

December 27, 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:

December 27 – Feast of the Holy Family – Carolyn Schoettmer

December 31 – Anticipation of Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Eve) – Wanda Barnes, 4pm

January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord – Albert Naderman

January 10 – The Baptism of the Lord – Cathy Wittkamper

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas in spite of the very bitter cold. A reminder to everyone that Christmas is not just a day. It is a season which extends to the Feast of the Baptism on January 10th. Please continue to use safe behaviors and precautions. If you were not able to join us for Christmas Eve, we once again honored the second graders who dressed as Mary & Joseph, and shepherds and angels to escort the infant Jesus to the crib. The men's choir led us in Christmas Carols and the luminaries adorned the church yard until deep into the night. May the light of Christ illumine our hearts and bring warmth into our lives and into our families!

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honor of this occasion, Father will offer a blessing for all families.

Remember in Prayer: Nell Ann Pfeifer, Judy Zapfe, Jim Price, Mike Witka, Ruth Atchley (sister of Jeanie Harrison), Rylie Bennett, Denis DiGiusto, and all those newly infected with the COVID 19 virus and their families. In addition, let's remember all those who have lost loved ones in the past year.

Sacrament of Anointing: If you or a loved one need this sacrament of healing and strengthening, please call for an appointment.

Confession times: Confession time is offered each Sunday following Mass.

We are most grateful for your continued financial support by way of the drop box, mail-in, and on-line giving, at www.archindy.org/Giving. Thank you!

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: December 20, 2020

*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,731.00
Maintenance:	\$170.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception:	\$3.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$20.00
Total Collections:	\$1924.00

Special Collections: The special collection today, December 27th, is marked for the Capitol Campaign for the Steeple Repair. When this box of envelopes was printed, we thought this special collection would be needed. You proved us wrong. As you know, the Steeple project is completely funded. Any funds coming in now will be directed to our next capital project, which is painting of the interior of the church. Some of you are well aware of this need. We have begun soliciting bids but it is too soon to project how much we will need, or when

it might be possible to begin. We do know that we don't have sufficient funds at present. If you care to use the enclosed envelope to add to this fund we would be most grateful!

The **collection envelopes** for 2021 are available for pickup in the back of church. They are **alphabetical** by last name. While we are on the topic, a few words about using the envelopes: It is highly recommended that **we all use** the envelopes to assist in tracking our contributions. We need this paper trail to comply with the tax code and exemption. The auditor does match contributions with the envelopes and notes any discrepancies. It is **not necessary** to write your name or amount on the envelope. In fact, it is discouraged. The end-of-year tax letters that are mailed out to each one of you, are generated by number. Whatever is entered by that envelope number is what is printed on your tax letter. While it is fine to drop notes into the collection basket or drop box, please use another envelope. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE NOTES ON YOUR COLLECTION ENVELOPE.** The note will be lost, as eyes fix only on the number. The counters have a method to record accurately the contents of each envelope. And all contributions are entered into the computer **by envelope number**, not by name.

Calendars: Please remember to pick up any calendars you may need, gift of Bass & Gasper Funeral Home. We need space on the table. If you know of others, family members or friends who may need them, please don't hesitate to share.

Liturgical Ministries

December 27, Feast of the Holy Family

Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

Lector: Mary Jo Wenning

Musicians: The Schwerings with Abby

Eucharistic Minister: Jeanne Fry

December 31st, Anticipation Holy Day, 4 pm

Marck Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Melea Gault

Quiet Mass

Cindy Hermesch

January 3, Epiphany

Ushers: Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

Lector: Jeanne Fry

Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Johannigman

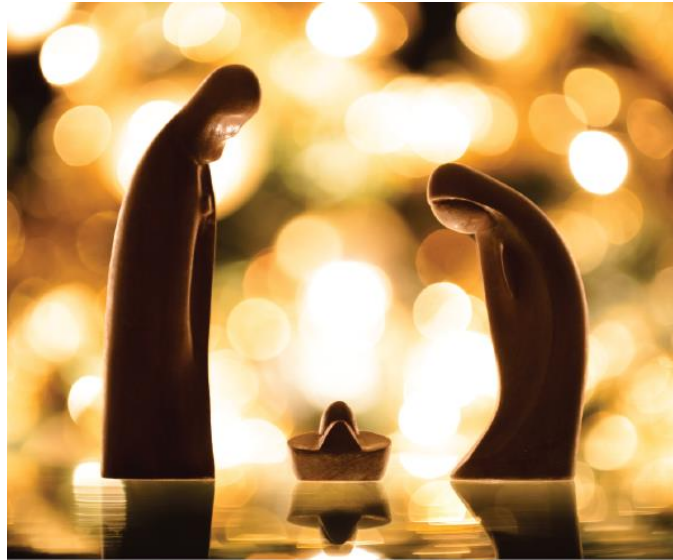
Musicians: Men's Choir

January Church Cleaning: Jeanne Fry, Chairperson, Dorothy Fry, June Johannigman, Rita Peters, Gretchen Stone.

The family of Evelyn Johannigman invites you to shower her with cards to celebrate her **90th birthday** on December 28th. Her mailing address is 1082 E. County Road 820 S. Greensburg, Indiana 47240. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Wreaths Across America – On Saturday afternoon, December 19th, our cemetery was blessed with 30 wreaths to honor our Veterans! The goal of this National Project is to honor **every** Veteran with a wreath for Christmas! We have more than thirty Veterans, but this was a great beginning! Funds are collected prior to Veterans Day, \$15 per Wreath, and wreaths are placed just prior to Christmas. We are most grateful for those who donated, individually, or as a corporate donation, to honor our Veterans. Next year, this might be a great project for an individual, a family, or a couple of youthful parishioners to take on and organize; or maybe it could become a Confirmation project? If anyone is interested in coordinating this effort for next year, please call the office for information. This year, we thank parishioners from a neighboring parish who gave to us from their abundance!

The dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is extended in the Archdiocese and throughout the whole State of Indiana until further notice.



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CHRISTMAS
PRAYER

FROM TWENTY-THIRD PUBLICATIONS

Let Christmas this year
be a celebration of
open doors within us,
open hearts within us,
and more open minds.

Help us to provide
the nourishment,
the warmth, the shelter,
the clothing,
and the compassion
that the aching world awaits
from the children of God.

For we know we are,
again and always,
the Bethlehem,
the “house of bread,”
where a holy welcome
is sought for those
most in need.

We pray together.
Amen.