

May 12, 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:

May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Delores Redelman
May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Joe & Lenora Diekhoff
May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Ed & Virginia Bedel

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Great-Grandmothers, God-Mothers and all “spiritual mothers,” those who nurture and bring forth life! Each one of you bears Christ to the world through your patience, and caring, and compassion and tenderness! We thank you for nurturing all those around you! Enjoy this day in your honor! Each one will receive a carnation as you leave church this morning, and we will end our service today with a special blessing for all Mothers.

“Good and gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers, and for all women of faith, who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers, the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give to them the strength to love and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of a husband, family, and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children, to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.”

To the mothers who are struggling, to those filled with joy; to the mothers who remember children who have died, or pregnancies that ended in miscarriage; to those experiencing frustration or desperation, to those who “mother” colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone else in need; to those who remember Moms no longer with us, to those who never had a nurturing Mom, we honor today the unyielding love and care for others we call “Motherhood.” Wherever we have found it, and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves, we say THANK YOU!

May Crowning- In addition to our earthly Mothers, today we honor Mary, our Spiritual Mother, our protector, our fortress, our advocate, our refuge, our strength, our hope. Today we crown her with blossoms! May she always be near us in our times of distress! May she always be queen of our hearts!

Special Collection- Last year on Mother's Day we took up a special collection for those Mothers who are choosing life instead of abortion! Today, May 12th, the day we honor all Mothers, we will take up a special collection for Clarity Pregnancy Center to support those Mothers who are choosing life and need our support. Please give generously this morning. There is no special envelope. All loose checks or cash this morning will be given to this cause. Thank you in advance!

Thank You – The family of Ralph Bruns, his daughters, Janie, Kay, Linda, Sandy, Susie and Karen, would like to thank Ralph's parish family for their support and comfort following his death. Your kind words and actions provided strength in our time of sorrow. A special thanks to those who participated in his funeral Mass and to the ladies who prepared and served the delicious lunch for family and friends after the service. Your kindness was very much appreciated. May God bless you all!

Dates to Remember

- May 12 – Mother’s Day, May Crowning
- May 14 – Buildings & Grounds Meeting 7pm
- May 19 – Parish Council Meeting after Mass
- May 19 – Auction “Start -Up” meeting, after Parish Council, begin 10:30 am. All Committee members.
- May 23 - Finance Committee, Thurs. 7pm
- May 26 – Graduation Mass – Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass.

Liturgical Ministries

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| <p align="center">May 12</p> <p>Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing</p> <p>Ushers/Greeters: Mike & Mollie Johannigman
Grady Scudder, Sophia Witkamper</p> <p>Lectors: LaDonna Hoeing, Donna Johannigman</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: Steve AmRhein, Brian Huff,
Mark Stier, Norbert Hoeing</p> <p>Servers: Hunter Collins, Michael Stier,
Luke Diekhoff</p> <p>Musicians: Youth with Abby</p> <p>Gift Bearers: Mike and Mollie Johannigman family</p> <p>Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone</p> <p>Church Cleaners: Paula Wullenweber (Chairperson), Emily Simon, Ann Stier, Abby Asher, Kendra Martin.</p> <p>Remember in Prayer: Bailey Streiker, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Craig Simon, Stephanie Hoeing, Nell Ann Pheifer, Teresa Bruns, Bernice & Alfred Diekhoff.</p> | <p align="center">May 19</p> <p>Jo Fledderman</p> <p>Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James Hamilton,
Ed Johannigman</p> <p>Maria Meyer, Melea Gault</p> <p>Cindy Hermes, Emery Mapes, Aaron & Melea
Gault</p> <p>Anna Johannigman, Ben Stier, Colton Johannigman</p> <p>Men’s Choir</p> <p>Tim & Stephanie Hoeing family</p> <p>Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault</p> |
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Remittance 5/5/2019

	Envelopes
* \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	
Catholic Home Missions: \$10.00 Holy Places \$5.00	Loose: \$ 235.00
	Envelopes: \$ 2145.00
	Total: \$ 2380.00

United Catholic Appeal – We continue to make progress toward our goal, bit by bit! With only a short time left, we may not be able to reach the goal set for us, but hopefully we can reach the amount we have promised, the amount of our pledges. It is not too late! If you have pledged and still intend to keep that promise, you may call or text Dana Stone directly at 317- 727-5029. A big “thank you” for all that you do, every day, to support your parish community, those in our archdiocese who are in need, and the greater Church as a whole. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

A note from Religious Education:

It is hard to believe that our 2018 – 2019 school year and Religious Education program here at Immaculate Conception has come to an end. We had a great year with our students! A big thanks to our most awesome catechists!! Without them we wouldn't have the program that we have. With that said, we are already looking ahead to the up-coming school year. I ask that each one of you prayerfully consider volunteering as a catechist or aide. We need several individuals to fill vacant positions for the upcoming school year. I hope that we have parishioners who are willing to step up to the plate and accept this awesome responsibility here at Immaculate Conception. With the decline of committed catechists and students, we are facing some challenges moving forward. We are exploring all possible options for us to continue sharing the wisdom and knowledge of our most precious God and church with our children. We plan to have Religious Education "sign – ups" in mid-June, so parents, please be watching for this! I hope this will give us adequate time to weigh, and decide on our options. If you have any questions please feel free to call or text Mollie Johannigman, ARE, at 812-662-4512. Thanks again for a great year!

Head Counts: We thought we were finished, but we have been asked to resume the counting. So, thank you ushers who have been asked to resume counting heads, from the choir loft, where visibility is best, sometime after the readings, when we know for sure that everyone is present. Hopefully only a few weeks more.

The Archdiocesan **Building and Development** Committee met on Thursday afternoon to review our Steeple proposal and to review our finances and ask questions. Mike Witka, who has been guiding our budget process, was present to speak to our financial stability. Eric Atkins answered questions relative to the steeple structure, hoped for materials, and bids on the table. The Vicar, the Chancellor, and the Chief Financial Officer are all on the committee and did most of the questioning. Over the next few days they will formulate a recommendation for next steps and present it to the Archbishop. We will hear from the Archbishop in writing, within a two-week period. One thing that was reiterated from this committee is that there is no plan to close this parish. They know that all of the small parishes are worried about this, in light of the declining number of priests. But we are not in the plans for this year, and there honestly is no plan for next year or the year after, let alone 5-10 years from now. They are taking one year at a time. While many parishes are decreasing in numbers, a few are growing, and a couple are actually building new buildings. So, time and numbers shift and change. No promises can be made. We are asked to have hope in the future, whatever that may be. God only knows what lies ahead. A lot will be determined by how we handle the current situation. Can we work together? Are we willing to be led by outside experts? Are we willing to sacrifice our own will, to allow new ideas and insights to emerge? Can we become an "Easter People?" Or will we stay walled up behind closed doors in fear and isolation? The disciples didn't find it easy. We may not either. But new life awaits us!

Raffle and Auction – Please mark your calendars for our annual Auction and Fundraising Day, this year **August 10th**! Please lend your time and support to this vital fundraiser! Volunteer! The annual "start-up" meeting for all committee members is Sunday, May 19th, beginning at 10:30 am, following Parish Council.

Knights of Columbus – Annual Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 12, 2019, 8:30-10:30 breakfast menu; 10:30 – 1:30 lunch menu added. All for **Free Will Offering** at the Knights Hall, Delaware Road.