

January 26, 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 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 26 – Parish Council following Mass
March 29 – Cohort Lenten Penance Service at Napoleon, 1:30 pm

Liturgical Ministries

January 26	February 2
Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing	Ann Stier
Ushers/Greeters: Dan Schutte, James Hamilton, Grady Scudder, Sophia Witkamper	Bill & Niki Johannigman, Steve & Diane AmRhein
Lectors: Jerry Fry, Claire Schoettmer	Melea Gault, Jeanne Fry
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Huff, Emery Mapes, Aaron & Melea Gault	Norbert Hoeing, Mark Stier, Timothy Hoeing, Kenny Stier
Servers: Tony, Mary, & Sam Schwering	Colton & Campbell Johannigman, Oliver Hamilton
Musicians: Abby with Sarah & Donna Schwering	Men's Choir
Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes, Aaron Gault	Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermesch
Gift Bearers: Tim & Stephanie Hoeing family	Eric & Melanie Stone family

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: January 19, 2020

Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$2,123.00
Energy/Fuel:	\$ 215.00
Total Collections:	\$2,338.00

Special Collection: Today to support the work of the Church in Latin America. Envelope in box.

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.

In November, as we were gearing up for our Capital Campaign, Sister Donna researched, and then made application for several Grant opportunities, three of them through the Archdiocese. Archdiocesan grant money is funded, in part, by UCA donations for ministry, but primarily, by private donors who set specific goals and allocate amounts for the ministries they choose or designate. Because our need was not ministry related, and was not a for a new building to expand ministry, we were all doubtful that we could even qualify for grant

money. However, right after Christmas a phone call came telling us that we had an advocate and spokesperson sitting on the Grant Committee. He was calling to gather more information on our behalf. In the mail today, January 23, we received a formal letter from the Vicar General, informing us that we were among 23 recipients awarded grant money at this time, designated for our steeple project, in the amount of \$5,000. We are grateful to the advocate, the grant committee, and most especially to the donors! Please be generous to the UCA!

Remember in Prayer: Pat Schwering, Benji Ortman, Barb Hoeing, John Kuzman, Marilyn Horan, Martha Fry, and a special intention.

Religious Education - 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. The position will be posted throughout the Deanery.

Please note other positions available at Holy Family Church in Oldenburg: position descriptions on board, with deadlines for applications. If interested please call Fr. Carl. (DRE and Business Manager positions).

The **Lenten Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday March 4. We will be studying "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion." Contact Cindy Johannigman, 812-614-0802, or Kate Bedel, 812-614-0987, if you are interested in attending. Please let them know by February 23.

Please pray for **our priests:** in recent weeks we have buried one, and one has left the priesthood. In addition, two are gravely ill and will need to be replaced. There was a plea for someone to commit to regular Masses, at least one a weekend, for Spanish speaking people who are increasing within our Deanery. All are stretched to their limits.

Please be aware that the **FLU** is impacting our area. It was again strongly recommended that we suspend all touching, especially hand-shakes, during the exchange of peace. Please turn to your neighbor and exchange a few words of peace instead. Some have suggested eliminating the sharing of the cup during communion. Others believe that the alcohol content of the wine will kill most germs. Each of you is asked to make your own choices. Most importantly, please don't expose others if you are ill or believe you may be carrying germs or a virus. The death toll compared to a year ago is up nationally, and the most vulnerable are the elderly and the young. Let's help to protect each other. Our own local hospitals have had deaths from flu. And many children are home from school. If you are coughing or sneezing please contain the cough and wash hands frequently. And under such circumstances please remove yourself from social gatherings. Thanks to those who have helped us all by getting their annual flu shot!!

By papal decree, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time – today – is to be observed as a special day devoted to **“the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God.”** A day dedicated to the **Bible** will help the Church “experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.” Added emphasis on the importance of the word of God is needed because “the overwhelming majority” of Catholics are not familiar with Sacred Scripture. For many, the only time they hear the word of God is when they attend Mass.”

Many families have a bible in their homes. How many ever use it? How many of us brush off the dust often enough to become familiar? If your family does not have a bible and would like to have one, please call the parish office to receive a copy. We have multiple versions on hand and would love to share them with those

truly interested. Spend a little time today as a family, reading a short passage, or discussing your favorite scripture. The more we read and talk about it, the more familiar it will become. Thank you to those lectors who truly “proclaim” the Word to us! If you are interested in this church ministry, please call and let us know. We could use additional volunteers.

With the Lenten Season approaching, the **Sacrament of Penance** should be on our minds. Our custom is to offer a **Cohort** Penance Service during Lent, at St. Maurice in Napoleon. That gathering is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm on March 29th. Please make use of this opportunity, or see the list of all Penance Services scheduled throughout the Deanery, posted on Bulletin Board.

All Saints Parish **Lenten Fish Fries** ~ St Martin Campus ~ 4:30pm-7pm, 8044 Yorkridge Rd, Yorkville, IN. \$10 for adults/\$5 for children. Carry Outs Available. MENU: Hand Breaded Fried Cod or Baked Cod, Cheese Pizza, Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries, Green Beans, Slaw, Applesauce, Homemade Pies & Cakes, Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea. Please contact the parish office at 812-576-4302 with any questions (Flyer on the Board).

All Saints Parish **Lenten Mission** - March 1,2,3 ~ St Paul Campus. All are welcome! Guest speaker is Fr John Hollowell. Soup supper will be served Sunday, March 1 at 5:30pm in the gym followed by Fr Hollowell's talk in the Church at 6:30pm. Monday, March 2 & Tuesday, March 3 will begin with Fr Hollowell's talk in the Church at 6:30pm followed by refreshments in the gym. Please contact the parish office at 812-576-4302 with any questions.

2020 Summer Camp Brochures – Information on the CYO Summer camp available to students ages 7-19, Camp Rancho Framasa in Nashville, Indiana. Please pick up a brochure in the entryway.

A big **thank you** to everyone who helped put on a wonderful luncheon for the family and friends of Cheryl Johannigman this past week. The family is most grateful for your kindness!

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. Be part of the largest and most dynamic gathering of Catholic men in the tri-state area!

May the Love of God lead us to Peace

Peace to Patience

Patience to Strength

Strength to Healing

Healing to Joy

Which leads to Love .

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