

**March 3, 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:**

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**

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

**Rest in Peace** - On Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> God called **Gary Stier**, brother of parishioners Marvin Stier, and Kathy Kohrman; father of parishioner Anita Fry, and grandfather of parishioners Olivia and Kalie Fry. Funeral services and burial were at St. Maurice, Napoleon on Saturday morning. Please hold this family in prayer.

In addition, on Friday afternoon, March 1, we buried **Melvin Ramer** here at Immaculate Conception. Malvin was the husband of our deceased parishioner Mary Ann (Schneider) Ramer, and was buried beside her. May they be enjoying eternal life together.

**Also 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.

**Lenten Notes:** We talked last week about Liturgical changes during Lent. This week we focus on Lenten Disciplines, including the threefold discipline of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, advocated by the institutional church for generations. **Almsgiving**, or monetary contributions are generally emphasized to feed the hungry in war torn or underdeveloped countries. Many opportunities will present themselves throughout this season but the giving that unites us at Immaculate Conception, is the project: **“Sacrifice Jars”** explained by Mollie in this bulletin. Many opportunities for community **prayer** are also available, including weekly bible study, opportunities to pray the rosary, and Friday evening Stations of the Cross. We are encouraged to engage in additional personal prayer time as well, maybe daily liturgies, liturgy of the hours, reflection time, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or additional prayer with scripture or spiritual reading. The discipline we often focus on most accurately is that of fasting and abstinence. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. It is the practice of eating only one full meal during the day, with two smaller meals permitted, but no solid food between meals. It is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence from meat is also to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age and older, on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Through these practices we are united to one another in our sacrifice, and united to the

sacrifice of Jesus in the desert as he was tested and tempted. So that describes our common sacrifice. Not what about personal sacrifice? Next week . . .

### Remittance 2/24/2019

		<b>Envelopes</b>	
* <b>\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>		<b>Loose:</b>	\$ 168.0
Criterion: \$ 145.00		<b>Envelopes:</b>	\$ 1603.00
Energy: 20.00		<b>Total:</b>	\$ 1771.00

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

### Liturgical Ministries

March 3

**Sacristan:** LaDonna Hoeing  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Mike & Mollie Johannigman,  
 Steve & Diane AmRhein  
**Lectors:** Kenny Steir, Mary Schwering  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe & Julie Diekhoff,  
 Dan & Jo Fledderman  
**Servers:** Caaden Gault, Campbell Johannigman,  
 Jessica Diekhoff  
**Musicians:** Men's Choir  
**Gift Bearers:** Mike & Mollie Johannigman family  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
 Sara Hermes

March 10

Jo Fledderman  
 Dave & Cindy Stone, Sophia Witkamper  
 Grady Scudder  
 LaDonna Hoeing, Anna Johannigman  
 Steve AmRhein, Ann Stier, Mark Stier, Norbert  
 Hoeing  
 Hunter Collins, Michael Stier, Luke Diekhoff  
 Youth with Abby  
 Vic & Laura Meyer family  
 Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes

March 6 - **Ash Wednesday**

**Sacristan:** LaDonna Hoeing  
**Ushers/Greeters:** John & Cindy Johannigman,  
 Tom & Lois Johannigman  
**Lectors:** Mary Jo Wenning, Melea Gault  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian Huff, LaDonna Hoeing  
 Kathy Kahrman, Kenny Stier  
**Servers:** Ben Stier, Tony & Mary Schwering  
**Musicians:** Men's Choir

**Lenten Bible Study**

Beginning Wednesday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
 at 7:00 pm, and continuing each Wednesday  
 during Lent, "The Gospel of Mark."  
 If interested please call Kate Bedel at  
 812- 614-0987. All are welcome.  
 Cost of materials is \$6.00.

### 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.

**Bread of Life 12<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Notes from Mollie** (Administrator of Religious Education):

Good morning! With Lent almost upon us, I would like to take a minute to talk about our parish-wide Lenten project: the “Sacrifice” jars. The last couple of years we have gotten a pretty good response from this effort, so we would like to offer this project again this year.

These jars are for the whole family to contribute to. We ask that you put any “extra” or “leftover change” from your day into the family “Sacrifice” jar. We would like to put an emphasis on “Sacrifice.” For instance, instead of buying that bag of chips or ordering a pizza for supper, take that money and put it in your “Sacrifice” jar. Or instead of buying a pop with your leftover lunch money, take it and put it in the “Sacrifice” jar. For Jesus Christ suffered and died out of the love that he had for us. We shall sacrifice something to show our love for him! By doing this I hope we can all find something that we may add to our faith journey to help show our love for Jesus.

The money that we collect from these jars will go to the “Bread of Life” to help feed the hungry in our local community. The Religious Ed. students will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Bread of Life as well. I will get a list out to the parents as soon as I get feedback from “Bread of Life.” Both the elementary and high school students may bring their items to class where I will have a box for collection. My challenge for the students is to see who can raise the most, the elementary students on Wednesday evening, or the Sunday morning high schoolers?! The challenge is on!!

Please pick up your “Sacrifice” jars this morning as you leave the church, available on the table in the entryway. And please return sometime during Holy Week, by leaving them on the same table.

Thank you and have a wonderful Lenten season!

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**“The Church in her wisdom and tradition provides us with some guidance as to what kinds of actions we are to take to grow in a deeper relationship with Christ during Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.”**

Take note: no where in those three does one find “give up” or “give up sinning.” That effort is needed every day. So while the battle with sin is ongoing, it is still important to practice the season of Lent, to enter into a more intimate relationship with God.