

**June 13, 2021**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN**

*“We, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis,  
joyfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people  
by living his mission of mercy, hope and salvation.”*

*Bulletin information is due by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. [sisterdonna@millhousechurch.com](mailto:sisterdonna@millhousechurch.com)*

**Sr Christine** is celebrating her **60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee** this year, and we offer her our congratulations! So, what is a jubilee? It is a year of celebration, a special anniversary! A year of special blessings! In this case, celebrating 60 years as a Franciscan Sister. You may want to send her a note or a card thanking her for many years of service! Her mailing address is: Sister Christine Ernstes, P.O. Box 100, Oldenburg, Indiana 47036-0100.,

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

**Mass Intentions:**

June 13 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Barbara Sandhage

June 20 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jim Meyer

June 27 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cheryl Johannigman

<b>Stewardship of Treasure:</b> Our Sunday Collections: June 6, 2021	
*Needed <b>each</b> weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$3,056.00
Education of Future Priests:	\$360.00
Cemetery:	\$50.00
National Communications Campaign:	\$20.00
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$3,486.00</b>

A week from today, June 20, we celebrate Father’s Day, and, as is our tradition, we have the “Pop Collection” on Pop’s Day, for the soft drinks needed for the Auction Day sales. We are planning on moving forward with the Auction, so the collection is scheduled. However, in addition, there is a special collection scheduled that same day this year, the national Peter’s Pence Collection to support the works of the Holy Father. The envelope for that collection is in your box. So as not to confuse the funding, a special collection container will be placed in the entryway for the “Pop Collection” and donations may be collected for that fund over several weeks. Look for the special jar marked “Pop Collection” in the entryway.

**Liturgical Ministries**

**June 13**

**Ushers:** Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

**Sacristan:** Sister Donna

**Lector:** LaDonna Hoeing

**Musicians:** Men’s Choir

**Counters:** Josh Hornberger, June Johannigman

**June 20**

Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Ladonna Hoeing

Melea Gault

Women’s Choir

Josh Hornberger, Steve AmRhein

**June Church Cleaning:** Lois Johannigman, Chairperson, Jeannie Harrison, Carrie Stier, Nancy Vanderpohl, and Kate Bedel.

\*A group of ladies has decided to begin **praying the rosary** together on Monday mornings at 10:30 in the church, for the intention of the parish. If you are home on Mondays and have a little time, please come join in.

**Liturgy Notes: The dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation has now ended.** All parishioners, of any age, are encouraged to resume liturgy attendance, because the obligation to attend **Mass is a joyful one**. The “coming together” is our way to support one another, to build up our community. The celebration of the Eucharist at Mass is the source and summit of our life and mission as Catholics. It is our nourishment, the food for our spirits.

Archbishop Thompson strongly encourages us to continue the use of face coverings at all liturgies, and at all times within our parish buildings. If our activities are outside, we can be less concerned. 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 our buildings. The ushers will guide you if there is a change, and will continue assisting anyone who needs help finding a safer location.

Again, we are not encouraged, nor discouraged any longer from singing, you can join in if you like. Hymn books are in the pews and numbers are posted. We have resumed our Processionals and Recessionals.

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. A segment from a recent USCCB document 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 sooner we can all get vaccinated, the sooner we will reach herd immunity, and the sooner all can return to normal. In the meantime, we are making strides.

**Parish Council** – three members of our current parish council are completing their three-year terms. If you are interested in serving your parish on this very important advisory board, please call the office to add your name to our ballot. The term of service would be from July 2021 to June 2024. Parish Council generally meets 4-5 times per year, not more than every two months.

Planning for our annual fundraiser has officially begun! Please mark August 14<sup>th</sup> 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 to how we **do** Auction to keep everyone safe. 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 9 weeks left before the big day, with a lot of work to be done. Everyone working together will accomplish the goal!

But we did receive our **Eucharistic Minister** appointments this week from the Archbishop, with a note encouraging at least an annual meeting to review the sacred privilege and functions of this role. Appointments for the role of Eucharistic Ministers are made for a three-year term, June 2021 to June 2024. All prior terms, here at Immaculate Conception, have expired. Those newly appointed, are the only ones who may serve in taking the Holy Eucharist to the homes of shut-ins, hospitals, nursing homes, and may assist to distribute the Eucharist at Mass as needed.

Only the pastor/PLC or the designee, may access the tabernacle, and only in special need. The Eucharist is generally to be taken from the table of celebration on Sunday morning directly to the appointed homebound parishioner, which enables the homebound parishioner to be part of our parish celebration. It is carried in a special box (a pyx), and that special box is blessed and carried in the special care of the Eucharistic Minister, not passed off to others, not laid to wait in a car, in a purse, in a home or any other resting place.

Those appointed for this special ministry, are chosen from a list compiled by the pastor, of people who consistently attend Mass, who model great respect for the Eucharist, who live Christian lives, following all Church guidelines and meeting all qualifications of active Catholics as outlined for reception of the sacraments, and for sponsors. In addition, they must be responsible and willing. We thank them for this dedicated service.

We are planning to have the brief “**Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers**” next weekend, June 20<sup>th</sup>, during Mass. Those to be Commissioned, and all those who had pyxes prior, are asked to return them, so that we can return those borrowed from other sources at the beginning of the pandemic. We recently purchased (at a bargain price) pyxes of our own. Father will bless them on Sunday, and each one taking the Eucharist to the homebound, will be presented with one as they are commissioned. Please thank and pray for the people committed to this faithful service! They are: Steve AmRhein, Joseph Diekhoff, Julie Diekhoff, Jeanne Fry, Melea Gault, Cynthia Hermes, Ladonna Hoeing, Norbert Hoeing, Cynthia Johannigman, Mark Stier.

To assist us in encouraging parishioners to return to the Eucharist with joy, the Archdiocese has prepared a number of very brief videos, each addressing a specific facet of what a gift and privilege it is for us to attend Sunday Mass. These video clips may be shared far and wide, using every digital communication means at our disposal. We can use them as a tool for evangelization. They may also be useful for individual and small group prayer and reflection, or for discussion.

We have a great opportunity, at this time, to highlight the centrality of Mass, the Eucharist and all of the sacraments, in ways that engage the minds and hearts of the faithful – encouraging them to make Mass a top priority each and every weekend. We pray these resources will be helpful to you as you continue to invite each other, and all parishioners, to return to the Eucharist with joy.

\*\*\* All resources are available at [www.archindy.org/UnitedInTheEucharist](http://www.archindy.org/UnitedInTheEucharist) .\*\*\*

We received this request to publish a few weeks ago:

Adoption: We are ready to adopt and love a baby! If you know of anyone who is looking to place their baby with a loving Catholic family, please contact us or visit our website at **[chooseliforme.com](http://chooseliforme.com)**

Phone: (812) 212-6114

Email: [jess@chooseliforme.com](mailto:jess@chooseliforme.com)

God Bless!

David & Jess Gasper (St. Ann's Catholic Church in Jennings County)