

October 10, 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:

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: Oct. 10

Cross Bearer: Tim Scheidler
Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler
Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing
Lector: Jerry Fry
Musicians: Women’s Choir
Counters: Steve AmRhein, June Johannigman

Oct. 17

Mitch Nobbe
Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Mark Hermesch
Sister Donna
Jeannie Fry
Men’s Choir
Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: October 3, 2021

*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$2,182.00
Religious Education:	\$95.00
Energy (fuel)	\$900.00
Total Collections:	\$3,177.00

Remember in Prayer: Benji Ortman, Kalen Wolfe, (off ventilator), Colin Jones, (22-year-old, dying of cancer), Rosemary Albright, Dan Knoche, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, a special intention, for the families and loved ones grieving losses, and for 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 continue to suffer from COVID and related issues.

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 – in the School Hall, each Monday morning at 10:30 a.m., and each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

- October 10 – No Religious Ed. due to fall break.
- October 12 – Finance Committee Meeting, 4:45 pm
- October 17 – Third Sunday of the month, confessions before Mass (2 East classroom)
- October 17 – Living Rosary, following Mass
- November 1 – (Mon.) All Saints Day Mass at 6:00 pm (following Mass we will remember those who have died this past year.)

Wedding Bells! On Saturday, October 23, parishioner Christopher Mathias Johannigman, and Katlin Audale Schmittler will be joined in holy matrimony, at St. Catherine of Siena Church (Enochsburg location), at 2:30 pm, followed by a reception at the Knights of St. John Hall, here in Millhousen. Please join in congratulating them on this most happy occasion!

Painting Project: The scaffolding remains in place, and one area is finished (above the organ). Everything else is still quite unsightly. But progress is being made. Scraping and patching, mudding and sanding, (and a little painting) continue. Each worker goes about their tasks with purpose and skill. And for the most part they work in silence respecting the quiet of our sanctuary. A reminder to pray for the safety of our crew, and for a satisfactory completion to the project.

The **Indiana Department of Health** continues to work diligently to curb the pandemic among us. Guidelines are summarized here.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reviewed the U.S. FDA's amended Emergency Use Authorization of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for booster doses, and has approved it. A "booster dose" refers to another dose of a vaccine that is given to people who have built enough protection after vaccination, but then that protection decreases over time (this is called waning immunity). It is similar to what happens to us after a Flu vaccine.

The CDC has issued Pfizer booster eligibility guidance. Based on these recommendations, the Indiana Department of Health supports the administration of **Pfizer vaccine booster** doses to

- People at least 18 years and older,
- Who have previously received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine as their primary series,
- And are at a minimum of six months after the second dose,
- And can attest to meeting the CDC guidelines as listed above.

People who sign up for a booster dose are attesting that they meet these criteria, (that is, they are over 65, or have underlying medical conditions, or have jobs or responsibilities that put them at high risk), and it is **NOT** necessary for people to confirm or prove their eligibility. The guidelines include all those over 65, and all long-term care facility residents. Vaccines are available immediately. To find a location ready to serve you, go to **www.ourshot.in.gov** or call your family physician for further assistance.

The Pfizer booster is **not recommended** at this time for those who received Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccines initially. That research is not yet complete.

Thank you— Thanks to Mike Ortman for continued work on the “stations of the cross.” He has removed each one from its frame to facilitate the painting. Repair work continues.

Mass intentions: for the past few years, we have been inundated with requests for Mass intentions. It is customary, following the death of a friend or relative, for folks to offer Mass Stipends for the repose of the soul of their loved one. The stipend, generally \$10.00, is the fee for the priest offering the Mass. We had a long stretch of many, many funerals and could not keep up with the load, having only one Mass per week. It is customary, when a parish has more intentions than it can use, to have those Masses sent to a Missionary to be said at the distant location. However, we did not do that. We kept our paid stipends and have been using them one by one. Then COVID began, and churches closed, and all of the scheduled Masses had to be rescheduled. In addition, we had many more deaths during that time. It looked like a mountain, waiting . . .

But time has passed, and the Masses have all been rescheduled and for the most part, we are catching up. For the first time in a long time, we have openings again, beginning in **June of 2022**. So, if you would like to have a Mass said in memory of a loved one, we can now accept and schedule your intention. We have very few reservations for June and thereafter, but we are filled until that time.

The **Daughters of Isabella** of St. Mary's Circle #75 in Greensburg are planning to serve the “**Tasty Tuesday**” meal at St. Mary's on October 19th from 5-7 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Also received, is a message from Archbishop Thompson, with quotes from Pope Francis, concerning this month of the rosary. He writes, “I want to encourage everyone to **rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home** in the months of May and October. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity. (Adapted from **Pope Francis**).

Archbishop Thompson goes on to say: This traditional form of Marian devotion can be described as a prayerful, meditative participation in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Holy Rosary can be a powerful resource in the spiritual struggles every Christian must face. It can also be an instrument of peace in tumultuous times like the present, and a source of deep comfort whenever our hearts are troubled.

It can be said with beads or without beads, alone or with others, sitting at a red light or on a tractor in the field. It can be 1 decade, or 15 decades, and there is no right or wrong way. It is simply an instrument for reflection on the life of Christ, and holy Scripture, begun before most folks could read or understand.