

February 24, 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:

February 24 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Kathryn Schoettmer
March 3 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Darlene Huff
March 6 - Ash Wednesday – Bob & Romana Horan, Mass at 6:00 pm
March 10 – First Sunday of Lent – Margie Herbert
March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent – David Bedel

Dates to Remember

Feb. 26 - Faith Formation Commission, with Ken Ogorek 7:00 pm
Feb. 27 – Parent Meeting for First Communion 7:00 pm
March 3 – Coffee & Doughnuts following Mass (a pre-Lent Social)
March 6 – Ashes after Mass, join us at 6:00 pm
March 12 - Buildings and Grounds Meeting, 7:00 pm
March 14 – Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
March 15 – Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
March 17 – Parish Council Meeting, following Mass
March 22 - Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
March 24 – Cohort Penance Service 1:30 pm at St. Maurice, Napoleon

Remittance 2/17/2019

	Envelopes	
* \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Loose:	\$ 140.10
Criterion: \$ 90.00	Envelopes:	\$ 2270.00
Energy: \$9.00	Total:	\$ 2410.10

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, & Carl Moorman.

Thank you! The family of Urban Johannigman would like to thank Fr. Geis, Sister Donna, and everyone who helped with the funeral Mass and the funeral meal. Your time and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated! If you brought in a plate of cookies or treats (on a white plate) and have not picked up your plate, it is in the entryway this morning. Thank you!

The **March Ministry List** is included with this bulletin. Please retain it for future reference. LaDonna is asking for a few more volunteer families to be involved in the Offertory Procession on Sundays. If your family would like to be scheduled, please call the office and let us know. It is a good way to get our younger children involved in ministry. The Parish is also looking for a few additional lectors, men, women or young adults.

Church Cleaners: Margie Georgi (chair), Sharon & Carol Helms, Linda & Bailey Mazingo, Mary Jo Wenning

Liturgical Ministries

February 24

Sacristan: Dana Fledderman

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

Lectors: Jeanne Fry, Jerry Fry

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Johannigman, LaDonna
Hoeing, Kenny Stier, Brian Huff

Servers: Hunter Collins, Ben Stier, Colton Johannigman

Musicians: Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby

Gift Bearers: Scott & Nicole Schoettmer family

Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

March 3

LaDonna Hoeing

Mike & Mollie Johannigman, Steve & Diane
AmRhein

Kenny Steir, Mary Schwering

Joe & Julie Diekhoff, Dan & Jo Fledderman

Caaden Gault, Campbell Johannigman, Jessica
Diekhoff

Men's Choir

Mike & Mollie Johannigman family

Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermes

Upcoming Events:

The Knights of St. John are sponsoring their **Lenten Fish Fry** events again this year and have posted their information on the bulletin board. Save the dates: March 15, 29, April 12 & 19, 5:00 -7:30pm. All you can eat for \$10! And orders to go as well. Join your friends for a little social time on Friday evenings, and then bring them along to church at 7:00 for Stations of the Cross.

Bingo for Haiti – St. Anthony Church, Schad Hall, Morris, will host a **Benefit Bingo**, Sunday February 24th, games begin at 2:00pm. All proceeds go to the St. Anthony/St. Louis Haiti Mission. Serving the poorest of the poor. Chili Supper with assorted desserts, Door prizes, TV raffle, all are welcome! (Must be 18 to play bingo or pull tabs). To donate door prizes or desserts call Donna Doll at 812-212-2966.

Bread of Life 12th Annual Fundraiser – Turkey & Noodle Drive-Thru Dinner. Thursday, March 7, 2019, 4-7 pm. Call for tickets now! \$10 each, available at various locations. Online at eventbrite.com or see bulletin board. Still in need of Bacon, Solid Crisco, Green Beans, and Chicken Base.

Hospice and Palliative Care Conference – March 11, 2019, Catholic Center, 8:30-12:00, sponsored by the Archdiocese, with support from St. Vincent and St Francis Hospitals. Register: <https://hospiceandpalliativecare2019.eventbrite.com>

Various Prayer Services, Retreat opportunities available. Please see bulletin for so many opportunities.

