

August 8, 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

Mass Intentions:

August 8 – 19th 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 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jim Meyer

August 29 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cheryl Johannigman

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: August 1, 2021

*Needed **each** weekend to meet budget: \$2,800.00

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1,308.00

Maintenance: \$520.00

Total Collections: \$1,828.00

Liturgical Ministers

August 8

Cross Bearer: Tim Scheidler

Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

Sacristan: Sister Donna

Lector: Ben Stier

Musicians: Women’s Choir

Counters: Steve AmRhein, June Johannigman

August 15 (Assumption)

Randy Huff

Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Mark Hermes

LaDonna Hoeing

Niki Johannigman

Men’s Choir

Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

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 .*****

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. Concerning Religious Ed: vaccines and masks are not currently required. However, unless other direction comes from the Archdiocese, we will follow the protocols of the South Decatur School System.

Well, our big day is approaching! Auction 2021 is just around the corner!!!

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! And we still need more **volunteers!!**

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.

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. (Today!)**
- 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 @icchurchff to join our group.

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.

Board of Directors – Annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, at 6:00 pm, in the Parish Office.

Dates to Remember:

August 12 – (Thursday) Put up tents and prepare the grounds.

August 13 – (Friday) “Treasure Day” – we receive all of the Auction treasures.

August 14 – (Saturday) The Big Day, **Auction 2021**

August 15 – (Sunday) the Solemnity of the Assumption (usually a Holy Day) Mary is taken to heaven!

August 18 – (Wednesday) Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm

August 22 – (Sunday) Mission Appeal Sunday, Missionary Fr. Frank M. Falco, OSM. will be here to celebrate.

August 24 – Post Auction Meeting, to send out consigner checks, 6:00 pm

September 1 – Catechists Meeting 7:00 pm in the school hall.

September 12 – Religious Education begins immediately following Mass

Concerning the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession) We have had a long history of offering the sacrament, every Sunday before Mass. But when Fr. Bill left us in September, that ended and a time after Mass was offered as an alternative. Our numbers had been dropping off for a few years, so when no one was coming every Sunday, we asked what time would be good for you. No responses came in, so we have continued to scan the back of church, each Sunday morning, the St. Denis bench in particular, to look for folks waiting for the sacrament. We have had no one for quite some time.

Beginning this month, August, we are going back to a time **before** Mass. **Every third Sunday of the month, at 8:10 am**, Fr. Jey will be in the confessional. Maybe going back to our old pattern will be helpful.

In December, as always, we will offer an **Advent Penance Service**, to accommodate all of the Religious Ed. students. This year it will be on **December 5th** during the regular Religious Ed. class time, that is right after Mass. **ALL Parishioners are welcome to attend.** More details to come.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be arranged individually, but must be planned well in advance. Fr. Jey has another Mass following ours. To have your child baptized please call the parish office to arrange.

St. Catherine of Siena, Enochsburg campus, will host their annual Church Picnic on Sunday September 5, 2021, the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend.

St. Anthony, Morris, will host their annual Church Picnic on Monday, Labor Day, as is their tradition. Both parishes offer Fried Chicken dinners, mock turtle soup, games and raffles. Please support them as they support us! Please see bulletin board for flyers.