

June 20, 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@millhouseschurch.com

Happy Father’s Day, to all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, God-Fathers, and all men nurturing and supporting life for all of us! May God bless and reward each one for your strength and courage, your witness to our faith, your example of love and support!

Mass Intentions:

June 20 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jim Meyer
June 27 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cheryl Johannigman
July 4 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Charlotte Redelman
July 11 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Harold Klosterkemper
July 18 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Arthur Duerstock
July 25 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cheryl Johannigman

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: June 13, 2021	
*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$2,242.00
Education of Future Priests:	\$50.00
Cemetery:	\$100.00
Maintenance:	\$50.00
Pop for Auction:	\$45.00
Total Collections:	\$2,487.00

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 20

Ushers: Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe
Sacristan: Ladonna Hoeing
Lector: Melea Gault
Musicians: Women’s Choir
Counters: Josh Hornberger, Steve AmRhein

June 27

Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler
LaDonna Hoeing
Jerry Fry
Women’s Choir
Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

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

*A group of ladies has been **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 each Sunday. 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, food for our spirits, and our source of joy.

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 seating location.

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.

Exchange of Peace: As we are resuming many actions and behaviors of our pre-COVID lives, Fr. Jey introduced back into our liturgy, the exchange of PEACE. A good move on his part! But he neglected to remind everyone that this action is to be “touchless” as long as we are social distancing. He took that for granted. Some of us did not. We may nod or wave or smile, or verbally greet, but we are encouraged to NOT shake hands, hug, or in anyway touch another. This is understood throughout the diocese and encourages respect for the other. It is easy to fall back into old patterns, but hard not to. Be at PEACE.

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 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 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 8 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 last 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.

Today we will be “**Commissioning the Eucharistic Ministers**” during Mass. All are asked to return the pyxes being used, so that we can return them to the parishes we borrowed from at the beginning of the pandemic. We recently purchased (at a bargain price) pyxes of our own. Father has already blessed them, 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! For the next three years, 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 .***

Sr Christine is celebrating her **60th 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.

We are continually being asked to share, **to support life** in all of its forms, and in every aspect of our living. Last weekend we were approached by a couple seeking to adopt, and asking for contact with anyone willing to give their baby up for adoption, or anyone caught in an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy. This is one way to support life! Those approaching marriage are asked to promise to accept new life willingly as God blesses them. And those approaching death are asked to embrace new life as it is promised.

Today, another way to support life: we are asked to **open our hearts and homes to host exchange students** from Europe and Asia. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and hope to arrive in August to begin their new high school. For more information about this noble cause, please see the insert today. The parish would be rewarded with a donation of \$400.00 for each student we can assist in placing.