

November 10, 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:

- November 10 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Tony Scheidler
- November 17 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Urban Johannigman
- November 24 – Christ the King – Martha Singer
- November 27 – Eve of Thanksgiving (6:00 pm) – Darlene Huff
- December 1 - First Sunday of Advent – The Living & Deceased members of the Ben Lamping Family
- December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent – The Living & Deceased Members of the St. Mary’s Ladies Auxiliary

Dates to Remember

- November 10 – United Catholic Appeal Weekend
- November 10 – Finance Committee Meeting following Mass
- November 17 – Giving Tree is lit, pick an ornament
- November 17 – Parish Council Meeting following Mass
- December 1 - Breakfast with Santa, Knights Hall, 8-11
- December 4 – Annual Cohort Advent Penance Service, here at Immaculate Conception, 7 pm
- December 8 – Fruit Basket assembly and delivery (youth group)
- December 15 – Decorate Church; Giving Tree preparation in school hall

Liturgical Ministries

Please see new Ministry list attached.

November 10

- Sacristan:** Dana Fledderman
- Ushers/Greeters:** Joe & Donna Johannigman Steve & Diane AmRhein
- Lectors:** Mary Jo Wenning, Niki Johannigman
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman
- Servers:** Evan Wullenweber, Luke Diekhoff, Oliver Hamilton
- Musicians:** Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby
- Gift Bearers:** Tim & Stephanie Hoeing Family
- Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermes

November 17

- LaDonna Hoeing
- Mark & Cindy Hermes, Tom & Lois Johannigman
- Claire Schoettmer, Kenny Stier
- Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein
- Ben Stier, Colton Johannigman, Brooklyn Ortman
- Men’s Choir
- Brandon & Amy Scudder
- Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes, Jeannie Fry

Church Cleaners: November: Dana Fledderman (chair), Julie Diekhoff, Susan Hamilton, Jeanine Scheidler, Marcie Johannigman.

Remittance 11/3/2019

	Envelopes
* \$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.	
FUEL: \$20.00 ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY: \$ 84.00	Loose: \$ 224.00
World Mission Sunday: \$5.00	Envelopes: \$ 2148.00
STEEPLE FUND: \$ 100.00	
	Total: \$ 2372.00

Special Collection this morning for our “**Energy Needs**” or fuel to warm our buildings! Next Sunday, November 17, Special Archdiocesan Collection for **Military Services**. Envelope in our box.

Remember in Prayer: Pat Schwering, Benji Ortman, John Kuzman, Hubert Raver, and a special intention.

Annual Cohort Advent Penance Service: and First Penance for our second graders, will be combined, taking place on Wednesday evening, **December 4th at 7:00 pm** here at Immaculate Conception. We have four priests coming that evening, Fr. John Geis, Fr. Bill Turner, Fr. Frank Eckstein, and Fr. Bill Ehalt. All four will be hearing private confessions, behind closed doors, following a communal prayer service. As in years past, we will host the priests for supper prior to the service, and all Religious Ed. Students will attend this service in place of their usual class. We are hoping many parents will also attend to support their children in this spiritual exercise and sacrament. The Cohort offers two Penance Services each year, one during Advent hosted by Immaculate Conception and one during Lent hosted by St. Maurice. This is a very special evening for our second graders who will be making their First Confession. Please join them, as they prepare for the coming of Christ! Second Graders are: **Lane Asher, Quin Johannigman, Brinley Scudder, and Elyse Stone.**

December 8th, the feast of the **Immaculate Conception**, and our parish feast day, is traditionally a Holy Day of obligation. However, this year December 8th is a Sunday in advent, which takes precedence. Thus, the feast day is transferred to Monday. For the first time, the church has declared the feast this year, to NOT be a Holy Day of obligation. There will be no Mass at Immaculate Conception on Monday.

Thanksgiving Day is never a holy day of obligation, but in the United States it has become a traditional day to truly give thanks to God for his many blessings to us. Not wanting to interrupt your family traditions and preparations, we have traditionally had a Mass of Thanksgiving on the evening **before**. Please join us again this year for this special celebration as we thank God, as a community, for his great gifts and blessings. 6:00 pm.

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. And a special thanks to those already in compliance!

2019 Christmas Outreach - Giving Tree – Plans are taking shape for the Giving Tree Outreach for South Decatur Elementary School families again this year and we need your help! You will be able to pick up your ornament(s) from the “Giving Tree” next weekend, November 17th. All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday December 15th at the latest, for sorting and delivery. If you are interested in helping with this exciting committee please contact Melea Gault or Laura Meyer. They will welcome your call. More details and directions coming next week. The shopping season has now officially begun! Hear those bells?

