

**July 25, 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](mailto:sisterdonna@millhouseschurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

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):	\$1,987.00
Cemetery:	\$70.00
Maintenance:	\$200.00
Church Repair:	0.00
Pop for the Auction:	\$20.00
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$2,277.00</b>

**Liturgical Ministers**

**July 25**

**Ushers:** Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

**Sacristan:** LaDonna Hoeing

**Lector:** Melea Gault

**Musicians:** Women's Choir

**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

**August 1**

**Cross Bearer:** Jerry Fry

Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

LaDonna Hoeing

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Women's Choir

**Eucharistic Minister:** Norbert Hoeing

Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

**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. **Mass is 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) .\*\*\***

**For those who are vaccinated**, and sitting with family members who are also vaccinated, masks are no longer required. They are required for those distributing communion.

**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, however, the variant strain is increasing, especially among those unvaccinated. 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, 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 today 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>. Now that precautions are lifting, it would be a great gift to reach out and visit the “grandparents” of our parish. A few minutes of our time is a great gift, and the best way to say thank you for all that they have first given to us.

At the end of Mass today we will have a blessing for all Grandparents. You may stand or remain sitting.

**Auction: Raffle** tickets are available. Please stop by Donnie’s table as you leave the building. 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 also collect 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! Pies are needed and welcomed. A sign-up sheet is now posted 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.

There will be no bulletin published next weekend, as Sister will be away. If there are any emergencies, her cell phone will be turned on. Please just leave a message.

#### **A note from The Coordinator of Religious Ed:**

We are looking forward to another great year of Religious Education at Immaculate Conception! The Registration packet is now available at the back of church. If you would like the packet emailed to you, please reach out to Melea Gault at 812-614-8874.

- Registration Forms & Payment are due to the parish office by August 8.
- Classes will remain on Sunday’s after mass until 10:45am.
- We are offering classes for 1st grade – 9th grade.
- WE NEED CATECHISTS and AIDES for our program! If you have the time to invest in our youth, we will be grateful!
- We communicate changes and reminders through the app REMIND. Send a text to 81010 and text this message @icchurhff to join our group.

**St. Maurice Church in Napoleon** is hosting a Community **Blood Drive** at their parish hall on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon until 6:00 pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be scheduled online at [www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon), or Hoxworth at 800-830-1091, or call Arlene Gehl at 812-852-4394. Walk-Ins will be accommodated as social distance protocol allows.

**Family Clothes Closet – FREE!!!!** Will be held at the Westport Baptist Church Outreach Center on Main Street, across from the church. People may attend between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on August 11 & 12. Also open on Friday, August 13, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Thank you, to **Stier Heating and Cooling, INC.** for cutting us a great deal this week! They saved the parish a ton of money! They reduced the cost of the merchandise, (an Air Conditioner), honored our tax exemption, and threw in the labor of installation (two men for 6 plus hours) for free! What a great deal! Most, most grateful!!!

And when it rains it pours! Thank you to Mike Bedel for tending to a plumbing emergency!

The **Finance Committee** met on Thursday evening to learn the fine details of that intense committee. Thanks to parishioners Alison Ortman, and Norbert Bedel for offering themselves for this new appointment. And thank you to Alex Fledderman and Kevin Stier for three years of faithful service! These new recruits have a lot to live up to!

**Board of Directors** – Annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass, in the Parish Office.

# I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

# WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

## #IAMWITHYOUALWAYS



## PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for  
those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You  
call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.  
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.

Amen.