

September 26, 2021

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN

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Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call the parish office to schedule.
Sacrament of **Reconciliation** is available every third Sunday of the month, at 8:10 AM
Sacrament of **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Please call the parish office for sacramental preparation.
Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Please call the parish office prior to setting your wedding date.

Bulletin information is due by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions:

September 26 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Velma Ortman
October 3 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Charlotte Redelman
October 10 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Harold Klosterkemper
October 17 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Alex Veerkamp
October 24 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Martha Fry
October 31 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Velma Ortman

Liturgical Ministers: Sept. 26

Cross Bearer: Mitch Nobbe

Ushers: Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Mark Hermes

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Lector: Ben Stier

Musicians: the Ortman's

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

Oct. 3

Mary Jo Wenning

Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

Sister Donna

Melea Gault

Men's Choir

Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: September 19, 2021

*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,800.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,233.00
Catholic University of America:	\$40.00
Religious Education:	\$300.00
Mission Appeal:	\$10.00
Total Collections:	\$1,583.00

Next Sunday, special collection for our **ENERGY NEEDS**, fuel. Envelope is in your box.

Remember in Prayer: Benji Ortman, Joseph Diekhoff, Rosemary Albright, Dan Knoche, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, a special intention, and all those for whom we have promised to pray. In

addition, please pray for a safe vaccine for our children, and for all those in our community who are suffering again from COVID.

A reminder again, to please stay home if you are sick or have any symptoms of COVID. All are encouraged to mask, hand sanitize and safe distance out of respect for one another.

Dates to Remember:

*Rosary for our Parish – each Monday morning at 10:30 a.m., and each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Since all parish space has been reallocated due to the painting project and the beginning of Religious Ed., the School Hall has become our temporary worship space. Rosary and Bible Study will be in the School Hall.

Painting Project: It has been a slow start indeed, but all furniture and floors have been covered, some of the scraping has already occurred, and the scaffolding waits in the parking lot for construction on Monday. A reminder to pray that no problems develop **here**, and for the safety of our crew.

Note: Please support our neighbors at Holy Family, Oldenburg (Oct. 3) who have been forced to reduce their parish festival to **drive through meals only**. Due to timing, we were blessed!

The **Care of Creation Task Force** offers for the **“Season of Creation” Sept. 1- Oct. 4**, weekly prayer sheets. Week 4 is attached.

Mark your Calendars for the annual Decatur County Right to Life, **34th National Life Chain**, on Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in remembrance of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Bring God’s love to our hurting world.

Please meet at Arby’s. We will line up down Lincoln Street towards the hospital.

Angels, our companions - Next Wednesday, September 29, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the three Archangels mentioned in the scriptures. Then on Saturday, October 2, we observe the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels, our faithful but unseen companions on life’s journey. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church “The existence of the spiritual beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith. With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God, hearkening to the voice of his word.” Some angels have played significant roles in the history of our salvation. Other angels are more ordinary, and often unnamed companions who serve as our guardians and guides as we journey through life on our way to heaven. The Church teaches, “angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures.” Each of us is blessed with a personal companion, a guardian angel, who accompanies us throughout our life’s journey, a protector and guide whose whole purpose is to lead us safely to heaven. No one walks alone. Let us praise and thank God for the gift of angels with us always.

“Season of Creation” prayers provided by the Care of Creation Task Force

Week Four: ECOLOGICAL EXAMEN (Catholic Climate Covenant, Feast of St. Francis)

1. Gratitude

I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. Where did I feel God’s presence in creation today?

2. Awareness

I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in its entire splendor and suffering. Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?

3. Understanding

I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable.

What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation?

How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?

4. Conversion: I ask for the grace of conversion toward ecological justice and reconciliation. Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?

5. Reconciliation

I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions.

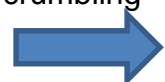
How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?

6. Prayer

Prayer of Love and Healing for Earth

O God of All Names and Beyond All Names, I pray in great gratitude this holy day for Love. Love raises the sun and greets me in each drop of water I drink, in each crumb of bread I taste, in each smile and tear I touch, in each child I meet. In a mantle of awe I stand enwrapped. My feet rest upon Earth and my head meets the moon.

O Holy One, our times are fraught with challenge. Our Earth suffers climatic chaos, Men, women and children suffer from wounds of conflict, droughts, floods and crumbling economic systems. All manner of suffering and questions press into my soul.



My small beating heart does not seem large enough, yet daily it keeps expanding beyond body boundaries into Compassion.

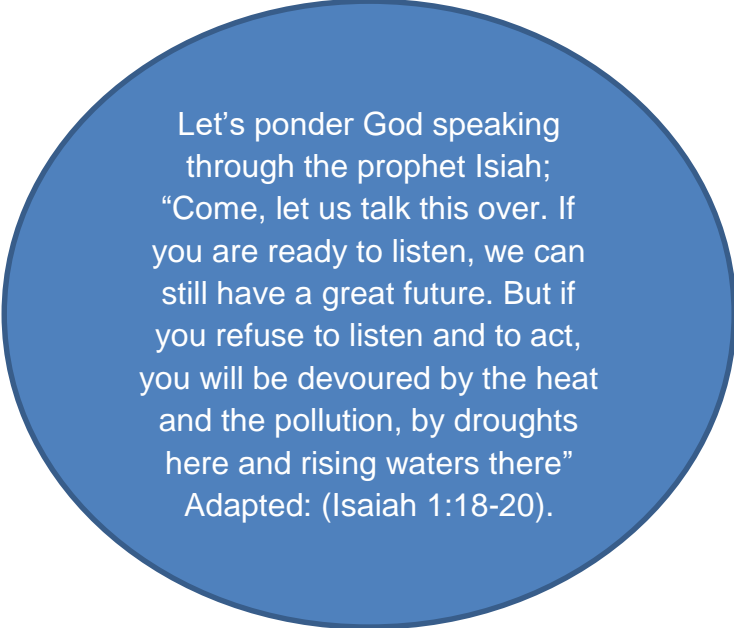
Each morning Love rises beyond a known horizon in the unknown day. Each morning Hope beckons me into my stardust destiny. Each noontime Grace feeds me with Love. Each evening an invisible Breath enfolds me in a shawl of mercy.

O Holy one Who Is Love, Hope, Grace and Breath transform our sadness and doubt into songs for Life. We pray for our beloved planet and all brothers and sisters.

May healing waters bathe the rivers and oceans. May small, deliberate actions grow seeds of Earth justice. May one prophetic note of the smallest birdsong courageously sung on a busy street at dawn inspire leaders to free their voices to speak for the Common Good and future generations.

O God of All Names and Beyond All Names, Whose Face is Love
May I and we collectively be the face of Transforming Love In this moment, in this day, in these times. Amen.

From "Full Circle" by Howard Shapiro



Let's ponder God speaking
through the prophet Isaiah;
"Come, let us talk this over. If
you are ready to listen, we can
still have a great future. But if
you refuse to listen and to act,
you will be devoured by the heat
and the pollution, by droughts
here and rising waters there"
Adapted: (Isaiah 1:18-20).

"Where it starts is with each one's seeing, yes, mine and yours," Pope Francis writes.

"Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption" (Laudato Si' 24)

As St. Francis said toward the end of his life, "I have done what was mine to do".

It is fitting to ask ourselves: What is mine to do? What is ours to do together as a community?