

February 23, 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:

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
April 5 – Palm Sunday – Jim Meyer

Dates to Remember

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 4 – Parent Meeting for First Communion, Parish Meeting Room in the Office Building at 7:00 pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 pm (Friday evening)
March 22 – Finance Committee following Mass, (Begin budget process for new fiscal year.)
March – 29 – Parish Council following Mass
March 29 – Cohort Lenten Penance Service at Napoleon, 1:30 pm
April 5 – Parent Meeting for Confirmation, 2nd floor West Classroom, following Mass
April 7 – Tuesday in Holy Week, Chrism Mass, 2:00 pm at Cathedral, all are welcome.
April 25 – Confirmation (Saturday) 11:00 am St. Mary Church
May 3 – First Communion (Sunday)

Liturgical Ministries

February 23

Sacristan: Jo Fledderman
Ushers/Greeters: Craig & Paula Wullenweber,
Jerry & Dorothy Fry
Lectors: Jerry Fry, Maria Meyer
Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Stier, Norbert Hoeing,
Mark Stier, Steve AmRhein
Servers: Hunter Collins, Ben Stier, Grady Scudder
Musicians: Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby
Gift Bearers: Jedd & Alison Ortman family
Counters: Cindy Johannigman, Emery Mapes,
Aaron Gault

March 1

Karen Hardebeck
James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman,
Mitch & Lori Nobbe
Melea Gault, Claire Schoettmer
Daniel & Jo Fledderman, Joe & Julie Diekhoff
Jessica Diekhoff, Caaden Gault, Allison Nobbe
Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby
Brandon & Amy Scudder family
Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi, Sara Hermes

Ash Wednesday Feb. 26

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing
Ushers: Tim Scheidler, Dan Schutte, Grady Scudder, Sophia Witkamper
Lectors: Kenny Stier, LaDonna Hoeing
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Huff, Emery Mapes, Aaron & Melea Gault
Servers: Tony, Mary & Sam Schwering
Musicians: Men's Choir
Gift Bearers: Scott & Nicole Schoettmer family

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: February 16, 2020

Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$2,028.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 20.00
Criterion	\$ 112.00
Total Collections:	\$2,160.00

United Catholic Appeal: I was just beginning to think that we had finished our giving to the UCA when lo and behold, two more donors have stepped forward! Thank you so much! A few pledges are still out, and a second round of contacts are underway. If you have not yet sent in your pledge or donation, expect a call in the near future. We should be very proud of our achievement. While we have not yet met our goal, we sit at 88%, which is closer than we were last year this time, and this follows a very generous response to our own needs. Thank you to one and all!

Remember in Prayer: Pat Schwering, Barb Hoeing, John Kuzman, Marilyn Horan, Martha Fry, Elizabeth Downey, Nell Ann Pfeifer, Velma Ortman, Judy Zapfe, Sherry Weberding, Pauline Schoettmer, and a special intention. (Both Velma and Pauline are acutely ill and need our support.)

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

Religious Education Coordinator – 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. This is the last posting in our parish bulletin. If you can serve in this capacity, please respond before the end of the month.

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! Today, 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! Please plan to join the students and support their learning.

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.

Rosary – Led by Mark Stier, a group will gather on Saturday mornings during Lent to pray the rosary. 7:00 am, in the Parish Meeting Room, Office Building.

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.

Millhousen, Knights of St. John - All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry, 5:00 to 7:30 pm, To-Go orders available. Please see the bulletin board for details. Dates: February 28, March 13, & 27, April 10.

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. 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.

The 13th annual **Turkey Noodle Drive-thru Dinner** Fundraiser is Thursday, March 5. Drive -thru pick -up is from 4-7pm. Get your tickets in advance. Information on board. Benefit **“Bread of Life”**

St. Louis Super Sunday Bingo - Sunday, March 8, 2020, 17 E St Louis Pl, Batesville, IN, **\$15,000 Total Pay Out** Cash Raffle, Door Prizes & Pull Tabs, Ticket Package: Play ALL DAY for \$50. Includes paper games, door prizes, raffle ticket and a meal! Doors open at 11am, Early Bird games begin at 1pm. Visit www.STLBingo.org to register online or Call 812-93-BINGO. **All proceeds benefit St. Louis School.** Remember that we are called to support Catholic Education!

Faith Formation Fish Fry – St. Anthony/ St. Nicholas parishes; Free Will Offering Dinner, Schad Hall, Friday March 13, 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Cake Walk, Games, Carryout. See bulletin Board for details.

All your favorite **Princesses AND Pirates** are coming to the St. Louis Parish Activity Center in Batesville on March 1st! There are two magical opportunities to attend the **Royal Ball and Pirate Cove** (12:30-2:30 or 3:30-5:30). Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through any TriForce Mission Team member, or can be picked up at Joan's T-shirt Printing in Batesville, at FCN Bank in Batesville and Sunman, at Civista Bank in Osgood and Milan. To order tickets online go to TriForceMissionTeam.org/royalball. All proceeds from this event help fund the TriForce Mission Team's mission trip to East Bank, WV this summer.

Special Lenten Concert – with Mike Davis, Christian singer, religious educator, presents: **“The Perfect Storm.”** Friday, March 13, 2020, at 7:00 pm, Holy Guardian Angels Oratory, Cedar Grove. An incredible evening of prayer, meditation, and music as you walk the Way of the Cross, focusing on the Life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Allow the prayer and music to touch your soul this Lent. A free will Offering is appreciated. Please see flyer on bulletin board.

Wednesday of this week marks the beginning of **Lent**, our forty days of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, while focusing on the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. Some prefer to think of it as prayer (deepening our conversation and relationship with our God), service (which includes almsgiving, but so much more, in service to our parish, our community, and those in need around us), and sacrifice (fasting and abstaining are just one form of sacrifice, but many more ways of sacrifice may strengthen us during this time). Many opportunities for prayer, service and sacrifice are being presented to us. We have only to choose what will draw us closer to God and to one another.

Many parishes across the continent use the “rice bowls” as the standard form of almsgiving. The corporate organization spreads their wings across the country, and collects, and then distributes to the very poor. It is indeed a very worthy cause. We decided a few years ago, that we would rather donate to a **local** organization. We chose the “Bread of Life” in Greensburg who feeds the poor of our own town and county. We have been using the **“Sacrifice Jars”** to collect money saved from our personal sacrifices all during Lent. That has gone very well! A few months ago, Kate Bedel accepted the role of **“Pro-Life Coordinator”** for our parish. “Pro-Life” as you know, encompasses a wide range of topics and causes, all to support life, all kinds of life, from conception to natural death. Kate has chosen to focus our attention this Lenten season on young mothers who have accepted new life within them, but may need our help and support in making that choice. Our **Almsgiving** this year will be collected in **Baby bottles**, for the Moms supported by our local Clarity Organization. More details will come from Kate, but please pick up your baby bottle on Ash Wednesday, or next Sunday, and offer your sacrifice this Lenten season for those deciding against abortion! They need our help!