

March 10, 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:

March 10 – First Sunday of Lent – Margie Herbert

March 17 – Second Sunday of Lent – David Bedel

Dates to Remember

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 Friday morning of this past week God called Cathy Wittkamper to her eternal home. Cathy's two children, are in our Religious Ed. Program, Brian in grade 10, and Sophia in grade 5. Please hold these children and her husband Mark and whole family in your loving care and prayer. With the support and care of extended family and caring neighbors, they have been able to care for Cathy in their home over many years of decline, and Mark has risen to the task of being Mother and Father to their children. Caregivers are indeed models of our faith! Visitation will be at Porter-Oliger-Pearson Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon and evening, from 4-8 pm with rosary at 3:30 pm. The funeral liturgy will be on Thursday morning at 10:00 am, here at Immaculate Conception, with an hour of visiting here in church prior to the liturgy.

Also remember in Prayer: Bailey Streiker, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Stephen Koors, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Craig Simon, Adam Lutterbach, Jim Koors, & Carl Moorman.

Update from Mollie: The following list includes items needed by the **Bread of Life** at this time: We are encouraging all students attending our Religious Ed program to contribute items during the season of Lent to assist those in need. Remember that we are in competition: Wed. evening group vs. the Sunday morning group. Who can contribute the most in the next six weeks? Collection boxes are available in the school building. **The list includes:** Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Ketchup, Velveeta Cheese, and Salt and Pepper. The race is on!

Remittance 3/3/2019

	Envelopes	
* \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Loose:	\$ 276.12
	Envelopes:	\$ 2256.00
	Total:	\$ 2532.12

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

Liturgical Ministries

March 10

Sacristan: Jo Fledderman
Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Cindy Stone, Sophia Wittkamper, Grady Scudder
Lectors: LaDonna Hoeing, Anna Johannigman
Eucharistic Ministers: Steve AmRhein, Ann Stier, Mark Stier, Norbert Hoeing
Servers: Hunter Collins, Michael Stier, Luke Diekhoff,
Musicians: Youth with Abby
Gift Bearers: Vic & Laura Meyer family
Counters: Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

March 17

Marilyn Horan
Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, Ed Johannigman, James Hamilton
Maria Meyer, Melea Gault
Cindy Hermesch, Aaron & Melea Gault, Emery Mapes
Allison Nobbe, Kenlee Martin & Rhett Martin
Men's Choir
Tim & Stephanie Hoeing family
June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

Upcoming Events:

Discipleship – We have talked in the past about all of us being called to Missionary Discipleship. We have listened to scripture and homilies, and reflections on what discipleship means. Now we are being asked to define discipleship in our own words, using our own insights and practices. The Archdiocese is working to create a pamphlet, a guide for use throughout the Archdiocese, in our parishes, in our Religious Ed. and catechetical programs, in our adult formation processes. This is our opportunity to voice our beliefs, to help guide the education of our peers, to guide our ministry to each other, to help us to be, or become, true disciples of Jesus. So, what do you think are actions or characteristics of a disciple of Jesus? How would one recognize a disciple in this day and age? What would one look for? What defines us? This is the topic of discussion for the first 30 min. of the next **Parish Council Meeting, March 17th**, immediately following Mass. Please come join in the discussion, or just come to hear the thoughts of others. Everyone is welcome! It won't drag on and on. After the first 30 min. the group will be dismissed and the Council will go on with routine business. Please come and add to the parish definition. Our statements or insights will then be taken by delegates to a Deanery meeting a few days later, and a Deanery vision of discipleship will be formed. Following that meeting the information will be combined at the Archdiocese level and eventually come back to us formatted for our use. Please join the conversation in person or in writing.

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.

Sister Marj English, a Sister of St. Francis and practicing clinician for over 30 years, is offering spiritual direction, group spiritual companionship, and or supervision for spiritual directors. Her training and experience equip her for all of these services. Marj also facilitates evenings of prayer, days of recollection, and parish retreat days. Please pick up a brochure in the entryway.

Bible Study: Beginning on Wednesday evening, March 13, at 7:00 pm, and continuing each Wednesday throughout Lent, the Bible Study group will discuss **"The Gospel of Mark."** All are welcome. Cost is \$6.00 for the book. If interested call Kate Bedel at 812-614-0987.

Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, car-pooling the kids and keeping up with your house and property? Share a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. Info in entryway.

“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.”

Lenten Notes: We’ve reviewed communal practices and communal prayer. Now let’s take a look at personal sacrifices. The church is guiding us to positive action in our lives, to support and service to our parish, our families, and our community during Lent. After all – Lent is not a season that only involves what we give up. It is also a time to reflect on the gifts God has given to us, and how we can use those gifts in response to His love for us, to serve others. Below are some positive ways you can begin.

1. Pray. A few minutes more or longer than is your current practice. Or try a new prayer form.
2. Replace 30 minutes of TV time with 30 minutes of devotion or spiritual reading.
3. Spend device-free time with your family.
4. Find someone at Mass you don’t know and introduce yourself.
5. Join a committee in your parish.
6. Give a compliment to a stranger.
7. Pick up the tab for someone else today.
8. Visit a shut-in from your parish.
9. Forgive the wrongdoing of another, maybe a family member.
10. Invite a coworker or neighbor to Mass or to a parish event.
11. Thank your pastor/PLC for his/her service to your parish and the community.
12. Fill an unmet need in your parish. (Don’t know what they are? Just call the office.)
13. Volunteer as a family at a local soup kitchen.
14. Support a special collection at Mass.
15. Donate needed items to the Food Pantry or “Bread of Life.”
16. If you buy a treat today, buy two and share with someone else.
17. Volunteer in a ministry at your parish.
18. Make care packages as a family and donate them to the homeless in Greensburg.
19. Pay the rosary as a family.
20. Encourage your children to do something nice for someone else.
21. Donate hygiene products or diapers to a local homeless shelter.
22. Volunteer to be a church cleaner.
23. Host a bible study at your home or at the parish (or attend one that you don’t already attend.)
24. Give everyone in your home a compliment today.
25. Share one of your talents with your parish.
26. Go to confession or attend a Lenten Penance Service.
27. Invite your pastor/PLC to share a meal with you and your family.
28. Take baked goods to a neighbor.
29. Invite a widow or single parent to join you and your family for a meal.
30. Sign up to volunteer for a day doing spring yard clean up.
31. Today, pray for your enemies.
32. Send an anonymous gift to someone you know who could use a lift.
33. Offer to run an errand for an elderly shut-in.
34. Pray for your parish and all parishes of the Archdiocese.
35. Pray for the Archbishop and for the Pope.

God bless you and your family during this beautiful season of Lent!