

October 31, 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.
Rosary – Mon. 10:30 am; Wed. 6:30 pm in the school hall. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 pm

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

Mass Intentions:

October 31 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Velma Ortman
November 1 – All Saints Day – Linda Hollis & Justin Johannigman
November 7 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Charlotte Redelman
November 14 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Harold Klosterkemper
November 21 – Christ the King – Jeremy Ronsheim
November 28 – First Sunday in Advent – Marie & Ed Stier

Liturgical Ministers: Oct. 31

Cross Bearer: Jerry Fry
Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler
Sacristan: Sister Donna
Lector: Ben Stier
Musicians: The Ortman
Counters: Josh Hornberger, Steve AmRhein

Nov. 1

Steve Stone
Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe
LaDonna Hoeing
Jerry Fry
Men's Choir

Sunday Nov. 7

Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton
Ushers: Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing
Lector: Nikki Johannigman
Musicians: Men's Choir
Counters: Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: October 24, 2021

*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000.00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,359.00
Energy (fuel):	\$100.00
World Mission Sunday:	\$140.00
Total Collections:	\$1,599.00

Remember in Prayer: Benji Ortman, Rosemary Albright, Dan Knoche, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Fr. Bill Turner, 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.

When we are not aware of those suffering and dying, we can kind of think that COVID is behind us. However, Mr. Gasper informed me this week, that 8 out of 10 families he served the past two weeks were COVID deaths, and families were too sick to attend. Please continue to be safe!

Dates to Remember:

- November 1 – (Mon.) All Saints Day Mass at 6:00 pm (following Mass we will remember those who have died this past year.)
- November 7 – Vocations Weekend; United Catholic Appeal weekend.
- November 18 – Post-Auction Meeting 7:00, school, second floor West
- Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Mass, has been cancelled. (But please take time to give thanks.)

Painting Project: The scaffolding remains in place, just waiting to be removed. The truck will come at its earliest convenience. The painters continue working on the side walls with the help of a lift. Scraping and patching, mudding and sanding, and painting continue. Most of this week they have had four workers rather than two, so more progress is seen. The three entry ways have been painted, but not the cry room or restroom yet. Two of the ten windows are completed. The choir loft and staircase have not yet been started. A reminder to pray for the safety of our crew, and for a satisfactory completion to the project. We are still aiming for Thanksgiving as a date to be back into Church. But you wouldn't guess it by looking. So, stay tuned. There is much to be done.

The FDA has now approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine prepared for children age 5-11, and it should be available within a few days. Along with the children's dose, booster doses are now available for all three approved vaccine brands. So, no matter the brand of the initial vaccine, everyone over the age of 65 may receive a booster dose, six months after their initial doses. Approval was also given to mix and match brands. Various pharmacies are stocked and ready to go. No appointments needed.

It is not too late to get Flu vaccines for this flu season. We have many opportunities for prevention and immunity boosting.

St. Agnes Parish in Nashville is planning a Christmas Bazaar Friday November 5 & Saturday November 6 all day in the church basement. No admission fees. Free parking. Elevator accessible. Featuring holiday crafts, gift baskets, silent auction items, homemade holiday cookies, candies, collectibles, and concessions. A quilt will be raffled. See flyer on Bulletin board. A fun weekend in scenic Brown Co.

St Maurice, Napoleon, is holding a drive through Turkey Dinner on Saturday, November 13th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, featuring turkey and gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, applesauce, and pumpkin pie, for \$12 per meal. Proceeds go to their capital projects fund.

Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg is having a **Parish Mission** with Gary Montgomery, a lay preacher from Louisville, KY on Tues., Wed., and Thurs., December 14, 15, and 16, from 7 to 8:30 PM. Parishioners from all over the Deanery are invited to attend. The theme is “Christ our Light.” Confessions are offered at 6:30 pm both Dec. 15 and 16, one half hour before the Mission preaching begins. **All are welcome** to attend and participate.

NCYC in downtown Indianapolis November 18-20. 12,000 participants expected. Advanced registration is required to participate and credentials needed to enter the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. Additional information and a schedule of events can be found at <https://nfcym.org/featured-events/ncyc/>.

At our semiannual **Archdiocesan Business Meeting** this week, we learned of plans to establish a Diocese wide Capitol Campaign in the near future. In lieu of that effort, all capital expenditures, repair projects, or building projects not already approved, have been put on a PAUSE, or on HOLD. Thank heavens ours have already been approved. While we may accept any funding that comes in, we may not establish any new capital campaigns at this time. As all costs are increasing for these projects, some parishes are not able to accommodate the increasing costs of fuel and energy. Our own income fluctuates greatly from week to week and month to month, but overall, we have been blessed! Thank you for your generosity!

The **Deanery Meeting** this week covered topics around the shortage of priests, and the plans to “import more priests from India.” Once again, this year, there are more priests eligible for retirement than there are new ordinations. Next weekend we celebrate Vocations Awareness Weekend, and will receive bulletin stuffers offering statistics on the numbers, and the current efforts to attract your men and women to Religious Life. “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Luke 10:2 We are asked to submit the names of at least five young people from our parish who might have a priestly or religious vocation. It is our personal responsibility to invite, raise up, and **support** those young people, so that our faith may endure.

There is a worldwide movement coming together, to support our current priests. It is called (SMOP), **Spiritual Motherhood of Priests**, and is primarily a women’s movement. If we are interested, and can surface a parish leader, the name will be submitted to the organizer, for more direction. The parish woman leader would organize a local group, following the provided guidance. Each member would “adopt” a priest, praying for him **daily**, and this commitment would be a **lifelong commitment** until the woman dies. If you are interested in coordinating a parish wide group, please call the parish office to submit your offer.

A hot item on the Deanery agenda is finding enough priests to staff Penance Services all throughout our Deanery during Advent. The complete list of Penance offerings will be circulated in our bulletin.