

June 23, 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:

June 23 –Corpus Christi - Gary Schwering
June 30 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Urban Johannigman
July 7 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Darlene Huff
July 14 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Gary Schwering
July 21 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Urban Johannigman
July 28 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Francis Diekhoff

Dates to Remember

July 14 – Missionary priest from Kenya
July 18 – Thursday, Finance Committee, 7:00 pm
July 21 – Sunday, Parish Council following Mass
*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

June 23

Sacristan: Marilyn Horan
Ushers/Greeters: Dave & Cindy Stone,
Tom & Lois Johannigman
Lectors: Maria Meyer, Melea Gault
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Huff, Emery Mapes,
Aaron & Melea Gault
Servers: Colton & Campbell Johannigman,
Kenny Stier
Musicians: Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby
Gift Bearers: Jedd & Allison Ortman family
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgie,
Sara Hermesch

June 30

Ann Stier
Craig & Paula Wullenweber, Jerry & Dorothy Fry
Kenny Stier, Mary Schwering
Kathy Kohrman, Steve AmRhein, Timothy Hoeing,
Kenny Stier
Hunter Collins, Caaden Gault, Luke Deikhoff
Kenny Stier with Abby
Scott & Nicole Schoettmer family
Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

Church Cleaners: Lois Johannigman (chair), Jeanne Harrison, Mary Ann Fry, Niki Johannigman, Kate Bedel, Carrie Stier, Nancy Vanderpohl.

Remember in Prayer: Chris Mennel, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Teresa Bruns, Barb Hoeing, Tim Schwering.

Funeral: On Thursday of this week we buried James A. Meyer, a former member of Immaculate Conception Parish. Please remember his wife, Rita, and his two children Kevin and Kelli and their families in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Baptism: Today we welcome a new parishioner, Cain Richard Johannigman, infant son of Elizabeth and Bradley Johannigman. Cain will be baptized during our Sunday liturgy this morning, and we welcome him with much joy! Cain is extremely fortunate, because his parents are asking for baptism for him, because they are alive with God's love! And they are bringing him into this community of Faith, trusting that this community is also alive with God's love! And they need our support! We share the joy that they felt at his birth. And we share in the awesome responsibility of surrounding him with God's love. There is no miracle as moving as the birth of a child. The entrance of a child into our lives certainly never leaves us the same; and the celebration of Baptism should never leave the child, the family, or the parish community the same! So, let's reflect a bit on the rite and the symbols of Baptism.

Have you ever given a gift to someone because it said the right thing? Have you ever spent time with someone who simply needed your presence? These are symbolic actions. Symbolic actions often say more than our words can express. The Sacraments are **symbolic actions**. The mystery and wonder of God's life and love can never be contained in words. They are celebrated in symbolic actions. In the "Rite of Baptism" we celebrate the reality of being immersed in God's life through symbols:

The Gathered Assembly: the community gathered for the celebration represents the whole church, welcoming this new member and affirming the profession of our faith. Sunday is the preferred day for baptism because it is the day when the community of faith gathers, comes together to support one another. It is also the day when we profess our faith each week, a ritual. Sunday is also the day of Resurrection.

The Signing of the Cross: Parents, godparents, family members, and parishioners join in tracing the Sign of the Cross on the child's forehead. A "sign" on something shows its origins or its ownership. The Sign of the Cross shows that we belong to Jesus. For the Christian, it is the membership badge or identity sign. We sign ourselves multiple times as we celebrate our liturgy. By tracing this sign reverently, we welcome this child into the worldwide community that has made the cross its distinguishing sign. It is another way of saying that from now on, this child will never walk alone or carry the cross alone. It is a lifetime guarantee that we share in the Resurrection which comes through the cross.

Anointing: The first anointing, with the oil of catechumens, calls on Christ to strengthen the child being baptized, especially for the times when living life as a follower of Jesus will become challenging. The second anointing, with the oil of Chrism (perfumed) is a sign of strengthening to live as a follower of Jesus, a life that is priestly, prophetic, and royal: bringing God to a needy world, to speak the truth of God's love, and to serve the poor and afflicted with compassion. This second anointing expresses hopes for the child.

