

November 17, 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 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 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, (youth group volunteers).

Liturgical Ministries

Please see new Ministry list attached.

November 17

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Ushers/Greeters: Mark & Cindy Hermes, Tom & Lois Johannigman

Lectors: Claire Schoettmer, Kenny Stier

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein

Servers: Ben Stier, Colton Johannigman, Brooklyn Ortman

Musicians: Men's Choir

Gift Bearers: Brandon & Amy Scudder family

Counters: Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes, Jeannie Fry

November 24 Christ the King!

Jo Fledderman

Jerry & Dorothy Fry, Mike & Mollie Johannigman

Mary Schwering, Maria Meyer

Brian Huff, Emery Mapes, Timothy Hoeing, Kenny Stier

Tony, Mary, and Sam Schwering

Sarah & Donna Schwering, with Abby

Eric & Melanie Stone Family

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

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

Remittance 11/10/2019

	Envelopes
* \$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.	
FUEL: \$1239.00 MILITARY SERVICES: \$50.00	Loose: \$ 79.00
STEEPLE FUND:	Envelopes: \$ 1719.00
	Total: \$ 1798.00

Special Collection this morning November 17, for **Military Services**. Envelope in our box.

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

On Thursday night, **Hubert Raver**, father of Kate Bedel, and Sarah Hermes, of our parish, died at age 96. At this time, we don't know the arrangements, but please remember Hubert and all family members in prayer this week.

Also remember in prayer for a safe trip, and exciting faith journey, our youth, who are attending the **NCYC** event in Indianapolis next weekend. Hoping it will be a weekend they don't soon forget!

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. Because this year marks the **185th** anniversary of our parish founding in 1834, we will highlight our parish that Sunday Morning. Hoping for a great attendance!

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 - All ornaments for this year's Christmas Outreach are available on the tree in the back of church. We are helping eight SDES families this year with their Christmas needs by providing shoes, shirt, pants, underwear, and item from their wish list! This is sure to be a blessing to all the families again this year. Please return ALL gifts UNWRAPPED, and with the giving tree ornament ATTACHED. This will help us to know which child the gift was intended for. All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 15. If you would prefer not to shop, feel free to place money in an envelope marked Giving Tree in the Sunday collection. Our elves will do the shopping for you! If you have any questions please reach out to Dana Fledderman, Jeanie Fry, Melea Gault or Laura Meyer. Thank you in advance for all you do for these families!

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 group of 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: 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-crowding, 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, just before Christmas, December 22nd, immediately following Mass, this time in the front of church. All of our youth are encouraged to join in this special occasion!

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 confessors 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.

For those who may have not noticed, the **paving** has been completed behind the church, and all is again safe for travel. Landscaping will follow in spring. We are most grateful for all who contributed time and labor.

Note from Religious ED.

Due to an amazing number of students attending NCYC in Indianapolis the weekend of November 23rd. We will not be having Religious ED on Sunday November 24th. With that December 8th is a scheduled class! Everyone should be present for this fun filled day of service. We will be putting together fruit baskets and delivering them to our elder parishioners and those in need of some holiday cheer. With that we are looking to have at least 7 drivers for our deliveries. These people MUST have Safe & Sacred as well as be at least 21 years of age. Please let Mollie or one of our Confirmation students know if you are interested in helping us out with this. The following items are what we are asking each grade to contribute towards our fruit baskets.

Preschool: Cards (Making during class)

1st grade: Cards (Making during class)

2nd grade: Hersey Kisses

3rd/4th grade: Bananas

5th/6th grade: Apples

8th grade: Grapes

10th grade: Grapefruit

11th grade: Oranges & nuts

Lastly, we are scheduled to have our last class/Christmas party December 15th for our jr/sr. high. This day is a very busy day within our church so I have been asked to make it a day/morning of service for our youth as well. The students will be able to choose from decorating the church or helping in the basement of school with our giving tree outreach. I encourage ALL students to participate in these great service hour opportunities as well as parents and families. These two classes are scheduled classes and hope to see all present!