

May 26, 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 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

Graduation Mass – Today, May 26th we will honor our 2019 graduates! Please 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, and we all support them as well!

Dates to Remember

July 14 – Missionary priest from Kenya
August 10 – Immaculate Conception Community Auction
August 15 – Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Holy Day
September 6 (Friday) – Photographer here for new **Parish Pictorial Directory**
September 7 (Saturday) – Photographer here for new **Parish Pictorial Directory**
September 23 (Monday) – Photographer here for new **Parish Pictorial Directory**

Liturgical Ministries

May 26	June 2
Sacristan: Marilyn Horan	Dana Fledderman
Ushers/Greeters: Don & Jeanne Fry, Bill & Niki Johannigman	Mike & Kathy Kohrman, Mitch & Lori Nobbe
Lectors: Anna Johannigman, Kenny Stier	Donna Johannigman, Niki Johannigman
Petitions: Annie Gant	
Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Hoeing, Kathy Kohrman, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman	Dan & Jo Fledderman, Julie & Joe Diekhoff
Servers: Tony Schwering, Mary Schwering, Evan Wullenweber	Anna Johannigman, Ben Stier, Allison Nobbe
Musicians: Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby	Men's Choir
Gift Bearers: Trent Nobbe, Cameron Hardebeck, Paul Diekhoff	Eric & Melanie Stone family
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch	Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy 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.	
Catholic Home Missions: \$65.00 Cemetery Fund: \$680.00	Loose: \$ 126.50 Envelopes: \$ 1925.00
	Total: \$ 2051.50

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!

The Archdiocesan **Building and Development** Committee acknowledged our proposal to study the feasibility of a Capital Campaign to fund our needed steeple repair. The letter arrived this week on Friday serving as the **approval** to proceed with this feasibility study, the next step in the process. We are encouraged, when meeting with our assigned consultant, to share our entire scope of needs so that the consultant can assist in writing a **formal case statement**. Within the case statement we are required to include a one-year guarantee of reaching our United Catholic Appeal goal; an estimate (based on past pledges,) of uncollectible pledges; and a 10% allowance for construction contingency. We are also required to submit a **listing with prioritization** of parish renovation needs. Jolinda Moore will help us set up the feasibility study, and Eric Atkins will return to assess the internal structure of the steeple. So, some questions for all of us to ponder this week are: Can we meet the goal, complete the promised pledges of this current year United Catholic Appeal, which is almost complete? Will we be able to pledge and keep those promises for the new United Catholic Appeal, fall of 2019 to meet the goal set for us? Do we individually, or as a group, recognize other renovation needs within our parish, and can we prioritize those needs? For instance: **repainting** the dome above our sanctuary, or the whole interior of our church; updating the lighting in our sanctuary to include LED lights, and light onto the main altar (the current lights are no longer available for purchase and several are burned out already); installing new blinds in our school classroom windows (the current blinds cannot be opened and closed), and scraping and painting of plaster around school classroom windows; replacement of blacktop removed during the process of tiling the backside of the church lot; tuckpointing the backside of the church building; tuckpointing the northside of the school building; etc. These are all items that have surfaced in the past, but you may have other observations as well. Once we have formulated a list, we will all need to **prioritize** and project a long-range plan. What seems like a priority to one, may not be to another. But everyone has a voice and all need to be considered. This is all part of the feasibility study. Our concerns, our perceived renovation needs for the future, will all impact our eventual pledges to the Capital Campaign.

Some are asking, “why do we even need a **feasibility study**?” There is an article addressing that question, available in the back of church this morning. It was disseminated to all committee members this past week. Please pick one up on your way out of church. Likening it to a farmer deciding what to grow in his fields, may

help understanding. The decision of what to plant, and when to plant, and how deep and in what rotation, all takes planning and knowledge of what came before. What has been the yield in the particular field? What impacted the yield? The soil contents? The seed quality? The fertilizer? The planting time, coupled with the weather predicted? The pesticide? The weeds? The equipment? So many things make an impact on the yield. And depending upon the experience and knowledge of the farmer, there can be different yields for different variables. Some farmers today actually hire consultants to help them make those decisions. All farmers, I am sure, plan and study and calculate before deciding what and when and how much to plant. The feasibility study is our planning phase. And we won't all see it the same way. Hopefully all voices will impact the decision.

Steeple Quote: Also arriving in the mail this week was the third quote we were waiting for. This one, as we hoped is between the low bid of 94, 000 for asphalt shingles, and the high bid of 285,000 for copper. This quote for a metal sheeting cover is \$173, 500. Again, many things go into the quote, and there may be many considerations and elements to weigh in this decision, but we have the parameters. And we need to hear your thoughts. The feasibility study will be an opportunity for you to give voice to some of this.

Once the Feasibility Study is complete, the results will be summarized and synthesized and given back to us to considered and discuss. It will also be given to the Building and Development Committee of the Archdiocese, for their consideration. They will let us know when and if we can proceed with securing pledges, the actual campaign.

Who are the **Development** experts among us? If you were losing teeth one by one, and eating was becoming a great challenge. If chewing was becoming painful and you were beginning to lose weight for lack of good nutrition. If your family and friends had finally convinced you that it was time to invest in a set of dentures, would you try to pull the remaining teeth on your own? After all, that is what you did as a kid, you wiggled and pulled until the teeth fell out. Would you do the same thing in preparation for new dentures? And then how would you create the new teeth? Chances are, you would hire a professional. You would find a dentist who specializes in denture work, and trust him or her to pull the last teeth, heal your gums and prepare the foundation for denture work. Then you would have the professional create and properly fit the appliance to your particular mouth. Most of us would not question the need for this kind of educated, experienced professional for such a task. Those experienced in development, know best how to plan, and what steps to take, to create the environment for giving, to adequately prepare for the project we are proposing to undertake. It is a big project! It will impact us greatly! We need professional help. It is a good investment, considering how much we are intending to invest.

Next weekend, June 2, our Archdiocese will take up a collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. For more than twenty years this collection has helped to connect people to Christ through the internet, television, radio and print media. %0% of the funds collected stay right here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The other 50% goes to support communication projects around the world. Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. There are no special envelopes. A second collection will be taken, baskets passed a second time. Please see the letter from the Archbishop on the bulletin board.

June 16th, Father's Day, is the day chosen by the Auction Committee to collect money for soft drinks to be used on Auction Day. The funds we collect will be used to purchase the variety and the quantity of drinks needed and purchases will be made in the weeks following as soda drinks are on sale. Please plan ahead and make your donations count. Remember **"Pop on Pops Day!"**

Because of our special financial needs this year, the decision was made to have **all proceeds from the raffle** this year go to the **"Steeple Fund."** We are hoping that directing the funds in this way will encourage all parishioners to buy more chances, and also to sell more chances, to ultimately help this vital need in our parish.

Volunteers – look for signup sheets in the back of church coming very soon! Maybe even today!