

September 29, 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 29 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Living and Deceased Members of the Hubert & Esther Raver Family
October 2 – Healing Mass for all members of the Immaculate Conception Parish Family
October 6 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Albert Scheller
October 13 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Joseph & Lenora Diekhoff
October 20 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Alex Veerkamp
October 27 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Urban Johannigman
November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) – Omer Fry (Friday evening at 6:00 pm)
November 3 – Thirty-First Sunday in ordinary Time – Fred & Lurley Scheller
November 10 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Tony Scheidler

Dates to Remember

- September 30 (Monday) – Prayer Shaw Ministry Meeting. 6:00 pm, Office Building
October 2 (Wednesday) – Healing Mass with individual anointing of the sick. 11:00 am. Lunch to follow.
October 6 – **Respect Life Sunday** - 32nd National Life Chain; Greensburg 2:00 – 3:00 pm
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, 9:00 am.
October 25, 7:00 pm – October 27, 2:00 pm, Confirmation Retreat. Please pray for candidates.
October 31 - Eve of All Saints, Halloween!
November 3 – Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation

Liturgical Ministries

- | September 29 | October 6 |
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| Sacristan: Ann Stier | LaDonna Hoeing |
| Ushers/Greeters: Mark & Cindy Hermesch,
Tom & Lois Johannigman | John & Cindy Johannigman, Dave & Cindy Stone |
| Lectors: Jerry Fry, Mary Schwering | Melea Gault, Kenny Stier |
| Eucharistic Ministers: Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier,
Timothy Hoeing, Kenny Stier | Daniel & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie Diekhoff |
| Servers: Caaden Gault, Luke Diekhoff, Brooklyn Ortman | Ben, Michael, & Mary Stier |
| Musicians: Kenny Stier | Men's Choir |
| Gift Bearers: Nick & Abby Asher family | Jedd & Allison Ortman family |
| Counters: June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer,
Gretchen Stone | Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault |

Remittance 9/22/2019

	Envelopes	
* \$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.	Loose:	\$ 275.00
Religious Education Fund - \$96.00	Envelopes:	\$ 2502.00
Catholic University of America - \$319.00		
	Total:	\$ 2777.00

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

On Saturday of this week we buried **Nyra Delores Holdreith**, 88, of Louisville, Kentucky, wife of Thomas P. Holdreith, who preceded her in death in 1993, and is also buried here at Immaculate Conception. Please hold the Holdreith family in your prayers.

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. I learned this week that multiple parishes have this ministry in place and it is thriving!

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.

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? This is the third week of five and I am waiting to hear from you!

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. What a difference it would make if each parish actually followed this mandate! Our Finance Committee has approved the funds. And Parish Council has also agreed. But it was decided to put off the planting until Spring, when a tree may have a better chance of survival. In the meantime, what can we do for our environment?

SEASON OF CREATION – WEEK 3:

We belong to the creator in whose image we are all made. In God we are breathing, in God we are living, and through God we are reconciled. The breath of the Spirit gives us new life, and strengthens our faith. The breath of God moves through us, and moves us!

May God who established the dance of creation, who marvels at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos into order, lead us to transform our lives and the church to reflect God’s glory in creation!

Walk in nature and see her gifts that are given freely.

Look out your window and give thanks and praise for the care Mother Earth gives to us.

Season of Creation



Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Creation Care Commission

Week 3

Feature: Food

Skipping meat just one day a week helps our planet; for example, to produce a “finished” steak we spend energy, water and other natural resources. To maintain the current meat diet of humans worldwide, we use farmland to sustain the animals and their feed, leading to deforestation in many areas. In addition, almost 15% of all greenhouse gas emissions are created by the meat industry.

Producing fruits and vegetables requires less energy and water than most meat. For example, it takes approximately 1,850 gallons of water to produce a single pound of beef, as opposed to just 39 gallons of water to produce a pound of vegetables.

Lord - all we have is what You have given us. Life is a gift. Food is a gift. This earth is a gift. Help us live lives that express our gratitude for all Your gifts - life, food, and the beauty of this earth.

Take Action!

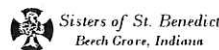
-  **Monday:** Enjoy your new recipe with your friend and discuss the unsustainable side of meat
-  **Tuesday:** Open the curtains facing the sun this morning and close them at night
-  **Wednesday:** Install a low-flow showerhead and remind yourself to take 5 minute showers
-  **Thursday:** Cut up old stained t-shirts to use as cleaning rags
-  **Friday:** Take the bus somewhere and teach your kids about maps, schedules, and places and jobs in the community
-  **Saturday:** Take a walk through the Fowl Sanctuary South Overlook (moderate)
-  **Sunday:** Read Ch 3 and 4 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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Respect Life Sunday

. . . is not just about abortion. It is a celebration honoring all of life, from conception through natural death. The “Pro-life movement” within the church, has often been a source of division rather than an occasion for uniting around the many issues that comprise the lifespan.

As we celebrate “Respect Life Sunday” next weekend, let’s remember that our faith demands from us respect for all life.

We may have greater interest around some issues than others, but all life is created by God, and all life is sacred!

Some of the many issues we need to pray about are:

Hope and healing for survivors of suicide, post-abortion families, the families who have lost a member to suicide, domestic abuse victims, the incarcerated, those facing the death penalty, those who impose the death penalty, all those facing end of life decisions and care, those grieving the loss of another, those who are choosing life, but need our help to survive and prosper, and grow and develop, all those who co-create life outside of the family unit, those with mental illness or emotional scars, or survivors of trauma and violence, those rebounding from divorce or struggling with a troubled marriage, those suffering with major illness, life threatening disease, those on the fringes of society, due to race, or poverty, or disease, or beliefs, those who have made mistakes and don’t know how to turn their lives around. There is so much to pray for. Let us praise and thank God for LIFE, even as we hope for eternal life!




Decatur County Right to Life
32nd National Life Chain
Sunday October 6th
2:00-3:00pm

Signs will be provided. Please meet at Arbys, we'll line up down
Lincoln Street towards the hospital.

Parking available at Arbys, Stiers Heating and Cooling, Pleaks,
Scripture & Greensburg Plaza Shopping Center (behind Dunkin)

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in remembrance of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception, to natural death.

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