

**January 6, 2019**

**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:**

January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Darlene Huff

January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord - Margie Herbert

January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Kathryn Schoetmer

January 27 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Darlene Huff

Though the Holidays are now past, the Christmas season goes on for yet another week, until evening of the Baptism of the Lord, January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will continue enjoying our beautiful lights and flowers along with the nativity scene, and we continue to be grateful for so many blessings received. It is a very good time to say **thank you** to so many people for so many contributions to help us celebrate the season! Going back through the past few weeks, we are grateful to all of the following: the Knights for the Pancake Breakfast with Santa, and for the generous proceeds; the Ladies who assisted; The ladies sodality for their special Christmas celebration; The Giving Tree committee, especially Anita and Melea, and all who donated wonderful gifts, for assisting us to reach out to many less fortunate families; LaDonna Hoeing and all church cleaners, and sacristans who worked to present a clean and inviting environment; and LaDonna again, for organizing the many Liturgical Ministries, amid cancelations, schedule changes, accommodating each and every one; Gregg & Barb Mattox and the whole decorating crew (especially the strong young men who turned out); Carrie Stier for working with our young children's choir for many weeks; all musicians who practiced, and beautifully led us in prayer; servers, and lectors, and ushers, and greeters, and Eucharistic Ministers, and Advent Wreath lighters, and Gift Bearers; all of the children who worked to create beautiful ornaments for our special tree; for the counters who stayed after everyone else went home, and then volunteered to come back for the special days; the fruit basket creators and deliverers, bringing personal cheer to our elderly; Mike Bedel and his luminary team, for creating a wonderful lighted path on Christmas Eve, and then coming back a few days later to pick up the pieces. And on a personal level, I want to thank all those who gifted me with beautiful Christmas Cards, greetings, and good wishes, along with cinnamon rolls and cookies and coffee cake and various other personal treasures! You have all added to a wonderful Christmas Spirit at Immaculate Conception!! Thank you one and all! In addition, there were other contributions of time and talent: thanks to Mike Bedel for painting two rooms in the office building during the Holidays! Thanks to Kenny Stier for assisting to label and distribute the new boxes of envelopes; also, to Kenny for upgrading all of our computers with new office suites. Thanks to Jerry Fry for continuing to work on the buried fuel oil tank until it was finally emptied and fuel hauled away on January 2<sup>nd</sup>! Thanks to those who offered hospitality on Sunday afternoon as Deanery members made their pilgrimage from one church to another. And thanks to ETC for hooking us up rather early in their process, so that all kinks could be worked out prior to the end of year processes. We have been blessed!! And we continue to Thank God for each of you!

**Dates to Remember**

Jan. 9 & 10 – Office closed – Sister gone to two-day workshop

Jan. 13 – **Un**-decorate the Church right after Mass

Jan. 16 – Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Jan. 20 – Parish Council Meeting right after Mass

Feb. 26 - Faith Formation Commission, with Ken Ogorek 7:00 pm

## Remittance 12/30/2018 and New Year's

	<b>Envelopes</b>
Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day: \$989.00	
Additional Christmas - \$230.00	
<b>\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>	
Religious Retirement Fund: \$20.00	
	<b>Loose:</b> \$ 194.00
	<b>Envelopes:</b> \$ 3183.00
	<b>Total:</b> \$ 3377.00

**United Catholic Appeal:** I promised updates: Our weekly report from the Archdiocese reflected another increase! We are at **77 %** of our goal! Great progress! While only 68 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**, available in the entryway. The use of the envelopes is very important to our bookkeeping and maintaining of all regulatory requirements to preserve our tax exemption status. We would be in a very tough place if we lost our exemption. So, thank you greatly for complying. 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.

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

### Liturgical Ministries

January 6

**Sacristan:** Marilyn Horan  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Tom & Lois Johannigman,  
 Craig & Paula Wullenweber  
**Lectors:** Niki Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Stier, Emery Mapes,  
 Timothy Hoeing, Kenny Stier  
**Servers:** Michael Stier, Campbell Johannigman  
 Caaden Gault  
**Musicians:** Men's Choir  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
 Sara Hermesch

January 13

Ann Stier  
 Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Grady Scudder,  
 Sophia Witkamper  
 Melea Gault, Ben Stier  
 Dan & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie  
 Diekhoff  
 Rhett & Kenlee Martin, Jessica  
 Diekhoff  
 Youth Choir with Abby  
 Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel,  
 Cindy Hermesch

**\*\*\*Safety Committee:** The middle school student entering a school in Richmond, IN two weeks ago, 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.

**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. Sign up sheets in the entryway.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – coming soon, January 20 – 26, 2019. An annual ecumenical prayer service will take place in Indianapolis at First Friends Meeting, 3030 East Kessler Boulevard, 46220 on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please gather with other Christians, join Archbishop Thompson and other faith leaders to pray for unity among Christians.

### **Good Resolutions to Consider for 2019**

It's a whole new year, a fresh start! What to do? What to accomplish? What to hope for? What to strive for? Does anyone remember the days when we returned to school after Christmas break and were instructed to write a thank you note to Baby Jesus for gifts received? We were also told to tell the Baby Jesus how we intended to be better students in the new year. These are not bad ideas for today. So, to honor all of our now "old" Sisters who truly taught us how to be grateful, here are some ideas. We'll call them "Hopeful Resolutions." Pick one, pick more, re-invent yourself!

1. Sloth - Stop procrastinating! Be more responsible. Get in shape. Become more active. Watch less TV. Read more. Become more organized. Write down important dates to remember.
2. Lust - Become more romantic. Find a significant other. Open your heart to others. Spend more time with people. Spend less time on social media. Learn more about art, music, culture.
3. Anger - Be more polite. Learn to be happier. Face your fears. Let go of grudges. Stop blaming yourself. Be more self-reliant. Learn to control your emotions.
4. Pride - Acknowledge that you can do better. Improve your mental skills. Dress with pride. Take care of yourself. See a doctor for a check-up.
5. Envy - Don't look at what the other person has. Don't compare yourself to others. Become more confident, take chances. Meet new people.
6. Greed - Make a plan to earn more money. Share with others. Turn your hobby into a career. Make your life more comfortable. Put away a certain amount in savings each month. Get out of debt. Volunteer. Give more to charity.
7. Gluttony - Eat healthier food. Eat less food. Learn to cook. Stick to your good habits. Eat at home. Don't waste food.

### **Practice the Pause**

When in doubt, pause.

When angry, pause.

When tired, pause.

When stressed, pause.

And when you pause, PRAY.