

September 22, 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:

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 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)

October 20 – Confirmation meeting for candidates, parents and sponsors immediately following Mass.

October 25, 7:00 pm – October 27, 2:00 pm, Confirmation Retreat.

Liturgical Ministries

September 22

Sacristan: Jo Fledderman

Ushers/Greeters: Bill & Niki Johannigman, Joe & Donna Johannigman

Lectors: Niki Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning

Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Huff, Emery Mapes, Aaron & Melea Gault

Servers: Hunter Collins, Campbell Johannigman, Oliver Hamilton

Musicians: The Schwerings, with Abby

Gift Bearers: Aaron & Melea Gault family

Counters: Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes

September 29

LaDonna Hoeing

Mark & Cindy Hermes, Tom & Lois Johannigman

Jerry Fry, Mary Schwering

Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Timothy Hoeing, Kenny Stier

Caaden Gault, Luke Diekhoff, Brooklyn Ortman

Kenny Stier

Nick & Abby Asher family

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

Remittance 9/15/2019

Envelopes

* \$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.	
Religious Education Fund - \$635.00	Loose: \$ 187.00
	Envelopes: \$ 2591.00
	Total: \$ 2778.00

Special Collection (second collection) today for Catholic University of America (no envelope).

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

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. 23rd 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 19th 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 30th, 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.

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.

Background Checks and Safe & Sacred training: All parishioners that volunteer in any capacity need this training. Please take it upon yourselves to accomplish yours as soon as possible. There are printed directions in the back of church or you can email Dana Fledderman at dana@millhousechurch.com for a digital copy. This includes but is not limited to teachers, council members, auction volunteers and Sunday ministries. If you have questions you may call/text Dana at (812) 212-2056. Thank you for your swift compliance in this issue.

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

St. Maurice, Napoleon, is having a **Fall Rummage Sale** on Friday, Oct.4, from 8-6 pm & Sa. Oct. 5 8-Noon, at the parish hall on Hwy 229, in Napoleon. \$2/Bag day on Saturday.

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!

SEASON OF CREATION – WEEK 2: All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out on us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and Earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with each creature as we journey towards your infinite light. Creative Spirit, we thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace. Amen.

(from Laudato Si’, Pope Francis)

Season of Creation



ArchIndy
Creation Care
Commission
Week 2

Feature: Energy

In times like these where almost any activity needs electricity, we have to look for ways to save energy. Electricity production from fossil fuels is the biggest source of greenhouse gases and, in Indiana, we get 89% of our electricity from coal and natural gas.

Saving energy is not only good for the environment, but good for your wallet too! Small actions such as turning down the thermostat on your water heater, or bigger investments like purchasing ENERGY STAR appliances, start paying off right from the start!

Lord - every breath we take is evidence of Your loving mercy. Help our gratitude and love for You to be evident not just in the words we speak, but also in our care for the environment, and with lifestyles that can be easily sustained by an earth we share with others.

Take Action!



Monday: Find a new recipe without meat and invite a friend or family over next week to enjoy it



Tuesday: Wash your laundry with cold water (most soap works just as well!)



Wednesday: Sweep the patio, sidewalk, or driveway with a broom instead of a hose



Thursday: Think about why you don't recycle (or do enough) and find creative ways to overcome those barriers



Friday: Make a plan with someone to carpool to Mass on Sunday



Saturday: Take a hike on the Paul Ruster Trail, east of Indy (moderate)



Sunday: Read Chapter 2 of Laudato Si'

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



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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