

**March 1, 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](mailto:sisterdonna@millhousenchurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

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**

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 8 – Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting, right after Mass in parish meeting room.  
March 9 – Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, parish meeting room, 6:00 pm  
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

March 1

**Sacristan:** Karen Hardebeck  
**Ushers/Greeters:** James Hamilton, Ed Johannigman,  
Mitch & Lori Nobbe  
**Lectors:** Melea Gault, Claire Schoettmer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Daniel & Jo Fledderman,  
Joe & Julie Diekhoff  
**Servers:** Jessica Diekhoff, Caaden Gault, Allison Nobbe  
**Musicians:** Sarah & Donna Schwering with Abby  
**Gift Bearers:** Brandon & Amy Scudder family  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
Sara Hermes

March 8

Ann Stier  
Mike & Kathy Kohrman, Don & Jeanne Fry  
Jerry Fry, Maria Meyer  
Norbert & Timothy Hoeting, Mark & Kenny  
Stier  
Hunter Collins, Ben & Mary Stier  
Men's Choir  
Vic & Laura Meyer family  
Kate Bedel, Cindy Hermes, Jeanne Fry

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

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

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1955.00

Criterion \$ 45.00

**Total Collections: \$2,000.00**

**Special Collections:** today for "The Church in Central & Eastern Europe." Next Sunday for "Home Missions."

**Steeple pledges** and donations continue to trickle in. This week alone we received an additional \$6,000. Which means we have only \$5,300. in uncollected pledges. Trusting that too will be realized soon, we went ahead and signed the contract this week with the construction company. That is just coming through as this goes to print. More details next week.

**United Catholic Appeal:** 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, Roman Johannigman, Sr., Marilyn Horan, Martha Fry, Elizabeth Downey, Nell Ann Pfeifer, Velma Ortman, Judy Zapfe, Sherry Weberding, Pauline Schoettmer, and a special intention.

**Church Cleaning:** March: Margie Georgi (chairperson), Sharon Helms, Linda Mozingo, Bailey Mozingo, Mary Jo Wenning, Carol Helms, Kristen Stone.

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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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: 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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!

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](http://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.

Saturday, April 18, 2020, St. Nicholas **TURTLE TROT 5K** Run/Walk; See Bulletin Board for details.

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 Sunday, and offer your sacrifice this Lenten season for those deciding against abortion! They need our help!

Let’s talk a little about **Lenten Sacrifice**, and what is expected of all Christians. Even though we go through it every year, questions arise, and clarifications are in order. We remember the three-fold discipline of **fasting, prayer and almsgiving**. Each of us is expected to do all three, and we are supported by knowing that we are all doing some version of those same actions. Many opportunities are available for us to increase our **prayer time** and come together with others to pray during the Lenten season. Just take a stroll through the above notes and make some choices. While we are required to attend Mass on every Sunday, additional prayer times, personal or communal, are available and helpful to draw us closer to God and deeper into his love.

**Almsgiving** is required of us as well, giving to the poor, however, we have so many choices and options before us. We can’t possibly give to every good cause, but we can make a sacrifice, maybe even a daily sacrifice, and the small things mount up to a wonderful gift as we near Easter. Please see the explanation above concerning our parish communal almsgiving this year: the Baby Bottles with “change” for Clarity, and support for those choosing NOT to abort. The frequency and amount that we sacrifice and give is known only by God, but it draws us to our Christian responsibility. Please don’t forget to pick up a Baby Bottle.

And **Fasting** and abstaining is spelled out for us as well. Fasting, the practice of eating only one full meal during the day, with two smaller meals permitted, but no solid food between meals, is really only required of us on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Three days. We can all manage that! It is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. So many of us are beyond the age of concern. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics, 14 years of age and older, on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. This is the practice that we seem to focus on most. We join with the whole Christian community, in coming closer to God by prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving. Remember that we are in this together!

## Fasting and feasting

*Lent is more than a time of fasting; it can also be a joyous season of feasting.  
Lent is a time to fast from certain things, and to feast on others.*

- Fast from judging others
  - Feast on the Christ dwelling in them
- Fast from emphasis on differences
  - Feast on the unity of life
- Fast from apparent darkness
  - Feast on the reality of light
- Fast from thoughts of illness
  - Feast on the healing power of God
- Fast from words that pollute
  - Feast on words that purify
- Fast from discontent
  - Feast on gratitude
- Fast from anger
  - Feast on patience
- Fast from pessimism
  - Feast on optimism
- Fast from worry
  - Feast on Divine Providence
- Fast from complaining
  - Feast on appreciation
- Fast from negatives
  - Feast on affirmatives
- Fast from unrelenting pleasures
  - Feast on unceasing prayer
- Fast from hostility
  - Feast on peace
- Fast from bitterness
  - Feast on forgiveness
- Fast from self-concern
  - Feast on compassion for others
- Fast from personal anxiety
  - Feast on trust
- Fast from discouragement
  - Feast on hope
- Fast from acts that tear down
  - Feast on acts that build up
- Fast from thoughts that weaken
  - Feast on promises that inspire