Also underway is the **Fruit basket** project, this year sponsored by the confirmation candidates. Plans are in place for Sunday December 8th, following Mass, and the candidates are organizing their strategy. The first, and most important thing they need is a few parental drivers to assist in delivering their goods. If you have completed your “Safe & Sacred” Training, and have a giving heart to assist our youth in serving the elders of our community, please volunteer to drive. More information and directions will be forthcoming.

Christmas is only six weeks away, and some have already begun the preparations. We have been doing some planning of our own. Because the second Mass on Christmas Eve has been so poorly attended, and because, as our numbers decline, we are now able to all fit nicely into our church without over flowing, we are decreasing our Christmas Masses to just one, at 4:00 pm. Please come join us and the entire community of Immaculate Conception, as the children offer their homemade ornaments to the new born king, and sing hymns, accompanied by our very own Ryan Stone. **All** children and youth of the parish, no matter the age, are invited

to join in the **Christmas choir!** Practices are planned for Wednesday evenings before Religious Education, in the school building, beginning at 6:15 pm., on Dec. 4th and 11th led by Carrie Stier, and again on Sunday morning December 22nd just before Christmas, immediately following Mass, this time in the front of church. All of our youth are encouraged to join in this special occasion!

Oldenburg Academy will host an Open House today, November 10, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prospective students and families will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful campus and learn about the OA Experience from students, faculty, administrators, parents, and alumni. Families can register to win tuition certificates. Questions? Contact Annette Hunger in the ADMISSIONS Office at ahunger@oldenburgacademy.org or 812-934-4440.

St Maurice Catholic Church, Napoleon invites us to attend a **Fall Smorgasbord**, November 16, 4:00 – 7:30. Please see bulletin Board for menu, and pricing.

Daughters of Isabella will host a **“Tasty Tuesday Dinner”**, November 19, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at St. Mary’s School Cafeteria, free will offering to support St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Agency. See board for more details. Paulette Duerstock 812-663-5105.

“Breakfast with Santa,” sponsored by the Knights of St. John of Millhousen, on Sunday December 1, 2019, 8:00 – 11:00 am, at the Knights Hall, Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee Cake, drinks, all for a free will offering benefiting Immaculate Conception Steeple Fund. See Bulletin Board for more details.

5th Annual **E6 Catholic Men’s Conference** February 22, 2020; 8-4pm, Registration now open at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-e6-catholic-mens-conference-tickets-74532549863>. See Board for prices and more details. Location: East Central High School, Performing Arts Center, St. Leon.


Clarity of South-Central Indiana needs our help: People wondering what to do, often seek out Clarity for direction. Clarity (Pregnancy center) has helped thousands of people avoid making tragic decisions in the heat of difficult moments. When you donate to Clarity on **December 3**, (Giving Tuesday), your contribution will be **doubled!** Generous partners will match every dollar given, up to \$60,000. You can help people who don’t know what to do, to find hope and healing. Submit your gift online at claritycares.org/donate or mail your gift to PO Box 2215, Columbus IN 47202 or bring it in to any location Greensburg or Columbus 8am to 5pm, December 3. Administrative offices are at 4550 West Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN 47201.

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson and the Catholic Community Foundation invite you to **“An Evening of Lights”** the Archdiocesan Christmas Tree Lighting and Prayer Service, Thursday, **December 5, 2019**, at the Catholic Center Assembly Hall Service begins at 6:30 pm, doors open at 6:00. Reception to follow. Prepare your hearts for Jesus coming as the Light of the World! See Board.

“Then Something Wondrous Happened” A joyful Advent evening of celebrating the gifts of God’s friendship and Mary’s Yes! Stories, Songs, Reflections. Fatima Retreat House Friday, December 6, 2019, 5:30-9:00 pm. A light supper and program. Register online or by calling 317-545-7681. More of Board.

“Advent Days of Silence” at Fatima Retreat House, December 17 – 20, come for the day or stay the night. Step away from the noise and busyness that distracts from the real meaning of Advent and focus your attention on your relationship with God. Prayer, silence, and listening is at the heart of this season.

“Leave the Light On” December 16, 2019. Fatima Retreat House, Reconciliation 9 am – 7:00 pm No appointment needed. Alternating confessions throughout the day. Advent, the season of waiting for the birth of our Savior, is the perfect time to experience the grace of God’ forgiveness. Sacrament of Reconciliation available all day.



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Loving and merciful Father,
we come before you with grateful hearts,
for all that we are and all that we have is a gift from you.

You sustain us with your grace and mercy
and you lead us with the wisdom of your truth.

May we always strive to remain
in communion with Christ the Cornerstone
and with His Church, our spiritual home.

Help us to respond to your call
to be missionary disciples in the world.

Sustain us amid the challenges of this life,
and by the gifts of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us
in compassionate service to one other,
so that we may continue to build up your Kingdom
before the eyes of the world as faith-filled
and hopeful witnesses to Jesus Christ.

May all we do be for your glory.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTENTION WEEKEND

IS HERE!

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TOGETHER

We can do great things!

