

May 19, 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 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Joe & Lenora Diekhoff
May 26 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Ed & Virginia Bedel
June 2 – The Ascension of the Lord – Darlene Huff
June 9 – Pentecost Sunday – Delores Redelman
June 16 – Trinity Sunday - Nick & Rose Ann Schwering
June 23 – Corpus Christi - Gary Schwering
June 30 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Urban Johannigman

Special Collection- On May 12th, we were able to send \$454.00 to Clarity Pregnancy Center to support those Mothers who are choosing life rather than abortion. Thank you for your most generous support!

Special Collection this morning – Cemetery Fund

Dates to Remember

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

May 19

Sacristan: Jo Fledderman
Ushers/Greeters: Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte,
James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman
Lectors: Maria Meyer, Melea Gault
Petitions:
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Hermesch, Emery
Mapes, Aaron & Melea Gault
Servers: Anna Johannigman, Ben Stier, Colton
Johannigman
Musicians: Men’s Choir
Gift Bearers: Tim & Stephanie Hoeing family
Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

May 26

Marilyn Horan
Don & Jeanne Fry, Bill & Niki Johannigman
Anna Johannigman, Kenny Stier
Annie Gant
Tim Hoeing, Kathy Kohrman, Jeanne Fry,
Cindy Johannigman
Tony Schwering, Mary Schwering, Evan
Wullenweber
Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby
Trent Nobbe, Cameron Hardebeck, Paul Diekhoff
Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch

Church Cleaners: Paula Wullenweber (Chairperson), Emily Simon, Ann Stier, Abby Asher, Kendra Martin.

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, Barb Hoeing.

Remittance 5/12/2019

		Envelopes	
* \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Steeple Repair: \$500.00	Loose:	\$
Catholic Home Missions: \$20.00	Clarity Pregnancy Center: \$454.00	Envelopes:	\$ 2184.00
		Total:	\$ 2184.00.00

United Catholic Appeal – We continue to make progress toward our goal, bit by bit! This week we reached **85%**. 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!

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 as the disciples did in the beginning? 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.

Graduation Mass – Next Sunday, May 26th we will honor our 2019 graduates! Please come to celebrate with Annie Gant, Cameron Hardebeck, Anna Johannigman, Trent Nobbe, and Kenny Stier, who graduate from high school; and Paul Diekhoff who graduated from culinary school. Congratulations to each one and many blessings on your new endeavors! While some may be moving on to college campuses, we continue to support them and hope they remain tied to our parish. While they will no longer be part of our Religious Education program, or Youth Choir, or other Youth activities, they will take on adult responsibilities for their faith development and parish participation. Mollie will stay in touch, but we all support them as well!

Outreach - Three of the retired Sisters of St. Francis, and two associates will be volunteering at the border in Laredo, TX for two weeks. They began their journey yesterday. Please pray for their safe travel and for blessings on their ministry there. Remembering them in prayer:

In the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi
May you be the face and hands of Christ
As you minister at the border.

May you recognize each person you meet
As your brother, your sister, your teacher.

In the midst of vulnerability and confusion
May you trust in the miracle of grace
Working through you.

May you share the hospitality and compassion
Of the gospel where it is most needed.

May you be open to receive
The blessings and challenges of this experience
That have the potential to awaken and deepen
Your own spirit in ways that you could not predict.

Amen.