

**August 11, 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](mailto:sisterdonna@millhousenchurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

August 11 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jerry Bedel

August 14 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- (Wed. at 6:00 pm Holy Day) – Urban Johannigman

August 18 – Twentieth Sunday in ordinary Time – Francis Diekhoff

August 25 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Albert Scheller

**Dates to Remember**

August 15 – Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation (Mass at 6:00 pm on Wed. Evening)

August 18 – All Catechist and Aides meeting, following Mass

August 25 – First Rel. Ed class for Jr. & Sr. High students, with Confirmation Class meeting with parents, all immediately following Mass

August 28 – First Religious Ed. Class for lower grades, 6:45 pm.

September 6 (Friday) – Photographer here for new **Parish Pictorial Directory** (2:00 – 9:00 pm)

September 7 (Saturday) – Photographer here for new **Parish Pictorial Directory** (9:00 – 4:00 pm)

September 23 (Monday) – Photographer here for new **Parish Pictorial Directory** (2:00 – 9:00 pm)

**Liturgical Ministries**

August 11

**Sacristan:** Dana Fledderman

**Ushers/Greeters:** Mark & Cindy Hermesch,  
John & Cindy Johannigman

**Lectors:** Melea Gault, Ben Stier

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne Fry,  
Ann Stier, Cindy Johannigman

**Servers:** Hunter Collins, Tony & Mary Schwering

**Musicians:** Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby

**Gift Bearers:** Nick & Abby Asher family

**Counters:** Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,  
Aaron Gault

August 18

Jo Fledderman

Craig & Paula Wullenweber, Jerry & Dorothy Fry

Mary Jo Wenning, Niki Johannigman

Steve AmRhein, Brian Huff, Emery Mapes,  
Timothy Hoeing

Evan Wullenweber, Colton & Campbell  
Johannigman

Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby

Scott & Nicole Schoettmer family

Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch

August 14 (eve of) Assumption

**Sacristan:** LaDonna Hoeing

**Ushers:** Tom & Lois Johannigman, Dave & Cindy Stone

**Lectors:** Jeanne Fry, LaDonna Hoeing

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy kohrman, Norbert Hoeing, Kenny Stier, Mark Stier

**Servers:** Michael Stier, Tony Schwering, Caaden Gault

**Musicians:** Men's Choir

**Gift Bearers:** Jedd & Allison Ortman family.

**Church Cleaners:** August: Barb Mattox (Chair), Donna Johannigman, Melanie Stone, Deidra Stier, Melissa & Mark Stier (Tuesday evening, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.)

## Remittance 8/4/2019

	Envelopes
* \$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.	
MAINTENANCE FUND - \$855.00	<b>Loose:</b> \$ 341.00 <b>Envelopes:</b> \$ 2175.00
	<b>Total:</b> \$ 2516.00

**Counters Meeting:** On Sunday morning September 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following Mass, all counters will meet to review current processes and receive updates in preparation for our next audit which is less than a year away. We are hoping to move quickly through a lot of small detail so please come ready to take a few notes and bring any suggestions or concerns. If for any reason you are not able to attend, please talk to your team leader who will be responsible for getting the information disseminated. We don't and won't meet often, but it is essential that all operate in unison. Thank you!

**Remember in Prayer:** Chris Mennel, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Teresa Bruns, Carl & Eileen Moorman, Benji Ortman, Eric Stone, John Kuzman, and a special intention.

**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 Monday, September 23, (2:00 – 9:00 pm). Please call with any questions or concerns. Flyers were in the bulletin several weeks ago and more are available in the entryway. To make an appointment for your portrait please call Mollie at 812- 662-4512, or see her on Sunday in the back of church.

**Grief/Loss – Support Group** – If you've suffered the loss of a loved one, whether just recently or some time ago, please join us for the six week, Christ-centered program that features prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. The program begins on September 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Greensburg at 6:45 – 8:30 PM in the Church Meeting Room. Please call the Parish Office at 812-663-8427 by September 4<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to participate in the program.

**Auction!!!** While it is way too early to report profits or success, we were greatly blessed with beautiful weather! While the storm on Thursday evening, gave us a little "shake up", there was no real damage and we could easily pick up the pieces. We were also blessed with a terrific turnout to set everything up on Thursday evening!! There were easily 30 people on hand to get the ball rolling! Thank you one and all. More info as it becomes available.

Please see **Raffle prize winners** list in the entryway this morning.

**Opportunity to Enhance One's Spiritual Life:** If you are interested in learning more about Group Spiritual Companionship, please attend one of the informational meetings being held at Oldenburg Franciscan Center on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at either 1-2 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm. Free will offering.

In general, **Group Spiritual Companionship** is an opportunity for both intentional, prayerful reflection on and sharing of God's presence in one's life while also developing one's ability to listen for and reflect on God's presence in the lives of others. The process is simply structured and will be facilitated by a trained facilitator, Sister Marj English, OSF.

**St. Catherine of Siena** - Enochsburg Church Picnic – 82nd Year, Sun., September 1, (The Sunday of Labor Day Weekend), "Famous Fireside Inn Fried Chicken" or Roast Beef Dinners, Dinner served 11-3, Adults-\$12.00; Children 12 & under-\$5.00, Additional Items from 3-5pm, Mock Turtle Soup, Homemade Pies, Sandwiches and more! Air-conditioned hall. Carry Outs available all day. Games for children & adults, raffles, Country Store and more! Beer Garden from Noon-5pm. Come and Join the Fun!!!

From a recent article by Sister Joan Chittister, a Benedictine theologian: reflecting on how to quiet our minds to move toward holiness. She writes:

Two things are disappearing in modern society: the first is silence; the second is thought. Not necessarily because people don't believe in silence or thought anymore but because there is no time for them.

Chaos has become the order of our lives. We have a rather broad idea of tomorrow: keep the appointments, drive the kids to practice, get groceries, throw in the wash, do a few things around the house; go to bed early so we can start all over again the next day.

Or through the eyes of a younger generation, get up, grab a doughnut, do the school run, spend an hour in the library looking for the arcane and irrelevant, grab a ride to the game, be late for supper, check social media again, do a bit of homework, meet the crowd at the coffee shop, get home late. And, next day, start all over again.

No wonder we're tired at night. No wonder we don't bounce out of bed in the morning.

We are generations on the move, running in circles, trying to break out of the race. But only two things can get us off the merry-go-round: silence and thought. Except that there is no time for them.

They show up on no schedules. They are built into very few – if any - days. Why? Because there is simply no space for them – unless we make it. There are no natural moments for them anymore. No quiet hours before bedtime – just TV or being online to the end of the day.

No time to “center” before the day begins in the morning. Just more TV, internet, radio, the long commute or emails that must be answered quickly before the real work begins.

So, what's the answer? You'll be disappointed. There are no tricks to it except your own commitment to yourself. It's up to you to pick the time and the place where you'll sit down and be quiet. Or sit down and read and think. Or just sit down and wait for silence to bring new life to your soul, new energy to your body, new peace to your mind, new awareness of what it is to be alive.

That's called meditation. Or to a beginner, “the cultivation of the mind.” Or, surrender to the self, just to see what comes up in me that I've been ignoring, repressing, overlooking for a long, long time.

There's too much noise in our lives? Well, maybe. But then on the other hand, when was the last time you insisted on taking 15 minutes, 30 minutes, or an hour of silence? All for yourself?

Go ahead, I dare you. In fact, let me know what happens after you do it for five days in a row . . . I predict great quiet of soul, great newness of mind.