

January 5, 2020

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN

Immaculate Conception Parish Community strives to live the Gospel by worshipping God, deepening our understanding of the Catholic Faith, and serving the needs of others.

Bulletin information is due by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. sisterdonna@millhousechurch.com

Mass Intentions:

January 5 – The Epiphany of the Lord – Urban Johannigman
January 12 – The Baptism of the Lord –the Living & Deceased of the Herman Schoettmer Family
January 19 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Alex Veerkamp
January 26 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cathy Wittkamper

Dates to Remember

January 12 – Take down Christmas decorations following Mass
January 13 – Buildings & Grounds Committee, 7:00 pm
January 19 – Finance Committee following Mass
January 26 – Parish Council following Mass

Liturgical Ministries

January 5 (Epiphany)	January 12, (Baptism of the Lord)
Sacristan: Dana Fledderman	LaDonna Hoeing
Ushers/Greeters: Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Mike & Mollie Johannigman	Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman
Lectors: Niki Johannigman, Mary Jo Wenning	Ben Stier, Maria Meyer
Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie Diekhoff	Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman
Servers: Evan Wullenweber, Mary Stier, Allison Nobbe,	Colton & Campbell Johannigman, Jessica Diekhoff
Musicians: Men's Choir	Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermes	Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry
Gift Bearers: Brandon & Amy Scudder family	Mike & Mollie Johannigman family

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: December 29, 2019

Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00	Steeple Fund Goal:	\$95,000.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1973.00	Collected this week:	\$37,111.54
New Year's Eve:	\$ 337.00	Pledges (not collected) this week:	\$200.00
End of Year Donation:	\$3,000.00	Total Collected:	\$178,996.86
Total Collections:	\$5,310.00	Total Pledges Not Collected:	\$51,350.00
		Grand Total:	\$230,346.86

United Catholic Appeal: Our Goal for this Annual Appeal to support the Ministries of the Archdiocese is set at \$15, 057, based on the number of active households, 144, and on our total income of the past three years. We have done well thus far with our pledges reaching 74% or \$11,085. Great start! We've had 36% participation thus far, so if you have not yet sent in your Intention Card, please do so to help us meet our goal.

Steeple Repair Fund: 95 pledge cards have been returned thus far. And we have far surpassed our initial goal! We are indeed blessed! What a wonderful Christmas gift to our parish! Our expenses for this project will be far

greater than the goal of \$95,000. that we put forth. If you recall, the bid from the contractor was \$175,000. Our plan was to subtract the difference from our savings account. **Every** amount in addition that we are able to collect will help us to maintain some savings to use for other maintenance projects, emergencies, or even other expenses that will undoubtedly arise from this project. We are most grateful for your generosity and support! A more detailed report will be coming from our Parish Council/Finance Committee, as promised, right after the first of the year. We owe a lot to the generosity of our parishioners! But in addition, we have received considerable assistance from friends and non-parishioners! Join in thanking God for his bounty!

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

Giving Envelopes - On the table in the entryway, please find your new boxes of **Giving Envelopes** for the year 2020. If you are not able to find your name on a box, please let Sister know and a box will be provided for you. Our computer system is still not without flaws, but we hope to have captured all who routinely give. Use of the Sunday envelopes helps us track giving and meet compliance issues as a non-profit organization, yet protect your confidentiality. There is never a need to write your name or contribution amount on the envelope, as all is tracked by number. Thank you for making use of this system when able, and thank you for your generous giving!

The new **pictorial directories** have arrived and are available in the entryway this morning. There is one free copy for each family who sat for a portrait. Please take your complimentary copy, and check your name off the list provided when you do so. Many of us are disappointed with the final product this year, and we may not use this company in the future. If you have comments or suggestions going forward, please speak up and let us know.

St. Mary's School will be hosting an "**Open House**" for prospective Preschool and Kindergarten students and parents, on Monday, January 27, 2020. Please see the flyer on the 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.

A Prayer for Epiphany

Upon entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his
Mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.
Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him
Gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-Matthew 2: 11

Radiant One, every day is an epiphany in which I, too, can pay you homage. Every day I can kneel before you and open the treasure chest of my life. In there, I find unending gifts of every kind to offer you. Every day I bring my gratitude for you, my desire to grow more loving, my longing to be true. Every day I reach into that treasure chest and offer my trust that you are near, my hope for all you promise, my belief in what is unseen. Every day I offer my desire to live justly, my commitment to be generous, my struggle to be whole.

Divine Light, I give these gifts and so much more. The treasure chest is boundless. Each time I reach within, I see you smiling at my gesture, for you, great Giver of Gifts, have placed each treasure there. You greet my gift with welcoming pleasure when it returns back home to you.

Bestower of gifts, thank you for all that my treasure chest of life holds. I will look daily to recognize your persistent star. May it stand boldly over the house of my heart where you dwell, so that I will be aware of your presence and pause to give you homage.

-Joyce Rupp