Water: Water of course is the central symbol of Baptism. Water is a sign of life and fruitfulness as well as death and destruction. Water has the power to give life, save life, or take life away. Using water in Baptism reminds us of this power and helps us to experience our dying with Christ and our rising with him to new life. Because of Baptism, sin is destroyed, new life emerges; all is clean, refreshed, and made new.

The White Garment: A white garment is placed on the newly baptized, a sign of new status. It symbolizes that the one baptized has put on new life as a child of God and is now a new creation! In the first centuries, the Christians wore new clothes after their Baptism to proclaim their new life in Christ. The white garment is a continuation of this practice. We promise to "put on Christ" throughout our lives. This symbol can also be a reminder to wrap the child in the care and compassion of Christ.

The Lighted Candle: The Baptismal candle is lit from the parish's Easter Candle, a sign of the risen Christ. This symbol reminds all of us that the child is welcomed into the Church to participate in being the "light of the world." The candle is a visible reminder that the light of Christ is to be kept burning all through life, a light shining in what is sometimes a dark world. The symbols of the lighted candle and the white garment capture in a unique way the challenge of Baptism as we hear "you are God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Baptism touches our entire life. The **beginning**, and what seems to be the **end** of our earthly life are entwined. Many of these symbols recur in the funeral liturgy. At the door of the church, the presider sprinkles the coffin with holy water and recalls the water of Baptism. Then the Pall, a symbol of the baptismal white garment, is placed on the coffin. The body is brought into the midst of the assembly, just as the child is brought in at the time of Baptism. The Easter candle burns beside the coffin. This symmetry and relationship remind us that our Christian identity, begun at baptism, underlies all other descriptions of who we are! We are first baptized in Christ!

Remittance 6/16/2019

		Envelopes
* \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.		
Cemetery Fund: \$10.00,	Education of Future Priests: \$378.00	Loose: \$ 176.00
		Envelopes: \$ 2133.00
POP FOR AUCTION: \$470.00		Total: \$ 2309.00

Note from Mollie: We will be having **Religious Education** class **sign-ups** June 23rd in the back of church before and after Mass! This is to help gauge how many potential students we may have, so I know exactly how many catechists I need to recruit for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Registration packets will then follow in Mid-July.

New Pictorial Directory - Please mark your calendars now to reserve time on the dates the photographers are planning to be present in our school hall. Friday, September 6, Saturday, September 7, and a “make-up” day on Monday, September 23, in case the weekend we picked is one where you are already booked. Times have not yet been determined but will be posted when we know. Please call with any questions or concerns.

Resource Center – the Batesville Deanery Resource Center will be permanently closing, June 30, 2019. They are disposing of all books, DVD’s, CD’s and office equipment. Stop by and pick up whatever you like. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Where Is Your Treasure?

“Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Matt 6:21) After Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, he offers them a lesson in perseverance. Because God sees everything, and Providence works best over the long haul, the answers to our prayers may take longer than we think because they are part of a larger plan than we can imagine. If we believe that every prayer is answered, then we will patiently participate in the process of seeing it through, even if along the way the answer is “no” to our first request. God has something better in mind. Because God keeps promises, we will wait for the “yes” that lays the foundation for later or bigger needs, not just the immediate one. Adversity hones our prayers to the essentials. Paul boasted of his many failures, because he trusted that God was at work in both his successes and failures. His long list of suffering was cause for boasting, because it revealed his steadfast faith, and God’s grace at work in his life. Jesus tells his disciples to store up treasure in heaven, despite the losses they experience in human terms. What is earthly success compared to accomplishing God’s will, which lasts forever? We are earthen vessels, the humblest of containers, made to hold something of far greater importance than our own small dreams and desires. We hold a treasure! God dwells in us. It is this treasure, the Christ in us, that is the ultimate answer to our prayers. In the long run, our prayers are answered. Where is your treasure?