

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

December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent – Charlotte Redelman

December 7 – Anticipation Mass for Holy Day, Immaculate Conception – Ralph Bruns

December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent – Arnold “Ink” Bokelman

December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Cathy Wittkamper

December 24 – Christmas Eve. – Feast of the Nativity - Jerry Jacobs

December 26 – The Holy Family, Jesus Mary and Joseph - Charlotte Redelman

December 31 – New Year’s Eve, The Solemnity of Mary – Marie & Ed Stier

January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord – Arnold “Ink” Bokelman

January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord – **The end of the Christmas Season** – Kathryn Schoettmer

Liturgical Ministers: Nov. 28 (1st Advent)

Dec. 5 (2nd Advent)

Light Advent Wreath: Jed & Alison Ortman family

Tim & Stephanie Hoeing family

Cross Bearer: Steve Stone

Grady Scudder

Ushers: Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

Sacristan: LaDonna Hoeing

Sister Donna

Lector: Ben Stier

Melea Gault

Offertory Bread: Stephanie Hoeing

Kristen Stier

Musicians: Women’s Choir

Men’s Choir

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collections: November 21, 2021

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

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$837.00

Energy (fuel): \$195.00

Campaign for Human Development \$100.00

Total Collections: \$1132.00

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. 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 crew took a little time off last week for the holiday and are hoping to finish most of the detail this week then begin the clean-up process. By next Sunday we should be ready to schedule volunteers to help clean and move furniture. So, stay tuned. Nothing is certain, but that is the ultimate goal. If all goes well, that puts us back into the church on December 19, the Sunday before Christmas. 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 (Dec. 12-19). 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! 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.

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.

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

The 35th annual **LIVE NATIVITY** sponsored by St. Anthony Church in Morris is scheduled for Fri. and Sat., December 10 and 11, from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Live animals, live manger scene, Christmas carols by local Church and school choirs, crafts, activities, sweet treats, hot beverages provided. Free event! Please see the bulletin board for details. Masks are recommended.

We have once again been hearing the need for a list of elders in our parish who may be grateful for cards, visits, the fruit basket offered by the children, and the sacraments. Registered parishioners 70 and over were called and invited to be included in any or all of these activities of out-reach. Some have declined. A few are unable to have visitors or calls. The list is updated monthly. It is attached as a bulletin insert.