

March 17, 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 17 – Second Sunday of Lent – David Bedel
March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent – Gary Schwering
March 31 – Fourth Sunday in Lent – Urban Johannigman
April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Darlene Huff
April 14 – Palm Sunday – Margie Herbert

Dates to Remember

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
March 29 – Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
April 6 – Spring Work Day – Buildings & Grounds, 8:00 am to finish
April 16 – Chrism Mass, Cathedral

Rest in Peace – The Archdiocese is grieving the loss of two more active priests. On Tuesday of this past week Fr. Kevin Morris, 62, pastor of three parishes, two schools, and a hospital chaplain in Richmond IN, was killed in a horrible car crash. His funeral will be in the Cathedral on Monday. On Friday evening we received word that Fr. Glenn O’Connor, 66, pastor of St. Suzanna in Plainfield, and Chaplain of the Indianapolis International Airport, died after suffering heart problems since the end of December. Both of these men are considered “young” in the scope of Archdiocesan priests. Fr. Ken Taylor, in the same age range, died in December. Please pray for our priests as they are being stretched even further. We have only one priest being ordained this summer.

Thank You– On Thursday morning we laid to rest, Cathy Wittkamper. May she rest in peace! Mark and five children, Sam, Nick, Stephanie, Brian and Sophia, wish to thank everyone who has reached out to support their family during this long journey, but especially during the past few weeks. They are grateful for your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, thoughtfulness, and every kind of support and outreach. They are most grateful for your donations of food for the funeral luncheon and for all those who assisted in so many ways to help them during this difficult time. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

Also remember in Prayer: Bailey Streiker, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Craig Simon, 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 five 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! How are you doing with the “**Sacrifice Jars**?”

Remittance 3/10/2019

		Envelopes	
* \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		Loose:	\$ 129.00
Home Missions \$260.00, Fuel \$50.00, Criterion \$22.00		Envelopes:	\$ 2936.00
		Total:	\$ 3065.00

Liturgical Ministries

March 17

Sacristan: Marilyn Horan

Ushers/Greeters: Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte,
Ed Johannigman, James Hamilton

Lectors: Maria Meyer, Melea Gault

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hermes, Aaron
& Melea Gault, Emery Mapes

Servers: Allison Nobbe, Kenlee & Rhett Martin

Musicians: Men's Choir

Gift Bearers: Tim & Stephanie Hoeing family

Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

March 24

Ann Stier

Joe & Donna, Bill & Niki Johannigman

Claire Schoettmer, Donna Johannigman

Tim Hoeing, Kathy Kohrman, Jeanne Fry, Cindy
Johannigman

Tony & Mary Schwering, Kenny Stier

Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby

Eric & Melonie Stone Family

Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault

Upcoming Events:

Discipleship – Please take this opportunity to contribute to the writing of a pastoral resource, 10 Things a Disciple of Jesus Does. What are the daily, weekly, habits of people who are disciples of Jesus? How is our life different due to our disciple relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ? This is the topic of discussion for the first 30 min. of **Parish Council Meeting**, today, immediately following Mass. Please come join in the discussion. Everyone is welcome! After the first 30 min. the group will be dismissed and the Council will go on with routine business.

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.

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings, during Lent, at 7:00 pm, the 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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of the Irish! (And to those Irish for just a day.)

Chrism Mass – This annual event is a most sacred time when all priests of the Archdiocese re-commit themselves to the priesthood, to the leadership of the Bishop, and all concelebrate a most beautiful liturgy at the Cathedral. The Holy Oils, which we use for the sacraments the following year, are consecrated and distributed to all of the parishes during this ritual. Each parish sends a representative to receive the oils, and then they are initiated during our Holy Thursday solemn Mass. If anyone is interested in representing Immaculate Conception this year, please call the office sometime this week so arrangements can be made. While attendance is open to all, our official representative receives special seating.

Tuesday of this week is the feast of **St. Joseph**, the spouse of Mary and father of Jesus. While the scriptures seldom mention him, it is thought this is because he died prior to the public adult life of Jesus. But like any other father, he played a big role in the life of his son, and is a model for us today. Excerpts from a poem by John Shaughnessy, published in this week's Criterion may help to bring this saint to life:

He's My Son, Too

I promise, God, to stand by Mary. I promise to always love your son
I promise through the joys and struggles, to always see that your will be done.
I've never asked for any glory. I always want to be true to you.
I just ask as you write his story, remember, Jesus is my son, too.
My love for Mary grows stronger. I'm awed by her magnificent "Yes"
She kindly tells me I've done the same. I'm just trying to give you my best.
We begin the journey together. We know you'll be with us all the way.
Still, a father wants more for his son, than to sleep in a manger of hay.
I watch my wife and son together. I cherish their closeness and their love
I want it to stay this way forever, but then he turns his gaze to above.
I'm not sure why you ever chose me. It's not for the work that I've done.
Still, I take my own measure of pride, in helping shape this carpenter's son.
And when it's time to come home to you, let me feel the comfort of his arms
My last prayer is please always keep him from all suffering, from any harm.
I'm sure you will do what's best for him. It is what we fathers try to do.
I don't know the plan you have for him, still, he will do what you ask him to do.
Thank you for making me a father. It's a gift beyond any compare.
To know and love a child so deeply is the everlasting bond we share.
Please keep him in your care forever. Let his heart and his soul remain true.
Let his life serve all your dear children. I believe that's what our son will do.
I've never asked for any glory. I always want to be true to you.
I just ask as you write his story, always remember, he's my son, too.