

February 9, 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:

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
March 1 – First Sunday in Lent – Urban Johannigman
March 8 – Second Sunday in Lent – Cathy Witkamper
March 15 – Third Sunday in Lent – Ralph Bruns
March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent – Arnold Bokelman
March 29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent – Marie & Ed Stier

Dates to Remember

February 14 – feast of St. Valentine ((Friday) patron saint of Love. What does Love call you to?
February 22 – E6 Men’s Conference
February 23 – Coffee & Doughnuts (Mardi Gras), with 5th grade presentations in the Hall. Please come!
February 26 – Ash Wednesday, Mass at 6:00 pm (This is not a Holy of Obligation)
March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
March 29 – Cohort Lenten Penance Service at Napoleon, 1:30 pm

Liturgical Ministries

February 9
Sacristan: Dana Fledderman
Ushers/Greeters: Mark & Cindy Hermesch,
Tom & Lois Johannigman
Lectors: Mary Jo Wenning, Niki Johannigman
Eucharistic Ministers: Daniel & Jo Fledderman,
Joe & Julie Diekhoff
Servers: Caaden Gault, Evan Wullenweber,
Luke Diekhoff
Musicians: Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby
Gift Bearers: Aaron & Melea Gault family
Counters: Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne Fry

February 16
LaDonna Hoeing
John & Cindy Johannigman, Dave & Cindy Stone
Ben Stier, Emily Baltus
Kathy Kohrman, Cindy Hermesch, Jeanne Fry,
Cindy Johannigman
Michael Stier, Brooklyn Ortman, Mary Stier
Men’s Choir
Nick & Abby Asher family
June Johannigman, Pauline Schoettmer, Gretchen Stone

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: January 26, 2020

Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$2,176.00
Energy/Fuel:	\$ 10.00
Criterion	\$ 487.00
Church of Latin America	\$ 5.00
Total Collections:	\$2,678.00

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. But we seem to be at a plateau. 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. If you have lost your intention card and need another, there are more in the entryway.

Remember in Prayer: Pat Schwering, Barb Hoeing, John Kuzman, Marilyn Horan, Martha Fry, Elizabeth Downey, Nell Ann Pfeifer, Velma Ortman, and a special intention.

Funeral: On Friday February 7th, Authur Duerstock, a former parishioner, died at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, following a fall in his home about 10 days earlier, at which time he sustained great injury. Rosary for Authur will be at 8:45 on Monday morning, followed by visitation from 9:00 until 11:00, and funeral Mass at 11:00 at St. Mary's Church. Burial will be here at Immaculate Conception immediately following the Mass.

Church Cleaning: February: Beth Schwering (chairperson), Sheila Diekhoff, Donna Schwering, Cindy Stone, Diane & Steve AmRhein (scheduled for Feb. 15 and 29 at 9:00 am).

Religious Education – Position remains open at this time. 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 requirements for this position please call the parish office. The position will be posted throughout the Deanery.

Rel. Ed. Update: All three grade levels required to do achievement **testing** this year, grades 5th, 8th, and 11th, have completed testing and tests have been submitted. The purpose of this testing is to evaluate, not so much the students, as the program. Feedback will become available to assist us in implementing strategies that promote the best learning potential for our students. Thank you to both the students for submitting to this event, and to the catechists who sacrificed teaching time for the evaluation! Any significant feedback will be shared with the parish.

In addition to this activity, the students have been busy learning about love, ways to be loving, and activities related to loving each other and their neighbors. Paper **Valentines** are being created, and will be distributed to parishioners by the fifth-grade students in honor of St. Valentine's Day.

The fifth grade are super achievers! They have also created homemade replicas of artifacts significant to our faith. The artifacts are too good not to share! On Sunday morning February 23, coupled with a Mardi Gras party, coffee and doughnuts will be served in the school hall after Mass and the artifacts will be displayed!

Remember our **Confirmation Candidates**? How have you supported them? Please call, text, or write a note to the candidate whose name you drew from the bowl a few short weeks ago. They need your prayer and kind words of support. Their letters to the Archbishop are due on Sunday February 23rd or sooner. And some are still in need of service hours. **Confirmation** is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 25th at 11:00 am at St. Mary Greensburg, with Archbishop Charles C. Thompson.

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.

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.

St. Mary's Pre-school – Registration Information is posted on our bulletin board. The question has been raised as to why we are advertising for their program. As a Catholic community, we need to be providing, or

supporting, Catholic Schools and Catholic education for our youth. It is a given fact that when Catholic Schools began to close in the 70's and on after, Religious Vocations began to diminish. Today we find ourselves at an all time low, (a shortage) of active priests, and religious. The numbers are related. Supporting our neighbors who are providing Catholic school opportunities, is **one way** we can take an active role is supporting vocations. Vocations aside, shouldn't our children have the same opportunity for Catholic Education that was provided for us when we were young? What does Catholic School, and Catholic Education mean to you? How has it impacted your life? Maybe we could dull our old competitive edge and sharpen a new supportive stance, by opening ourselves to the possibilities.

The Daughters of Isabella, of All Saints Circle #1384 are sponsoring a **Mardi Gras Celebration** on February 22, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:30 pm at Holy Family Cafeteria, Oldenburg. It is a family affair. Free will offering. All are welcome. More information on the board.

All Saints Parish **Lenten Fish Fries** ~ St Martin Campus ~ 4:30 pm-7:00 pm, 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.

Chicken Dinner, Saturday, March 7, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, Batesville, to benefit the St. Louis/St Anthony **Haiti Ministry**. Supplies for twice yearly medical mission trips. See details on bulletin board.

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.

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!

5th Annual E6 **Catholic Men's Conference** February 22, 2020; 8-4pm, registration is ending due to being sold out! If you haven't registered yet, don't delay! Go to <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!

What does being "Catholic" mean? How would you define it? How is it related to being "Christian?" How does it color our relationships? Our actions? Our beliefs? Our spirit? What does being a member of the Catholic Church mean? How does that relate to being a member of a parish? Where can we find a list of things we all believe in? How do our actions define our faith?

All good questions to ponder during Lent!! Some of the official answers to these questions will be addressed in future bulletins as space allows. Stay tuned. But in the meantime, ponder and pray and reflect on your own faith and life.