

July 7, 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:

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

July 7

Sacristan: Dana Fledderman
Ushers/Greeters: Mike & Mollie Johannigman,
Grady Scudder, Sophia Witkamper
Lectors: Mary Jo Wenning, Claire Schoettmer
Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel & Jo Fledderman,
Joe & Julie Diekhoff
Servers: Ben & Michael Stier, Evan Wullenweber
Musicians: Men's Choir
Gift Bearers: Mike & Mollie Johannigman family
Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone

July 14

LaDonna Hoeing
Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James Hamilton,
Ed Johannigman
Melea Gault, Jerry Fry
Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman,
Ann Stier
Tony & Mary Schwering, Jessica Diekhoff
Donna & Sarah Schwering with Abby
Vic & Laura Meyer family
Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault

Church Cleaners: Cindy Hermes, chairperson, Paula Fry, Melea & Aaron Gault, Stephanie & Tim Hoeing

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

Remittance 6/30/2019

	Envelopes	
* \$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.	Loose:	\$ 175.00
Peter's Pence: \$318.00, Cemetery Fund: \$25.00, Education of Future Priests: \$35.00	Envelopes:	\$ 3102.00
	Total:	\$ 3277.00

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, (2:00 to 9:00 pm) Saturday, September 7, (9:00 to 4:00 pm) and a “make-up” day on Monday, September 23, (2:00 to 9:00 pm), for those who may have already booked that weekend. Please call with any questions or concerns. Flyers will be coming in the bulletin next weekend

Golden Wedding – Is anyone celebrating a 50th Golden Wedding anniversary this year? The Archdiocese celebrates a special Mass each year for all celebrating couples. This year it is August 25th at 2:00 pm. A Registration form and flyer are on the bulletin board. Please call to register or call our office and we can assist you.

Auction!!! Sign-up sheets for Auction workers are still in the entryway. Actually, there are **MORE** sign-up sheets, and many opportunities to assist! Please, make a commitment and sign up for a few hours. We need everyone! There are so many things that each person can do. If you have an idea or want to support in a special way, call Dana Fledderman who is coordinating volunteers. All of the road signs are up. There are more bright yellow flyers in the entryway. Grab a few and take them to your place of employment or to a business you visit, or a Dr’s Office, or any place you know people will see it. We need to get the word out! Tell your family and friends who are out of town. Send emails or post on Facebook or whatever you think will help. Put flyers on windshields in parking lots. Whatever works. Every bit helps! And don’t be afraid to request donations or prizes for the raffle! More are needed. Contact Donnie Fry concerning prizes or raffle tickets. If every parishioner sold just \$50.00 worth of tickets it would be awesome!! That is the Challenge! Have you sold \$50.00 in raffle tickets? Remember, all proceeds go to the Steeple project this year! Thanks for all your efforts!

A note from Mollie:

Thank you again for such a wonderful turn out for our Religious Education sign-ups! I would like to see that generous response continue as we move on to filling Catechist and Classroom Aide positions. We have a great faith community here at Immaculate Conception, and what better way to continue that growth than through education of our youth! I have initiated contact this week with more people and am waiting to hear back from some of them. But please, listen to the spirit moving within each one of your hearts. Consider getting involved in this rewarding ministry of our church! If you have any questions, or know of someone that would be good in this area, please call me or email me at the following: Call/Text: 812-662-4512 Email: mollie@millhousenchurch.com

Please prayerfully reflect upon your personal contribution to our youth and their education. I want to be clear that if we cannot fill the vacancies we will have to look into other options for our youth and their Catholic education. It is important that we get commitments ASAP so that we can plan, order materials, and wisely invest our resources. Thank you for your help and understanding!

Why advertise St. Mary School registration in our bulletin? That is the question that has come up this week. The answer should be obvious: As Catholics we should be supporting Catholic education! Whether that be St. Mary which is our closest Catholic elementary school; Oldenburg Academy, which is our closest Catholic High School; or Marian University, which is the closest Catholic College. We should be supporting, the Catholic education of our youth. Our town, our parish is too small to maintain a school of our own. But we should financially, and by every means possible, encourage and support the families that choose Catholic education for our youth. We should support their activities, and assist in any way we can. Some fear “if they go there for school, we will lose them as parishioners.” There is always that possibility. But if we truly support one another, we will not lose our family. We will grow it. We need to think in terms of blending and growing together, rather than as competing. We are one church, one faith one baptism. We worship one God. Supporting Catholic Education is investing in our future!

