

April 7, 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:

April 7 – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Darlene Huff
April 14 – Palm Sunday – Margie Herbert
April 18 – Holy Thursday – Ambrose & Elizabeth Volk
April 21 – Easter Sunday - Lorene Brankamp
April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter – (First Communion) – Marie Hermesch

Dates to Remember

April 12 – Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
April 16 – Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 2:00 pm
April 18 – Holy Thursday Eucharistic Celebration – 6:00 pm
April 19 – Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord – 6:00 pm
April 20 – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm at Napoleon
April 21 – Easter celebration with coffee & doughnuts and egg hunt – 8:00 am

Remember in Prayer: Bailey Streiker, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Craig Simon, Jim Koors, & Carl Moorman, Stephanie Hoeing. (Stephanie is initiating treatment for thyroid cancer, and while the prognosis is good, she welcomes all the prayers possible as she navigates these stormy waters!)

In addition to the above-mentioned names, we need to add the following four young people to our prayer list: Lakin Baltus, Brinkley Ortman, Andrew Stier, and Luke Stier. These young folks will receive their **first Holy Communion** of Sunday, April 28th at our parish Sunday liturgy. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this special day. As they prepare these next few weeks, they will be watching all of you and learning from your example! Please model for them: 1.) a bow as the person in front of you receives; 2.) making eye contact with the Eucharistic Minister, and then looking at the host and saying an audible “**Amen**” (I believe); 3.) extending your open hands to **receive** (not reaching out to **take** the host); and 4.) returning to your seat to say a brief prayer (“Thank you, Jesus for coming to me. And I love you too.”). Four simple steps, but how soon we forget. Today the children may have something to teach us! The children will be wearing a small black cross around their necks these next few weeks so that we can identify them. Please congratulate them on making this first independent step in their faith journey.

Graduation Mass - On Sunday, May 26 we want to honor our **graduates**, both from high school and from college. While we have contact with all of our high-school seniors, we have lost track of some of our college students. If you recently, or if you will soon, graduate from College or a trade school, and would like to be included in our celebration, please contact Mollie at 812-662-4512.

The **Knights of St. John** are sponsoring a **Whole Hog Sausage and Pancake Breakfast**, today, April 7th at the Knights Hall from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Please support our Knights and enjoy a Sunday feast!

Liturgical Ministries

April 7

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Ushers/Greeters: Mike & Mollie Johannigman
Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lectors: Anna Johannigman, Mary Schwering

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hermes, Aaron
& Melea Gault, Steve AmRhein

Servers: Jessica Diekhoff, Caaden Gault, Michael Stier

Musicians: Men's Choir

Gift Bearers: Scott & Nicole Schoettmer family

Counters: Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cincy
Hermesch

April 14, Palm Sunday

Jo Fledderman

Jerry & Dorothy Fry, Mark & Cindy Hermes

Jeanne Fry, Ben Stier,

Passion: Jerry Fry, Melea Gault

Daniel & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie Diekhoff

Hunter Collins, Trent & Allison Nobbe

Youth with Abby

Nick & Abby Asher Family

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen
Stone

Remittance 3/31/2019

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Today, April 7, is a special collection for our “**Maintenance Fund**” here in the parish. On April 14 we ask for your support for the “Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.” Please see the letter from Archbishop Thompson on the board.

Mowing; Cemetery and Grounds: If you are interested in helping to maintain our parish grounds, and keeping our campus clean and presentable, please consider picking up a bid sheet and reviewing the expectations for mowing and trimming. The contracts are for the 29-week season and will require some true dedication. We are looking for the lowest bid, and good quality work. Don't delay. If interested, bids are due this week.

Upcoming Events:

Chrism Mass – Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 pm, **April 16th** - 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.

