

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

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

September 21 – Franciscan Fun Day – Oldenburg 10:30 to 5:00, 4:00 Sunday Liturgy, see bulletin board.

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 2 (Wednesday) – Healing Mass with individual anointing of the sick and infirmed. 11:00 am.

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 15

**Sacristan:** LaDonna Hoeing

**Ushers/Greeters:** Don & Jeannie Fry, Steve & Diane AmRhein

**Lectors:** Kenny Stier, Maria Meyer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ann Stier, Timothy Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein

**Servers:** Tony, Mary, & Sam Schwering,

**Musicians:** Men's Choir

**Gift Bearers:** Eric & Melanie Stone family

**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch

September 21

Jo Fledderman

Bill & Niki Johannigman, Joe & Donna Johannigman

Niki Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning

Brian Huff, Emery Mapes, Aaron & Melea Gault

Hunter Collins, Campbell Johannigman, Oliver Hamilton

The Schwerings, with Abby

Aaron & Melea Gault family

Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch

**Remittance 9/8/2019**

**Envelopes**

\* **\$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.**

We are falling short the last few weeks. Can we make that up?

**Loose:** \$ 194.00

**Envelopes:** \$ 1714.00

**Total:** \$ 1908.00

Special Collection today for **our** parish Religious Education program.

**Omission:** About a year ago, when the collection envelopes were being processed, the Archdiocese failed to include an envelope for a special collection which was to happen last week, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, for the **Catholic University of America**. This note is to inform you that next weekend, Sunday September 22, we will have a "second" collection for that cause.

**Remember in Prayer:** Benji Ortman, John Kuzman, Wanda Barnes, Martha Fry, and a special intention.

Today Immaculate Conception, along with other parishes across the United States, is celebrating **Catechetical Sunday**. This celebration invites **all the baptized**, especially the catechists, to devote themselves to the mission of spreading the Gospel message. **Catechetical Sunday** is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Following the homily this morning, we will call forth the catechists and classroom aides, each by name, and thank God for the blessing of each one in our parish Religious Ed. Program. We are grateful for their time and talent, their dedication to the task of teaching by word and example.

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 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! The last session is Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and that too is now filled. The option remains to submit a photo for the directory, if you wish, for a small fee.

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?

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!

Recent news reports have made us very much aware that **Hurricane Dorian** brought about massive destruction to the **Bahamas**, leaving our brothers and sisters in these islands in dire need. Catholic Relief Services is working to provide food, emergency shelter, and safe water. Anyone wishing to support these relief efforts are asked to do so through Catholic Relief Services. Individuals may make contributions online by going to <https://www.crs.org> or they may send checks made payable to Catholic Relief Services to: Catholic Relief Services, Attn: Theresa Chamblee, 1400 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

**Holy Family Church**, Oldenburg, Fall Festival October 6, 2019. Please see bulletin board for flyer.

# Season of Creation



Archdiocese of Indianapolis  
Creation Care Commission  
Week 1

## Hello!

In his encyclical *Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis calls us to join him in embarking on a new path to shape the future of our planet. During this 5 week Season of Creation we invite you to join us to learn, share with others, and challenge yourself to take new actions every week with each daily theme!

## Feature: Water

Wherever you live, water is a necessity of life. 70% of the world is covered by water, but only 2.5% is freshwater and only 1% of all freshwater is easily accessible. It is estimated that by 2025, two-thirds of the world's population will live in water-stressed regions as a result of use, growth, and climate change. Let's make changes for our future and unite with those who lack clean water as we work to conserve water in our daily life.

*Lord - open our eyes to see You in all that You have created. Through the contemplation of your goodness, move us to act wisely and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and with the earth that we share.*

## Take Action!



**Monday:** Replace the meat in one meal with a different protein



**Tuesday:** Read a book or pray instead of watching TV or using the computer



**Wednesday:** Check your faucets and pipes for leaks



**Thursday:** Pop reusable straws/tableware in your purse or car to use at restaurants which use disposables



**Friday:** Create a group on WhatsApp or Facebook with people of your work, parishioners, friends or relatives to talk about carpooling



**Saturday:** Take a hike on the White River Canal Walk (easy)



**Sunday:** Read Intro + Ch. 1 of *Laudato Si'*

This is not intended to provide medical advice. Consult your physician before starting something new!

[OurCommonHome.org](http://OurCommonHome.org)

From Sept to Oct each year, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation by praying and acting together to protect our common home. View all 5 weeks and find more info and events on the website!

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