St. Mary's School Registration Days – Greensburg, IN

~ Welcome Back to School Days Registration for St. Mary's School K – 8th grades will be held on Saturday, July 13 from 4:30p.m. – 6:00pm and Sunday, July 14 from 8:30am – 12:00pm at school. Book bills, lunch money, laptop fees can be paid at this time. Those who pre-ordered school supply packs may also pick those up at this time if desired.

~ Back to School Night ~ July 29th at 6:30. There will be an important parent/student meeting in the Church from 6:30 – 7:00pm then 7:00 – 8:30 you can meet your teachers and staff, check out the classrooms, walk the hallways, or just visit with friends. Can't wait to see you!

~ Families wishing to enroll new students for the first time, please contact the school office at 812-663-2804 for more information.

Thank You! The family of **Jim Meyer** would like to thank everyone who participated in his funeral celebration. A special thank you to Fr. John Geis, a neighbor. His kind words during the homily touched our hearts. It was comforting to be in the church where we were baptized, made our first communion, and were married. Thanks also to the ladies who prepared and served the delicious meal for our family and friends, and on such short notice. We appreciate all that you did for us. We have fond memories of our years in elementary school here at Millhousen. Jim is now at rest near his parents and sister. May God bless you all.

Rita, for the Meyer family. Kevin, Mary, Sam, Juliet, Kelli, Chad, Logan, and Machaela

Another Thank You! The family of **Carolyn Schoettmer** would like to thank the ladies who prepared and served the funeral meal for Carolyn. 28 ladies contributed to that effort. And we thank the men's choir who provided beautiful music. Your kindness was overwhelming and appreciated more than you will ever know. We are grateful for your support at this difficult time.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: a note from **Angie Maloney**, member of St. Mary's "Prayer Shawl Ministry" which she initiated this year. This very successful ministry was started to serve the members of her own parish, St. Mary. But she lives just south of Millhousen, and is willing to assist us in getting a similar ministry started here. Shawls are made for people who are ill, grieving, or have any special prayer intentions. Basically, the members crochet/knit prayer shawls, and pray while working on them. When finished, the shawls are blessed by Father, and distributed to anyone who is in need. The group attaches little prayer cards to each shawl. That can vary. They take requests from people, and this affords them the opportunity to pray for an individual while they are working on a shawl. Shawls are left in an available spot for pick up. They are free, but full of prayers! And may be taken or given to anyone who has a need. Angie says: "I have crocheted since I was seven years old. I had looked for ways in the past to use my talent to help others . . . I have found a way now! I have also heard stories from the recipients of the shawls. They have found comfort and peace from use of the prayer shawls. That makes this ministry so rewarding!" So if you might be interested in getting this ministry started here, please contact Angie at amaloney@stmarysgreensburg.com or 812-593-0478. Or think about it for a few weeks. We plan to group and chat about it in early fall.

July is a busy month! We celebrate Independency Day and many other occasions. One of those noteworthy days is the Feast of St. Anne, July 26th. We don't know much about St. Anne, but we know this: she was the only woman who gave birth to the Immaculate Conception. Confused? Oh, don't be. If you aren't clear about what the Immaculate Conception is, here is what it is not. It is not Christ being born without the benefit of sex. No, that is what we call the "Virgin Birth." The Immaculate Conception is the conception of Mary, in the womb of her Mother, Anne, in the regular way, but without the stain of Original Sin. So, she was born pure. How amazing. Anne is the grandmother of Jesus, so he still had to listen to her! She is also the mother-in-law of St. Joseph. She was born in Bethlehem and married to Joachim. And that is about all we know of her. She is never mentioned in the bible. The name Anne comes from the Hebrew name Hannah, which means Grace.