

**July 18, 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)*

**Mass Intentions:**

July 18 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Arthur Duerstock

July 25 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cheryl Johannigman

August 1 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Charlotte Redelman

August 8 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Harold Klosterkemper

August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John

August 22 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jim Meyer

August 29 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cheryl Johannigman

**Stewardship of Treasure:** Our Sunday Collections: Members of the Ladies Auxiliary July 11, 2021

*Needed <b>each</b> weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,640.00
Cemetery:	\$50.00
Peter’s Pence:	\$25.00
Maintenance:	\$75.00
Church Repair:	\$500.00
Pop for the Auction:	\$112.00
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$2402.00</b>

**Liturgical Ministries**

**July 18**

**Ushers:** Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler, Brian Wittkamper

**Sacristan:** Sister Donna

**Lector:** Melea Gault

**Musicians:** Women’s Choir

**Counters:** Josh Hornberger, Steve AmRhein

**July 25**

Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

LaDonna Hoeing

Jeanne Fry

Woman’s Choir

Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

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

\***Rosary** for the parish, Monday mornings at 10:30 in the church. All are welcome.

**Liturgy Notes:** 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 center of our life and mission as Catholics. It is our nourishment, food for our spirits, our source of joy, and a “joyful **obligation**” each and every Sunday, as members of the Catholic Church. As always, those who are **sick or homebound are exempt from this obligation.**

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) .\*\*\***

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, and we are vaccinated, 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. **For those who are vaccinated**, and sitting with family members who are also vaccinated, masks are no longer required.

**Exchange of Peace:** A reminder that the gesture of offering peace to one another is to be “touchless” as we move forward. 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, and 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.” This message is sent from Pope Francis, Archbishop Thompson, the State Department of Health, the World Health Organization, etc. One hears it every time we tune into the news. As I monitor the state numbers each week, it is clear Indiana is doing well in keeping the virus spread under control. Those states which have not embraced the vaccine are spiking again; new diagnosis, hospitalizations and deaths are again on the rise. Symptoms from the variant strain are much more severe, and almost always are found in those not yet vaccinated.

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It has recently been announced that the first ever **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated this year on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Pope Francis has chosen to designate this special occasion to give a joyous message of pride and support to each and every grandparent and elderly person, even the most isolated.

With this in mind, it would be especially meaningful if, as the Day approaches, the scripture message that was announced today – **“I am with you always” (Mt. 28:20)** – could be delivered by every grandchild to their own grandparents, and by young people everywhere, to the lonely elderly members of their communities.

We will dedicate our Sunday Mass next weekend to Grandparents and the elderly, and pray to Sts. Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, whose feast is celebrated on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

As I visited in the nursing homes this week, I was thinking about the importance of this special feast for grandparents and the elderly. These residents are the ones who really felt the isolation of COVID and are so appreciative when they are remembered and visited or called. As I made my way around, each one asked first about all of you, and then about the Auction. They want to be connected, and part of all that is happening. Teresa Bruns, Marilyn Horan, Pauline Schoettmer, and Elaine Jacobs, all send greetings to you! They are doing well and would love to be returning to Church, but are unable. In addition, some of those who remain at home with family caregivers, would also love to be returning to Church. They include, but are not limited to: Alfred and Bernice Diekhoff, Ruth Hamilton, Evelyn Johannigman, Evelyn Keifer, and Rosemary Scheidler. I'm sure there are more. Now that precautions are lifting, it would be a great gift to reach out and visit these "grandparents" of our parish. A few minutes of our time is the best gift, and the best way to say thank you for all that they have first given to us.

**Auction:** Beginning this morning, **Raffle** tickets are available, and will be handed to you as you leave the building. (We are no longer restricted on handing out material.) Please take **more** than you usually do and help sell them to everyone you meet, neighbors, relatives, friends, strangers on the street, anyone. And take a few with you wherever you go. Most people love the gamble of a raffle! And we need the sales! The proceeds again this year are being put to good use here at home. Two years ago, we supported the Steeple project, and this year we are dedicating all proceeds from the raffle to the "repair the Church" fund, also known as the "painting project." As always, the prizes are donated, and the list is looking good! If you have something to offer as a prize for the raffle please contact Donnie Fry. He will speak to us before Mass this morning. And, he will accept your cash and ticket stubs each Sunday from now until Auction Day. Let's sell!

Multiple people are asking about pies for the Auction Day. **Homemade Pies** are always a big attraction! And various people are interested in baking and contributing. I found out today that pies are needed and welcomed. A sign-up sheet should appear on the table in the entryway.

There is a stack of **bright yellow flyers** in the entryway as well. Pick up a few and help us advertise! Drop them in shops or place under windshield wipers of parked cars, or put them on bulletin boards where you work. Whatever works. We can make more flyers if we run out.

**WELCOME:** We welcome Fr. Binu Matthew, as pastor, for the next six years, at St. John, Osgood. In addition to his assignment in Osgood, he has been assigned to be our "backup" when Fr Jey is away, or sick or otherwise occupied. Welcome Fr. Binu!

And now that we have an assigned "backup" priest we have been **reminded** that as parishioners, we are not to engage in securing our own priest for sacraments or celebrations. All sacraments, and parish celebrations, including baptisms and Funerals, are to be coordinated and scheduled through the parish office. We have heard multiple times not to burden our elder, semi-retired priests. And now we have been reminded not to burden Fr. John Meyer any further as well. We need to respect the boundaries, and not ask or invite other priests to meet our needs or wants. Scheduling the sacraments and all Liturgies in a parish is always the responsibility of the Pastor/PLC, not the choice of the individual or family involved. No priest wants to disappoint you or say no to a request. But they are more burdened than we sometimes realize, and assignments are made to even out the work load. Fr. John has been very good to us and we are grateful!