

May 16, 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

Today we honor our high school **graduates**: Tony Schwering, Colton Johannigman, Brian Wittkamper, Emily Georgi, and Ben Stier. This is a milestone to be commended and celebrated! Each one will be introduced along with a snapshot of their future plans. Please remember them in prayers as they **transition**, and continue their faith journey!

Remember in Prayer: Dennis DiGiusto, Benji Ortman, Rylie Bennett, and all of those for whom we have promised to pray. Remember especially the family friends and classmates of Fr. Jey, who reside in India, where the COVID virus is taking the country by storm. India is second only to the United States in Covid cases, however, they are ill prepared to medically serve this growing population. They don't have the hospitals, oxygen, medications, personnel, nor financial resources to meet the need. All travel to and from India has been halted. We are asked to support them with our prayers.

Mass Intentions:

May 16 – The Ascension – Carolyn Schoettmer
May 23 – Pentecost Sunday – Barbara Sandhage
May 30 – Trinity Sunday – Cheryl Johannigman
June 6 – Corpus Christi – Nick & Rose Ann Schwering
June 13 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Barbara Sandhage
June 20 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jim Meyer
June 27 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cheryl Johannigman

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: May 9, 2021	
*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$2,064.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$3.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$10.00
Clarity Pregnancy Center	\$226.00
Total Collections:	\$2,303.00

The Special Collection: Today we take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC to connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Indianapolis Archdiocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Dates to Remember:

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, after Mass.
June 20 – Our annual Father's Day "Pop Collection" to secure funding for soda pop for Auction Day.

Liturgical Ministries

May 16 Ascension

Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

Lector: Ben Stier

Musicians: Men's Choir

May 23 Pentecost

Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Melea Gault

Schwerings with Abby

Liturgy Notes: While Church attendance is **not** mandated, **all** parishioners, of any age, are encouraged to resume liturgy attendance, because **Mass attendance is a Privilege and a Joy**. The “coming together” is our way to support one another, to build up our community. The Eucharist is our source of nourishment, the food for our spirits. 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 a bit. The greater danger is within the confined space. He still encourages safe distancing, and sanitizing of hands, every time we pass in and out of the buildings.

We have resumed using the Holy Water font (optional) We have weeks ago resumed using the tabernacle to house the Blessed Sacrament. Along with this resuming use of the tabernacle, we were asked to **restrict access** to the tabernacle to one person only. We may discontinue sanitizing the microphone after each use, and indeed, may now **decrease** sanitizing the church benches and surfaces touched each week. (Notice this says decrease, not discontinue. But it is a step in the right direction.) In addition, if our numbers stay low, we will discontinue the signing in process. The ushers will (probably forever) need to get an accurate head count. That process was initiated long before COVID hit our state. Attendance records guide lots of decisions, especially allocation of scarce resources, our priests. If all continues to go well, we will soon replace the hymnals in our pews. Again, we are not encouraged, nor discouraged any longer from singing. But as long as all are masked, it is hoped we will diminish the spread of virus that is amplified by projecting our voices. Officially, choirs continue to be forbidden at this time, unless they are secluded and distanced. Thank heavens for our choir loft, which helps us to meet those requirements.

A reminder, concerning our internal doors: all are required to remain open, to allow for the greatest air flow possible, regardless of heat, or cooled air lost. Like the masking, this will probably remain in place for a considerable time.

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. The memo goes 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.

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 has been cancelled due to more COVID diagnosis. We are trying once again to honor and memorialize these parishioners, 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. If you have prayer cards or pictures of these loved ones, please bring them to share, in the entry way tables.

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.

Beginnings and Endings:

- After many long years of baking, cooking, calling and coordinating, Eileen Moorman has turned over the parish records and keys for funeral meals. The records reflect all volunteers over the past 40 plus years, and Eileen has been part of the process for most of that time. We don't want to miss this opportunity to thank her for this wonderful ministry! At the time of a death, families are so grateful for this service and kindness. Due to the COVID precautions, this loving ministry has been suspended for the past year or more. When it might resume we still don't know, but new regulations around food service will greatly impact its future.
- Graduation is an ending, as well as a new beginning. Today we celebrate those in our parish who are marking this milestone! We especially focus on those who finish High school, ending a special time of growth and development, and signaling a new step into an unknown future. It is an exciting time as they accept scholarships, take on new roles of responsibility, move away from home, assume more independence, and really dive into the dreams for their future! Please join us in celebrating and honoring them!
- Planning for our annual fundraiser has officially begun! Please mark August 14th on your calendars for the **Immaculate Conception Community Auction**. While some people haven't begun to circulate yet, others are filled with anxious anticipation! We may have to make some modifications. Our end goal is making money for our parish, but **safety for all** needs to be our biggest concern. We are calling for all of you! We need everyone to help fill all of the volunteer posts that are needed. Chairperson Tim Hoeing is leading the way. There are just 13 weeks before the big day, with a lot of work to be done. Everyone working together will accomplish the goal!