

May 2, 2021

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

Remember in Prayer: Dennis DiGiusto, Benji Ortman, Rylie Bennett, and for all those we have promised to pray for.

Mass Intentions:

May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Joseph & Lenora Diekhoff

May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day – Martha Fry

May 16 – The Ascension – Carolyn Schoettmer

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday – Barbara Sandhage

May 30 – Trinity Sunday – Cheryl Johannigman

Confession times: Confessions each Sunday following Mass. Just take a seat on the St. Denis bench and Father will come.

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: April 25, 2021

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

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1,886.00

Maintenance Fund: \$20.00

Catholic Home Missions \$157.00

Church in Africa: \$20.00

Holy Places \$10.00

Total Collections: \$2,093.00

The Special Collection, next Sunday is for Clarity to assist young Mothers choosing to support new life.

There is no envelope in your box for Clarity, but any loose contributions will go to Clarity. So please use church envelopes for church contributions next weekend. We welcome Melissa Yake who will speak briefly to this cause.

Dates to Remember:

May 2 – Sunday, First Communion during regular Parish Mass, pictures follow.

May 9 – Mother’s Day, May Crowning

May 16 – honor our graduates during Mass

May 30 – Please join us for the honor guard – salute to our Veterans, Cemetery around 10:00 am.

June 6 – Memorial for all parishioners who were buried during COVID without a formal funeral, Mass time.

Liturgical Ministries

May 2

Ushers: Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Jeannie Fry

Musicians: Men’s Choir

May 9

Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

Jerry Fry

the Schwerings with Abby

Decatur County Board of Health: Our numbers went up a little this week, but only a little, so we remain in the blue zone on the matrix. We are doing well as a county compared to many others. We will continue to monitor, while taking our lead from the Archdiocese. The spring Archdiocesan Business meeting did take place on Tuesday this past week, and while expecting the dispensation to be lifted, it was not. The report indicated that this topic is receiving much discussion and consideration, and while not recommending that anyone at any age, refrain from attending liturgy, some still consider it too soon to mandate church attendance. While vaccines have helped tremendously to ease the anxiety and offer a much safer option for all, many counties are still in a yellow zone rather than blue, and all need to be equalized for a period of time. They anticipate frequent updates to the precautionary recommendations, and will perhaps lift the dispensation in a few weeks. In the meantime, the message to be circulated is that **Mass attendance is a Privilege and a Joy**, rather than looking upon it as an obligation. All are invited, regardless of age, and all are to be protected and kept safe. The continued expectation of Archbishop Thompson is that a face covering be worn at all liturgies, and at all times within our parish buildings. If our activities are outside, we can ease up. The greater danger is within the confined space. He still encourages safe distancing, and sanitizing hands, every time we pass in and out of the buildings.

Concerning COVID-19 vaccinations: ALL are strongly encouraged to receive the vaccine “to promote the common good and protect the health of the most vulnerable among us.” But, note there is **no policy requiring** parishioners, or volunteers, to get vaccinated. They go on to quote from a recent USCCB document which states: “Being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

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.

SOMETHING AMAZING IS HERE for our youth!!!!!!!!!!

A year ago, we started talking at our Deanery meeting about developing a **Youth Retreat** experience here in the Batesville Deanery. Some of the priests and youth leaders have been involved in planning, and are happy to announce the first ever **Intense Youth Conference**, will take place this summer June 18-20. It will be held at St. Leon, and cost will be only \$100.00 per youth to cover the speakers, and fees. The event will all be outside including two overnights, (in tents). It will also include opportunities for adoration, confession, and fireworks! It will end on Sunday with a closing Mass at 11:00 am. The retreat is open to all kids 8th grade through senior in high School. The team is actively recruiting youth team leaders to be trained in advance to assist with group activities. If interested in leadership, application must receive validation from pastor or PLC. The Deanery is so proud to be offering this opportunity! Learn more and register at

WWW.INTENSECONFERENCE.NET. Invite your friends! Expecting 250 to 300. Registrations. First come first serve. Registration will close when maximum safe number is reached.