Holy Week – Besides the Chrism Mass on Tuesday evening, Holy Week has other special celebrations, culminating with the **Easter Sunday** celebration, which is the most important, and solemn celebration of the entire liturgical year! Yes, bigger than Christmas! Easter is the Foundation of our faith. The resurrection celebrates Christ's triumph over evil, and death, and celebrates our redemption! Without Easter there would be no eternal life! The promise of Easter, and new life, and salvation, is the same celebration that begins for us at baptism, and is celebrated again and again, each Sunday, and continues as the central theme for each Catholic

funeral. It is our VICTORY Party! It is not just a day to dress up in our newest spring fashions, but is indeed a day to dress up! As for a wedding! Or to receive the Olympic Medal! Easter is the only celebration in the Church year that has a 40-day preparation period, and another 40-day celebration period! Similar to Christmas, but bigger!!

Palm Sunday, April 14th, 8:00 am. On this day the church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to begin the Paschal Mystery, of his death and resurrection. We wave palm branches to honor his arrival! The crowd cheers and screams, and is jubilant! We could liken it to the entrance of a basketball team before the game starts, or an inaugural parade. All chant hosanna to the King! If Christ rode in today it would probably be in a motorcade, or on a float, and there would be rice, or balloons, or banners and streamers! Then, as the week progresses, all is changed. Reality sets in. But, let's begin with a jubilant celebration! Hosanna to the King!

Holy Thursday – is the commemoration of the last supper, the day we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. We celebrate this Eucharist each and every Sunday. This day gives it honor, as we end in a procession with the Eucharist, and exposition for an extended period. The Holy Oils, received from the Cathedral on Tuesday, are received by the parish, celebrating our unity as one people in the diocese. **Mass at 6:00 pm.**

Good Friday - Mass is not celebrated on this day. Instead we have a celebration of the Passion and death of the Lord, which includes the Word (readings), adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. Traditionally, this celebration was scheduled mid-afternoon, when it is believed Christ actually died. But in order to open this service to more people, we have scheduled it, this year, at **6:00 pm** hoping to draw a bigger crowd to commemorate the death of Christ. Please join us for this solemn memorial. (About one hour)

Holy Saturday – the Easter Vigil - is a lengthier, and very celebratory feast, beginning with the outdoor Easter fire, lighting the new Easter candle, blessing the new water of baptism. Then the church reflects on all of the wonderful things God has done for his people, through a series of readings. Following this history, new members are baptized and confirmed (we have no candidates this year), and music and light return with the big Eucharistic celebration that follows! Please consider joining us for this very special evening. Because of the nature of this celebration a priest cannot celebrate it more than once. So, we join together as a Cohort, gathering at Napoleon on Saturday evening at 7:30 pm. (just before dusk).

Easter Sunday - is Sunday April 21, Mass at 8:00 am. Followed by Coffee and doughnuts, and a special **Easter Egg Hunt**. Please gather in the parish hall following this Mass, rain or shine! We have alternate plans for bad weather. Celebrate with us New Life! The first day of 40 days of celebration! Our unity as a parish! And our redemption in Christ! Mark your calendars for all of these special celebrations coming soon!!

“Unplanned” – based on a book, this new film on abortion shares a faith-filled story of hope, forgiveness and love. This national box office film officially opens in theaters on the weekend of March 29, but is available sooner in some locations due to theater buyouts by groups. It is the true-life story of Abby Johnson, a former pro-choice Planned Parenthood facility director turned national **pro-life advocate** due to what she saw during an ultrasound while she assisted with an abortion. Please check out your nearest cinema, or see information in the Criterion this weekend. This story may change your perspective. This is a conversion story worth your time! Get equipped with the truth about abortion!

Kindergarten Registration has begun for new families at St. Mary's School. Details on board.

St. Nicholas Parish is sponsoring a **Turtle Soup Supper** on Saturday, April 27th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Featuring a Kentucky Derby Raffle, a Beer Garden, and games for the whole family. In addition to turtle soup they will be serving chicken noodle soup, fish and pulled beef sandwiches with homemade pies and cakes.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast – at Schad Hall, Morris, to benefit the youth groups of St Anthony, St. Louis, and St. Nicholas, on April 14, 2019, from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. FREE WILL OFFERING.