This would be a very good first step to preparing for Lent:

ON THE PHYSICAL DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

February 26, 2019

7:00 pm

Led by Dr. Mary McCullough

St. Mary Parish Greensburg

Jesus of Nazareth underwent Jewish and Roman trials, was flogged, and was sentenced to death by crucifixion. The scourging produced deep stripe-like lacerations and appreciable blood loss, and it probably set the stage for hypovolemic shock, as evidenced by the fact that Jesus was too weakened to carry the crossbar to Golgotha. At the site of crucifixion, his wrists were nailed to the patibulum (crossbar) and, after the patibulum was lifted onto the upright posts (stipes), his feet were nailed to the stipes. The major pathophysiologic effect of crucifixion was an interference with normal respirations.

Accordingly, death resulted primarily from hypovolemic shock and exhaustion asphyxia. Jesus' death was ensured by the thrust of a soldier's spear into his side. Modern medical interpretation of the historical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead when taken down from the cross.

Journal of the American Medical Association.

Hope Forgiveness Healing – “Project Rachel” a post -abortion healing ministry. Begin to hope again. “Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope . . . if you have not already done so, give yourself over, with humility and trust, to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace.” Saint John Paul II, The Gospel of Life. Healing Retreat March 1-3, 2019. Call 317-452-0054. (Confidential)

Concerning Fr. John Geis: Many of you are concerned for him, and are asking questions after hearing that he had an “episode” of some kind while saying Mass. He reports that he is feeling well, and is seeing a doctor. He is grateful for your love and concern and prayers. Having said that, it is a good time to remind all that, like all of us, he deserves some privacy. He has been bombarded with calls, and questions, and “advice.” If he has something to share he will let us know and you will see it here in the bulletin. Unless one has M.D. behind their name, it is never appropriate to diagnose. Unless one is the parent or guardian of another, it is not appropriate to advise or direct health care. He is in good hands.

An additional reminder: concerning both of our Sacramental Ministers: they are both retired priests, retired from full time ministry, retired with good reason, retired without the obligation of responding to our many daily needs. All of the parish spiritual, sacramental, and liturgical needs are to be taken care of and scheduled through the parish office. It is not appropriate for parishioners to be placing requests by calling the priest directly. Fr. John has very limited energy and limited availability, but he finds it hard to say no. So, please, let’s not ask him to do that. Fr. Bill also has limited availability, and he lives at a distance. He is contracted and assigned by the Archdiocese for Sunday mornings, and will help us at other times as he is able. Anointings, funerals, and any sacramental visits need to be scheduled through the office, and need to be recorded. Please call the office with your needs. Fr John Meyer is our Moderator (our official pastor), and signs off on all sacramental activity. He is close to the hospital and nursing homes, has 24 hr. responsibility, and has helped us out on several emergencies. He also can be contacted through the parish office, here, or at St. Mary’s. As you can appreciate, the priest’s private numbers are not to be published, or given out. Thank you for helping us to keep our priest’s as long as possible.

Lenten Notes: As Lent is quickly approaching, some questions have come up about what we can and can’t do on Sundays in Lent. As I begin these notes, let me say that I may or may not address the questions that come to your mind, so please submit them for consideration. We will address whatever comes in.

Sundays: During Lent the liturgy takes on a more solemn stance. We don’t sing the Gloria. We don’t use the Alleluia with the Gospel nor any other time. We “dress down” rather than “dress up” the music; that is, we simplify it, we don’t add percussion and trumpets, and . . . and we don’t anyway. We may not see much change from the regular season, but the songs will have a more sad, slow, mellow tone. Then, on Easter Sunday, we bring back the “spirit of celebration” once again.

Funerals during Lent: We don’t schedule funerals on Sundays during Lent. Funerals can be celebrated on any day except for solemnities that are holy days of obligation, Sundays of Advent, Lent and Easter, and not on Thursday through Sunday of Holy Week. Most parishes don’t schedule Funerals on Sundays at any time, because the assigned priests have all they can do to get through the needed weekend Masses. Adding a funeral on Sunday afternoon or evening is allowed, but generally not done. In addition, many cemeteries are not open on Sunday. And many Funeral Homes would have to pay employees overtime on the weekend, so will not bury on a Sunday (or will charge extra). Next week – will review fasting and abstinence.