul;

That you find meaning, purpose, and vitality in what you do daily;

That you treasure your loved ones and let them know how dear they are to you;

That you make choices and decisions that reflect your truest self;

That you look in the mirror at least once a day and smile in happy amazement;

That you remember relationships are what count above all else, more than work, or money, or all the material things we spend so much time tending;

That you live in an uncluttered manner, enjoying the freedom to be content;

That you keep your sense of humor when things don't go the way you want;

That you find adventure in each new day and marvel at the wonders of creation which constantly present themselves to you;

That you never give up on yourself when others turn away or do not understand;

That you are attentive to the health of your body, mind, and spirit;

That you take risks and accept the growth-full challenges that come to you;

That you draw on your inner strength and resiliency when you are in need;

That you carry peace within yourself, allowing it to slip into the hearts of others, so that our planet becomes a place where violence, division, and war are no more.

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. These 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. 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.

Liturgical Ministries

December 30

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing
Ushers/Greeters: Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte,
 James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman
Lectors: Jeanne Fry, Anna Johannigman
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Kahrman, Cindy
 Hermes, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman
Servers: Hunter Collins, Ben & Michael Stier,

Musicians: Donna & Sarah Schwering with Abby
Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
 Aaron Gault

January 6

Marilyn Horan
 Tom & Lois Johannigman, Craig &
 Paula Wullenweber
 Niki Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning
 Ann Stier, Emery Mapes, Timothy
 Hoeing, Kenny Stier
 Michael Stier, Campbell Johannigman
 Caadeen Gault
 Men’s Choir
 Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgie,
 Sara Hermes

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 4:00 pm

Holy Day – Mary Mother of God

Sacristan: Jo Fledderman

Ushers: Mike & Kathy Kohrman, Mark & Cindy Hermesch

Lectors: Melea Gault, Jerry Fry

Eucharistic Ministers: Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein, Brian Huff

Servers: Kenny Stier, Luke Diekhoff, Evan Wullenweber

Musicians: Men's Choir

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgie, Sara Hermesch

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

Remittance 12/23/2018

Immaculate Conception Holy Day: \$5.00

Buildings & Grounds: \$6000.00

\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.

Religious Retirement Fund: \$110.00

Christmas: \$4447.92

Loose: \$ 176.00

Envelopes: \$ 1995.00

Total: \$ 2171.00

*****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. Hospitality Volunteers needed.

Faith Formation Commission: On Tuesday, February 26th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Immaculate Conception, 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. Please email kogorek@archindy.org to register and/or ask any questions you might have about this opportunity. 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.