

January 12, 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@millhousenchurch.com

Mass Intentions:

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
February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord - Blessing of candles – Urban Johannigman
February 9 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cathy Wittkamper
February 16 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Ralph Bruns
February 23 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Warren Oliver
February 26 – Ash Wednesday – Marie & Ed Stier

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 12, (Baptism of the Lord)

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Ushers/Greeters: Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte,
James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman

Lectors: Ben Stier, Maria Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Kohrman, Cindy
Hermesch, Jeanne Fry, Cindy Johannigman

Servers: Colton & Campbell Johannigman, Jessica
Diekhoff,

Musicians: Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby

Counters: Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne Fry

Gift Bearers: Mike & Mollie Johannigman family

January 19

Jo Fledderman

Mike & Kathy Kohrman, Don & Jeanne Fry

Kenny Stier, Mary Schwering

Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing Mark, Stier, Steve
AmRhein

Hunter Collins, Ben Stier, Michael Stier

Men's Choir

June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen
Stone

Vic & Laura Meyer family

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: January 5, 2020

Needed each weekend to meet budget: \$2,800.00

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1865.00

Energy/Fuel \$ 5.00

Holy Day \$40.00

Total Collections: \$1910.00

Steeple Fund Goal: \$95,000.00

Collected this week: \$9,450.00

New Pledges (not collected) this week: \$000.00

Total Collected: \$188,446.86

Total Pledges Not Collected: \$43,600.00

Grand Total: \$232,046.86

Let us pray in gratitude for the blessings of our donors!

Special Collection this morning for our Energy needs. The weather has been in our favor, but the gas and electric bills to heat these buildings remains quite high! Thanks for your help!

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 86% or \$12,885. Great momentum! We've had 42% 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: 99 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! It is not too late to add your gift to the parish no matter the size. 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 financial report will be coming from our Finance Committee by the end of the month. 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! This past week members of the Steeple Committee met with the contractors to refine our plans and clarify details. Next steps will be finalizing a contract and insurance coverage. Look for additional information as the project progresses.

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.

Religious Education – Due to personal and health concerns, Mollie Johannigman has resigned her position as Administrator of Religious Education, effective immediately. Please pray for a safe and healthy delivery. We thank Mollie for her past 18 months with us, and wish her the best during multiple life stresses and challenges. Some time ago, Melea Gault agreed to help us out for an interim during the pregnancy leave, but at this time she is not prepared to take over this position long term. This may be an opportunity for a new career for a young adult in the parish. Please prayerfully consider your gifts and talents, and to what ministry God may be calling you. This is one of multiple ministry opportunities available in the parish, but one that is vital to our future. If you would like to discuss the educational and experiential requirements for this position please call the parish office.

Immaculate Conception **CYO Girls Volleyball** Team has begun practice under the guidance of Margie Georgi. To register, or for more information, please contact Margie at 812-591-2274.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church will be hosting a **Eucharistic Holy Hour** and Healing Prayer Service on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, Concessions begin at 6:30. More info on board.

Decatur County Right to Life is Sponsoring a **Candle-lite Vigil** on Wednesday evening, January 22, at St. Mary's Church beginning at 6:30 pm. See flyer. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Alumni and Friends invite you to their annual **Chili Supper and Family Fun Night** on January 24th from 5-8 pm. Bring your friends and family. Flyer on board.

Sunday, February 9th 11:00 am begins the **Bingo for Haiti** at St. Anthony Church Schad Hall. **Chili supper** to follow. See board for details!

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.

Christmas Trivia: A question that has come up repeatedly in the past few weeks is something like this: "Exactly when are Catholics supposed to take down the Christmas decorations?" This is what I found: The Church's liturgical season of Christmas ends in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite with the movable feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls in mid-January, usually, the second Sunday after Christmas. This was established after revisions to the missal in 1962. Previously, it had been a long-standing tradition to mark the end of Christmastime on February 2, the Feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple, which is literally forty days after Christmas, as indicated in Scripture.

Our homes are to be domestic churches, that is, homes where God is at the center of our family life, as our call is to worship Him **always** and **everywhere**. So, it is important for us to live liturgically in the home, following the same guidelines.

It is recommended that if we put up Christmas decorations, we should consider keeping them up until the end of the Church's liturgical season of Christmas. But practically speaking, that isn't always possible, especially if families use real trees. While we might need to discard our tree earlier, we can always keep up a Nativity scene longer, until the feast of the Lord's baptism or even until February 2. However you choose to keep Christmas alive in your home is ultimately up to you.

A Prayer for the New Year

Faithful Companions, in this new year, I pray that each of us may

Live deeply, with purpose,

Live freely with detachment,

Live wisely, with humility,

Live justly, with compassion,

Live lovingly, with fidelity,

Live mindfully, with awareness,

Live gratefully, with generosity,

Live fully, with enthusiasm. Let us renew our intentions to live virtuously!