

**September 8, 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:**

September 8 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Harold Scheller

September 15 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Urban Johannigman

September 22 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Anthony Scheidler

September 29 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Living and Deceased Members of the Hubert & Esther Raver Family

**Dates to Remember**

September 8 – All “Counters” Meeting – immediately following Mass

September 15 – **Finance Committee** Meeting - immediately following Mass

September 17 – Buildings & Grounds (Tuesday) 7:00 pm

September 22 – **Parish Council** Meeting - immediately following Mass

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

October 13 – Post Auction Meeting - immediately following Mass in the school basement.

October 19 (Saturday) – **Fall Harvest Party!** – Beginning with Mass at 4:00 pm (Sunday Mass cancelled)

**Liturgical Ministries**

September 8

**Sacristan:** Dana Fledderman

**Ushers/Greeters:** Mitch & Lori Nobbe,  
Mike & Kathy Kohrman

**Lectors:** Melea Gault, Jeanne Fry

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Kohrman, Cindy  
Hermesch, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman

**Servers:** Evan Wullenweber, Jessica Diekhoff,  
Allison Nobbe

**Musicians:** The Schwerings with Abby

**Gift Bearers:** Tim & Stephanie Hoeing family

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

September 15

LaDonna Hoeing

Don & Jeannie Fry, Steve and Diane AmRhein

Kenny Stier, Maria Meyer

Ann Stier, Timothy Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve  
AmRhein

Tony, Mary, & Sam Schwering,

Men’s Choir

Eric & Melanie Stone family

Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch

**Remittance 9/1/2019**

	<b>Envelopes</b>	
* \$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.	<b>Loose:</b>	\$ 117.00
	<b>Envelopes:</b>	\$ 2219.00
	<b>Total:</b>	\$ 2336.00

Remember in Prayer: Chris Mennel, Benji Ortman, Eric Stone, John Kuzman, Wanda Barnes, Linda Mozingo, Martha Fry, and a special intention.

On Friday of this week, September 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate a very special birthday! **Velma Ortman** will be 99 years old! She joins us every Sunday for Mass and, was one of the first to arrive for pictures on Friday for the new Parish Directory. We wish her well, and many more! No doubt she will be bombarded with cards and flowers and visits! But one thing each of us can do is to offer a short prayer for her on Friday, blessing her with peace! Congratulations Velma! And God bless!

The fall **Bible Study Group** will be using Dynamic Catholic Turning Point Bible Study and will be studying the Gospel of John. They plan to begin Wednesday evening, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please call Kate Bedel to register and for more detailed information (812-614-0987).

**New Pictorial Directory** – Thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to meet with the photographer for family photos. We have had a very good turnout! If you are still without an appointment, there are just a few open spaces. Give Mollie a call at 812-662-4512 before these too are gone. The last session is Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Immaculate Conception annual **Parish Harvest Party** is scheduled for Saturday afternoon and evening, October 19<sup>th</sup> beginning with Sunday liturgy at 4:00 pm, followed by a great Harvest meal! Please note the following: bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with roasting sticks and lawn chairs! Volunteers are needed! Jobs available include kitchen help, and activities for the kids. Can anyone bring a corn hole set? Call or text Melea Gault (812-614-8874) or Laura Meyer (812-716-1125) to help with this event.

Remember the **“Prayer Shaw Ministry?”** We said we would come back to it in fall, and fall is quickly approaching. This note is to invite all interested individuals of any age to gather for a short meeting with Angie Maloney on Monday evening, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. If you are a stitcher, a quilter, a knitter, or if you crochet and would like to create comfort for others, please join us to learn more about this special ministry.

How many have read Pope Francis’s encyclical on the environment, **“Laudato Si?”** We have several copies in the office if anyone would like to borrow one to browse through his words and thoughts about creation and what we are doing to preserve (or destroy) it. And have you read about the **“Season of Creation?”** Representatives of several Christian churches, including Catholics, Anglicans, and Orthodox, are urging the faithful to see September as the “Season of Creation” in an effort to raise awareness about climate change.

During the month-long Season of Creation, Christians on six continents are working to put “Laudato Si” into practice. They will participate in community events to deepen their love for the Creator, creation, and each other. We have been put to the challenge. What are we doing collectively for our earth? How do we contribute to preserving it for future generations? How can we come together to make a difference?

Jerry Fry has set the pace for us on many occasions, and has encouraged us to recycle, to clean up our toxic waste, to improve our own environment, and to protect our water and land. Yesterday was toxic waste recycle day, and Jerry, as in years past, was ready and willing to collect our old paint or varnish or oil, TV’s or computers, or copiers or batteries, and move it all to the recycle site. Thank you, Jerry, for modeling this “right relationship” with our earth, and for helping to clean up our campus! One part of the process is removing and properly disposing of waste. Another part is replacing trees and plants and encouraging growth and improving the air quality and beauty of our living space. This past week, a project that Jerry initiated more than a year ago, to drain and dispose of the oil in the tank beside our church, finally came to completion. Ken Stone and team put the finishing touches on filling the old tank with flowable cement. This process was chosen to fill the empty space below the ground, (after oil left over from the days of the boiler, was removed), and at the same time maintaining the integrity of the church foundation. Thank you, gentlemen!

What else can we do? Our Archbishop has commissioned all parishes, during this “Season of Creation”, September 1 to October 4, (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the first environmentalist), to plant a tree. See Criterion article of last week. What a difference it would make if each parish actually followed this mandate!

