

**November 24, 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:**

- 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
- December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent – Urban Johannigman
- December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Paul Scheller
- December 24 – Christmas Eve – Jerry Jacobs
- December 29 - The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Anthony Scheidler
- December 31 – (Anticipation) Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God – Albert Schoettmer

**Dates to Remember**

- 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, (Coffee & Doughnuts for volunteers.)

**Liturgical Ministries**

**Please see new Ministry list attached.**

November 24 Christ the King!

December 1

- Sacristan:** Jo Fledderman
- Ushers/Greeters:** Jerry & Dorothy Fry, Mike & Mollie Johannigman
- Lectors:** Mary Schwering, Maria Meyer
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Brian Huff, Emery Mapes, Timothy Hoeing, Kenny Stier
- Servers:** Tony, Mary, and Sam Schwering
- Musicians:** Sarah & Donna Schwering, with Abby
- Gift Bearers:** Eric & Melanie Stone Family
- Counters:** June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

- LaDonna Hoeing
- Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, Grady Scudder, Sophia Witkamper
- Melea Gault, Jeanne Fry
- Daniel Fledderman, Jo Fledderman, Joe Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff
- Hunter Collins, Ben Stier, Michael Stier
- Men’s Choir
- Vic & Laura Meyer family
- Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault

**Church Cleaners:** December: Mollie Johannigman (chairperson), Sarah Hermesch, Lori Nobbe, Cindy Johannigman, Jessica Hamilton, Nicole Schoettmer.

**Remittance 11/17/2019**

	<b>Envelopes</b>
* <b>\$2800.00 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>	
FUEL: \$950.00    MILITARY SERVICES: \$185.00	<b>Loose:</b> \$    121.00
STEEPLE FUND:	<b>Envelopes:</b> \$    1306.15
	<b>Total:</b> \$    1427.15

**Special Collection** this morning November 24, Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Envelope in box.

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

Also remember in prayer for a safe trip, and exciting faith journey, our youth, who are attending the **NCYC** event in Indianapolis this weekend. Hoping it will be a weekend of enlightenment!

**Annual Cohort Advent Penance Service:** and First Penance for our second graders, will be combined, taking place on Wednesday evening, **December 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>**, the feast of the **Immaculate Conception**, and our parish feast day, is traditionally a Holy Day of obligation. However, this year December 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **185<sup>th</sup>** 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. Mass at **6:00 pm**. Wednesday, Eve of Thanksgiving.

**Ministries:** Servers- Michael & Mary Stier, Caaden Gault; Lectors- Mary Jo Wenning, Ben Stier; Musicians- Men's Choir; Eucharistic Ministers- Melea & Aaron Gault; Gift Bearers- Mike & Mollie Johannigman family.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, following Mass. 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.

**Christmas Eve Mass**, 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, 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. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> led by Carrie Stier; and again, on Sunday morning, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, in church, immediately following Mass, with Abby Wagner. All of our youth are encouraged to join in this special occasion!

**“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.

**Lights of Christmas! Open Door Tour:** Sunday, December 29, 2019 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm the Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our Deanery. Bask in the sacred spaces of our adored Savior dressed in their finest during this Christmas season. The 19 locations will have doors open for four hours. See list on Bulletin Board. Or, volunteer to host an hour! Welcome our guests to our lovely church. Since it is our 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding, it would be nice to offer a cookie and glass of punch. Any volunteers? If the weather is favorable we can expect a slow but steady group of folks who want to view and pray and move on. No need to entertain or talk, just welcome. Sign up in entryway.

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](http://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.

Our First Christmas gift has arrived! The new **2020 Catholic Calendars** are on the table in the entryway, courtesy of Bass & Gasper Funeral Home! Please help yourself! And if you have an opportunity, thank Mike Gasper for providing this wonderful resource.

**Christmas Memorials:** A box and sign up sheets are available this morning in the entryway, for who would like to honor their deceased loved ones this Christmas by contributing to the **Christmas Flower** fund. A \$10 donation would provide a lovely large poinsettia for our Christmas manger and altars. Drop your donation in the box provided and write the name of a loved one on the sheet. The names of the loved one will be written in the bulletin on Christmas Eve., and we will remember each one in prayer. Their memory will live on in the beautiful Christmas flowers adorning our worship space.



The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson  
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9 October 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own archdiocese, because 50% of the funds we collect stay here.

Through the generosity of those who contribute to the CCHD collection, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been able to assist many worthwhile endeavors that are working to provide people with hope and in many cases a second chance at life. Some of the initiatives include: (A) The *Bedford Men's Warming Center* where homeless men in Bedford, IN can receive a hot meal, shelter from the cold and services to help them get their life back on track; (B) *Dathouse Inc. – Kids* where students of an inner-city Indianapolis public school are offered a faith-based afterschool program that provides a safe place for children to learn healthy social, emotional and life skills; and (C) *Teen Mother Choices* in the Batesville Deanery where teen mothers are taught life skills and are provided with a mentor to walk with them as they learn the skills to be a good mother to their child. This is just a sample of the many worthwhile initiatives that are making a difference for so many people who find themselves on the margins of society.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection) or [www.archindy.org/cchd](http://www.archindy.org/cchd)

**The CCHD Second Collection is scheduled for the weekend of November 23-24, 2019.**

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Charles C. Thompson*

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson  
Archbishop of Indianapolis