St Maurice Catholic Church in Napoleon is having a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, May 7 from 8 AM until 6 PM and on Saturday May 8 from 8 AM until Noon at the Parish Hall on Hwy 229. Saturday is \$2 Bag Day!

Please congratulate, and pray for our **First Communion** students who are receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time today: **Avery AmRhein, Braydon Baltus, Reese Gault, Daniel Hornberger, Henry Nobbe, Hudson Ortmen, Emily Stier, Jacob Stier, Kathryn Stier, and Cohen Watts.**

And they could use your support and fine modeling as well. They are indeed watching and listening as all of us receive the **Body of Christ** each Sunday. So, let's review and brush up on our own reception of the Eucharist!

- First off, we process up to the communion station observing social distancing, that is, six feet of space between each person.
- Secondly, we stop and bow before receiving, (while the person before you is receiving).
- Thirdly, we make eye contact with the person presenting Jesus, and when introduced to the "Body of Christ" we respond clearly, and audibly "**AMEN.**"
- We extend our arms, and cup our hands to **receive**. We don't reach out and **take** the gift! We refer to that as "Body Snatching." The Body of Christ will be **placed** into your hands.
- We move slowly, we don't rush! Our goal is to make this exchange "no touch" meaning that the hands of the person receiving should not touch the hands of the person distributing. If hands touch, chances are you are moving too quickly.
- Those too young, or for another reason, choosing not to receive, may approach the communion station with arms crossed, signaling that they are not receiving. All people present are encouraged to reverently approach the station, to be actively involved in this rite of reception. During this time of COVID, a **verbal** blessing "God bless you" will be imparted, but no one will be touched.
- The receiving person will then return reverently to their seats, and will enter into a prayer of **thanksgiving** for this wondrous gift of life received! This is the perfect time to say "thank you" to Jesus for coming into your life, for touching your heart!

Please be reminded, and please model for our young parishioners how to receive this most precious gift! Show them how important it is to you by your reverence and respect.

MEMORIAL MASS -You may be aware that many people were **not able** to have a formal funeral during our year of COVID. Those hospitalized were not even able to have company or family attendance during their last hours. All were given a **proper burial**, but some families would like a bit more closure. We have attempted to schedule a group Memorial Mass several times, and each time it is cancelled due to more COVID diagnosis. We are trying once again, on June 6th following our usual Sunday Mass (men have volunteered to sing), we will **remember** each person buried at Immaculate Conception during this past year. Please join us and invite extended family or friends. Following Mass, we hope to go to the cemetery to bless any graves that have not yet been blessed.

FREE event! The E6 Catholic Men's Conference, in association with All Saints Parish and The Kings Men Catholic men's group, invite you to The Glory of Masculinity, a half day men's retreat featuring Mark Houck, founder of the Kings Men, a national Catholic men's group that has traveled, sponsored and lectured at conferences, workshops and retreats for thousands of men all throughout the United States. Featuring Fr. Jonathan Meyer of All Saints Parish, and organized by the group that brings you the E6 Catholic Men's Conference. We look forward to seeing you on May 22nd! The event starts at 9am and ends at 12:30pm. Free registration! Light breakfast and lunch provided. Register now as space is limited and will sell out.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/e6-presents-the-glory-of-masculinity-mens-half-day-retreat-w-mark-houck-tickets-150435924901?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

The Decatur County Right to Life will be hosting a **Bob Rust Memorial Dinner**.

May 21st 2021, 4:00pm -7:00pm, Knights of St Johns Hall Greensburg, 312 S Wilder St, Greensburg, IN 47240

DRIVE THRU ONLY. Your Choice of Grilled pork chop or chicken breast, green beans, macaroni and cheese & roll. \$10 per meal. Tickets are required. Please contact any member of our group to get yours!

Patricia 812-614-2528, Carol 812-614-0680, Kate 812-614-0987, Monica 812-614-4873, Pat 812-614-0595.