

January 27, 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

Mass Intentions:

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

Welcome back! The weather seems to have been working against us! We are happy to have that much behind us, though the winter is not over yet! Decisions to close are always made in the name of safety for all. We have been trying to get the word out in plenty of time by radio, TV, internet, and phone. If we need to add your name to one of these lists, please let us know.

Next weekend we will celebrate the **Feast of St Blaize**, and bless all throats after Mass.

There is a special collection this morning for the **Propagation of the Faith**. There is a special envelope, so ushers will only come around once. Because you had no forewarning last week, we will accept contributions for this effort again next weekend.

The **Giving Statements** for the year 2018 have been prepared and are available to you this morning in the rear of the church. Tax laws require us to have them out by the end of the month. Some of you picked them up as you came in. If you did not, please take a moment to stop on your way out. We are required to send statements to all parishioners, even those who have made no monetary contribution. Those that remain after Mass this morning will need to be mailed. Please save us the postage and get yours today.

Please see the bulletin insert today for the **Parish Six-Month Financial Report**. It was meant to go out last weekend, but not many bulletins went out.

Dates to Remember

January 27 through February 2 – Parish Office closed. Sister out of town. Please call S. Shirley for any emergency, 812-852-4237.

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

Feb. 27 – Parent Meeting for First Communion 7:00 pm

**Remittance 1/6/2019 and New Year's
(Sunday 1/13/ 2019 and 1/20/2019 no collection)**

		Envelopes	
Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day: \$101.00		Loose:	\$ 128.00
\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		Envelopes:	\$ 1985.00
January 27th, Special Collection for Propagation of the Faith – letter from the Archbishop		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. 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, Jim Koors, Urban Johannigman.

Urban Johannigman is very ill and was hospitalized this week with double pneumonia. Please remember him in prayer.

Cathy Wittkamper, mother of Sophia and Brian Wittkamper, students in our Religious Ed. program, and wife of Mark, continues to decline as her disease progresses. She has been moved to "Morning Breeze." Please keep this family in your prayer.

Liturgical Ministries

January 27

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Ushers/Greeters: John & Cindy Johannigman,
Jerry & Dorothy Fry

Lectors: Jerry Fry, Maria Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Johannigman, Aaron Gault,
Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein

Servers: Hunter Collins, Anna Johannigman,
Luke Diekhoff

Musicians: Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby

Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

Gift Bearers:

February 3

Jo Fledderman

Craig & Paula Wullenweber, Tom & Lois
Johannigman

Ben Stier, Niki Johannigman

Emery Mapes, Ann Stier, Brian Huff,
Norbert Hoeing

Caaden Gault, Campbell Johannigman,
Michael Stier

Men's Choir

Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch

Aaron & Melea Gault Family

*****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, brought the issue pretty close to home. But the security "lockdown" at South Decatur last week opens our eyes to the fact that drugs and related danger are in our own neighborhood. That wasn't enough. To have Millhousen wake up to vandalism of multiple homes this week spells out the fact that things are changing right before our eyes. What are we to do? How prepared are we to keep our own children safe in this changing society? We want to be proactive. The Parish "**Safety Committee**" will convene in February, 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

E6 Catholic Men's Conference Saturday February 23rd., East Central. See bulletin board for all information.

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.

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 has come to an 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)