

November 21, 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:

November 21 – Christ the King – Jeremy Ronsheim

November 28 – First Sunday in Advent – Marie & Ed Stier

Liturgical Ministers: Nov. 21(Christ the King)

Nov. 28 (1st Advent)

Light Advent Wreath:

Jed & Alison Ortman family

Cross Bearer: Brooklyn Ortman

Steve Stone

Ushers: Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Mark Hermes

Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

Sacristan: Sister Donna

LaDonna Hoeing

Lector: Jeannie Fry

Ben Stier

Offertory Bread: Cindy Hermes

Stephanie Hoeing

Musicians: Men's Choir

Women's Choir

Counters: Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: November 14, 2021

*Needed **each** weekend to meet budget: \$2,000.00

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1,087.00

Energy (fuel): \$575.00

Total Collections: \$1,662.00

Remember in Prayer: Benji Ortman, Rosemary Albright, Dan Knoche, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Fr. Bill Turner, Laykin & Joey Silva, a special intention, for the families and loved ones grieving losses this holiday season, and for all those for whom we have promised to pray. In addition, please pray 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, to help protect one another, especially in crowds or when in close quarters. That old COVID virus is still active among us. Numbers in the state of Indiana have gone up again this week. Happily, our county is stable. But some among us are back to quarantine.

Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 21- The “Giving Tree” is up and ornaments are available. Choose one or more!
- Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Mass, has been cancelled. (But please take time to give thanks.)
- Nov. 28 – First Sunday of Advent, we bless and light the Advent Wreath
- Dec. 5 – Advent Penance Service, immediately following Mass. All are welcome.
- Dec. 7 – Mass at 6 pm, in anticipation of our Parish Feast Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a **Holy Day of Obligation**.
- Dec. 12 – “Bambinelli Sunday,” bring your Baby Jesus to Church!
- Dec. 12 – Fruit Basket Project for our youth (in second floor classroom)
- Dec. 12 – Giving Tree sorting and organization (in school basement)
- Week of Dec. 12-18, cleaning (lots of cleaning) and decorating church. Many hands are needed.
- Dec. 19 – Our planned return to CHURCH.
- Dec. 19 – The Blessing of our Christmas Tree (adorned with ornaments made by the children.)
- Dec. 24 – The arrival of the Christ Child!

Painting Project: Work continues on the East wall and balcony, with lots of detail work to follow, including the stations. The men are taking a little time off at the end of this week, as they should, to enjoy the holiday. They are doing an amazing job! They are feeling quite certain now of completing the project by Dec. 5th. With clean up and aftermath projected for a minimum of two weeks to follow. If all goes well, that puts us back into the church on December 19, the Sunday before Christmas. Nothing is certain, but that is the current projection. We will need many hands that last week to vacuum, to wipe and clean all hangings, to lift and carry furnishings, and finally to set up the Christmas Nativity. For most people that is the busiest time of the year. Any time you can carve out for us that week will be appreciated. A list of chores will be created, and work hours scheduled. A reminder to pray for the safety of all, the crew and all who volunteer, as we move forward. We are grateful for the progress, even as we await the time when we can begin re-entry.

Advent- the season of waiting, and preparing is upon us! Even as we wait to get back into our church, our primary focus is waiting for, and preparing for the birth of our Savior! We prepare our living spaces, cleaning, fixing, decorating, rearranging. We work well in advance planning special meals, preparing special dishes, inviting and celebrating every tradition, and lights begin to come on. Everywhere we look, there is sparkle and glitz galore! Our hearts too are coming alive in new ways and warming our cold days. We are bombarded with opportunities for **giving**, for reaching out to **others**, for remembering the **poor**, for mending our fences, for enlarging our circles, for including those otherwise forgotten, and for being **grateful** for the many, many, blessings in our lives! Prayer then, is nourished and deepened by our opening of minds and hearts to the God of all goodness and gracious giving!! We begin the season with Thanksgiving!! And Thanksgiving needs to bubble up and overflow from our hearts and minds in prayer, in song, in worship, and in praise! We are the richest, the most blessed nation on earth. And yet we so often take it for granted. We grow accustomed to abundance, come to expect it, and even at times feel entitled! But God is the source of all goodness. He gives freely. It is ours to share, to open wide our hearts.

The Batesville Deanery has announced the second annual **Adoration Summit!** At St. Louis Church, Batesville, on Saturday, Nov. 27, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, with Mass at 11:00 am. Lunch is included. All adorers, visitors and supporters are encouraged to attend! Msgr. Schaedel, the founder of the original perpetual adoration chapel in the Archdiocese will be the homilist at Mass. Please RSVP to All Saints Parish Office 812-576-4302.

Our parish continues the annual **“anointing of the sick”** process, with Father and I going home to home to offer the sacraments. Please remember that the sacrament of anointing is no longer reserved for the dying, but rather is offered to all those elderly and or compromised in anyway who need the support and extra graces. The sacrament is for “support on the journey” and reminds us of God’s presence with us always, throughout our journey through life. Call to be added to our list.

2021 Christmas Outreach - All ornaments for this year’s Christmas Outreach are available on the tree in the school basement. We are helping 9 SDES families this year with their Christmas needs by providing shoes, shirt, pants, underwear, and item from their wish list! This is sure to be a blessing to all the families again this year. Please return ALL gifts UNWRAPPED, and with the giving tree ornament ATTACHED. This will help us to know which child the gift was intended for. All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 12. If you would prefer not to shop, feel free to place money in an envelope marked **“Giving Tree”** in the Sunday collection. Our elves will do the shopping for you! If you have any questions please reach out to Jeanie Fry, Melea Gault or Laura Meyer. If you are interested in helping with this committee reach out to Melea Gault. We would love to have you! Thank you in advance for all you do for these families!

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. See flyer on bulletin board.

Update on **Fr. Bill Turner**: talked to him yesterday and he states he is progressing slowly. “Things are getting better each day. But it will take some time. Pain is subsiding slowly but surely. Not able to receive visitors for awhile yet. But missing the people a lot. Anxious to get back to ministry.” He gave us permission to print his address so it will be added to our list of elders and confined parishioners so Christmas cards may be sent. Look for the list in next week’s bulletin.

E6 Catholic Men’s Conference - Registration begins December 1st. See Bulletin Board for all the details. This year featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, **King of the Universe!** He is the fulfillment of the vision described in the first reading today from Daniel. Dominion and glory are his as he reigns over all peoples and nations. He is **the beginning and the end**, as we hear in the second reading from Revelation. His kingdom does not belong to this world he tells Pilot in the Gospel reading. **Truth** is the basis of Jesus Kingdom. Truth is the basis on which we can build, to transform the world to mirror God’s Kingdom of love and justice.