

**April 14, 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:**

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

On Thursday, early morning, God surprised all of us and took **Ralph Bruns** to his eternal glory! He will be celebrating Easter a little early! Ralph has spent a lifetime with us, worshiping among us, and raising his six daughters, Janie, Kay, Linda, Sandy, Susie, and Karen. He served faithfully, his country, his family, the family business and his parish. While he grieved intensely the loss of his wife, Rosie, and brother Dale, he continued a most joy filled life and never stopped reaching out to all of us through gifts of time, talent and treasure. Ralph has been homebound for several years, and during that time many parishioners reached out to support him. He and his daughters are grateful for that support. Please remember him in your prayers. Visitation will be on Monday evening 4-8 at Porter-Oliger-Pearson Funeral Home, and again from 9-10 here in church on Tuesday morning, with the funeral liturgy at 10:00 am.

**Palm Sunday**, Today is the day the church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to begin the Paschal Mystery, of his death and resurrection. Yes, we read the Passion today, but this is not a feast about the death of Jesus. That is Good Friday. Today 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! Grieving will come soon enough. Today we play the part of the cheering crowd (the same people who later cry out to crucify him).

**Dates to Remember**

April 16 – Funeral Mass for Ralph Bruns, 10:00 am

April 16 – Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 2:00 pm (All are welcome!)

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 (or 8:00 pm at St Mary)

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Liturgical Ministries

April 14 **Palm** Sunday

**Sacristan:** Jo Fledderman

**Ushers/Greeters:** Jerry & Dorothy Fry,  
Mark & Cindy Hermes

**Lectors:** Jeanne Fry, Ben Stier,

**Passion:** Jerry Fry, Melea Gault

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Daniel & Jo Fledderman,  
Joe & Julie Diekhoff

**Servers:** Hunter Collins, Trent & Allison Nobbe

**Musicians:** Youth with Abby

**Gift Bearers:** Nick & Abby Asher Family

**Counters:** June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,  
Gretchen Stone

April 21 **Easter** Sunday

Marilyn Horan

Don & Jeanne Fry, Mike and Kathy  
Kohrman

Mary Jo Wenning, Claire Schoettmer

Tim Hoeing, Kathy Kohrman, Jeanne Fry,  
Mark Stier

Evan Wullenweber, Campbell Johannigman,  
Luke Diekhoff

Men’s Choir

Jedd & Alison Ortman family

Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron  
Gault

### Remittance 4/7/2019

|   |  | Envelopes         |            |
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| * \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.                                   |  | <b>Loose:</b>     | \$ 151.00  |
| Maintenance \$976.00, Catholic Relief \$115.00, Church in Africa \$50.00. |  | <b>Envelopes:</b> | \$ 2663.00 |
|   |  | <b>Total:</b>     | \$ 2814.00 |

**Mowing; Cemetery and Grounds:** The lowest bidder, for both cemetery and grounds, was Jake Mattox, who now has responsibility for all of it. He is contracted to work 29 weeks, until the end of October, and promises to take great pride in keeping our campus looking great. Joe Diekhoff has taken responsibility for the St. Denis property. We are grateful to all who took part in the interviews and bidding, making it possible to cut our projected expenses considerably.

### Upcoming Events:

**Chrism Mass** – Will be held at the Cathedral in Indianapolis on Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 pm, **April 16<sup>th</sup>** This annual event is a most sacred time when all priests of the Archdiocese recommit themselves to the priesthood, and to the leadership of our Bishop, and all concelebrate a most beautiful liturgy. During this Mass, holy oils are blessed by the bishop and are used throughout the diocese during the coming year, for anointing the sick, baptism, and confirmation. People representing each parish in the diocese are present to receive the oils and take them back to their parish. We will all welcome the Holy Oils in the opening rite of our Holy Thursday celebration. Ruth Diekhoff will serve as our representative. All are welcome to attend.

**Holy Thursday** – Mass is celebrated ONLY at **6:00 pm**. This is the commemoration of the Last Supper, the day we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. The emphasis on this day is upon Jesus' example to serve one another. We are called to be servants. Through the beautiful ceremony of the "Washing of Feet" we give witness to Christ's command to "love one another." This is the beginning, the first Eucharist. The holy oils that we received at the Chrism Mass are presented to the parish on this evening. We end in a procession with the Body of Christ, which is placed in exposition on the main altar. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow for an hour following the celebration.

**Good Friday** - Mass is not celebrated on this day. Instead we gather quietly and listen to the reading of the Passion from the Gospel of John. We pray for all the world's needs. The cross is held up and we come forward for veneration, followed by Communion. Traditionally, this celebration is 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.

**Holy Saturday – the Easter Vigil – The night of all nights!** The Mass of the Resurrection contrasts light and darkness, death and life. These ideas are made clear by the New Fire, lighting of the Easter Candle, and the blessing of the baptismal water. Then the church reflects on all of the wonderful things God has done for his people, down through the ages, 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. This is the height of Holy Week and the climax of Lent! This celebration is an Easter Sunday Mass. We join as a Cohort, gathering at **Napoleon** on Saturday evening at **7:30 pm**. (just before dusk). Please join us!

**Easter Sunday** - 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 fresh hope, have come in the risen Christ! It 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! We celebrate with a renewal of baptismal promises to reject sin and evil, to love God and follow Jesus. 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. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice. **Alleluia!!**

For alternate celebration times, Father John Meyer has invited us to **St. Mary's** for any or all of these same celebrations. The times at St Mary's are: Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm, Good Friday: 3:00 pm, Holy Saturday: 8:00 pm. Easter Sunday Masses at St. Mary's are at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am.

**Raffle and Auction** – Please mark your calendars for our annual Auction and Fundraising Day, this year **August 10<sup>th</sup>**! We received our official license to operate this week from the Indiana Gaming Commission, and very soon will be beginning preparation and meetings. Please lend your time and support to this vital fundraiser! Volunteer! Many hands make light work!

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

**Daughters of Isabella** Scholarship Fund – Tasty Tuesday Dinner April 23, 2019, 5:00 to 7:00 pm, St. Mary's School Cafeteria, Bar-B-Que Beef Sandwiches, see bulletin board. Free Will Offering.

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

**Vacation Bible School** – St Mary's, **June 24-28**. 9:00 – 11:30 each day. Mark your calendars and register!