

January 13, 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@millhousechurch.com

Mass Intentions:

January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord – Kathryn Schoetmer
January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Alex Veerkamp
January 27 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Darlene Huff
February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Romana Horan
February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Margie Herbert

Dates to Remember

Jan. 13 – **Un-**decorate the Church right after Mass (Please follow directions from Gregg Mattox.)
Jan. 16 – Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 20 – Parish Council Meeting right after Mass
Jan. 22 – Buildings & Grounds Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 26 - Faith Formation Commission, with Ken Ogorek 7:00 pm

Remittance 1/6/2018 and New Year's

	Envelopes
Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day: \$101.00	Loose: \$ 128.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Envelopes: \$ 1985.00
	Total: \$ 2113.00

United Catholic Appeal: I promised updates: Our weekly report from the Archdiocese reflected another increase! We are at **79 %** of our goal! Great progress! While only 70 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 the best time!

There are a number of boxes of 2019 **collection envelopes**, remaining in the entryway, some of them belonging to very active parishioners. If you have forgotten to pick them up during the holidays, please do so this morning. The remainder will need to be mailed, so please save us that postage. 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 using the envelopes for your weekly contributions. 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, Cathy Wittkamper, Adam Lutterbach.

Adam Lutterbach is the two-year-old son of Ben and Beth Lutterbach, grandson of Sue and Stephen Koors, great-grandson of Evelyn Johannigman, who is hospitalized at Riley Hospital for Children. Stephen Koors continues with heart disease.

Kathy Wittkamper, mother of Sophia and Brian Wittkamper, students in our Religious Ed. program, and wife of Mark, continues to decline as her disease progresses. Please keep both of these families in your prayer.

Liturgical Ministries

January 13

Sacristan: Ann Stier

Ushers/Greeters: Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Grady Scudder, Sophia Wittkamper

Lectors: Melea Gault, Ben Stier

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie Diekhoff

Servers: Rhett & Kenlee Martin, Jessica Diekhoff

Musicians: Youth Choir with Abby

Counters: Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes

January 20

Dana Fledderman

Mark & Cindy Hermes, Mike & Mollie Johannigman

Kenny Stier, Donna Johannigman

Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry, Brian Huff

Evan Wullenweber, Tony & Mary Schwering

Men's Choir

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

*****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 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.

Upcoming Events

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 20th at 6:00 pm. Please gather with other Christians, join Archbishop Thompson and other faith leaders to pray for unity among Christians.

St. Mary's Church, Greensburg, is sponsoring a **Night at the Movies** at Wolf Theater. "God is Not Dead-2" Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:30 pm. \$8.00 includes movie, small popcorn and drink. Buy ticket at the Theater that night. But please RSVP to 812-663-8427, Ext. 204 to make sure we have a big enough theater.

Celebrate Good Times - (over 21) dinner and dance. St Nicholas – see board, Feb. 2, 2019

Celebration of Love – join us to celebrate marriage with a fun evening of laughter and dancing, including dinner and a champagne toast. Reservations: St. St. Louis Parish, 812-934-3204. See bulletin board.

St. Peter's 17th annual **Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Breakfast**, Jan. 27th 7:00 -noon. Freewill donation to benefit St. Peter's Parents for Catholic Education. See board for details. Raffle & Split-the-Pot.

Chicken Dinner hosted by St. Louis School PTO, Batesville K of C hall, Saturday, Feb 2. 5-8 pm. See board.

Please join the Decatur County **Right to Life** group as we hold a **Candlelight Vigil Service** in remembrance of all lives lost to abortion. The prayer service will be held at the First Christian Church at North Broadway in Greensburg. On Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm. This year's speaker will be Robin Schilling from Silent No More. Soloist will be Nancy Buening. Please join us to honor the lives lost and to pray for an end to abortion.

The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN are looking for a full time **Maintenance Electrician** and **General Construction Technician**. This position requires an Associate Degree in electronic technology and/or years of experience or combination. Call Jeff Weisenbach at 812-933-6466 for more information or to apply.

The SEASON is coming to end

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

Then the **WORK** of Christmas begins:

to find the lost

to heal those broken in spirit

to feed the hungry

to release the oppressed

to rebuild the nations

to bring peace among all people,

to make a little music with the heart . . .

And to radiate the Light of Christ every day, in every way,

In all that we do and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

(Adapted: Howard Thurman)