

**January 30, 2022**

**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 church.

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

**Mass Intentions:**

January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cathy Wittkemper  
February 6 – Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time – Arnold “Ink” Bokelman  
February 13 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Ralph Bruns  
February 20 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Charlotte Redelman  
February 27 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Albert Naderman

**Liturgical Ministers: January 30**

**Cross Bearer:** Mary Stier

**Servers:**

**Ushers:** Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

**Lector:** LaDonna Hoeing

**Offertory Bread:** Cincy Hermesch

**Musicians:** Women with Abby

**Counters:** Josh Hornberger, Steve AmRhein

**February 6**

Grady Scudder

Caaden Gault, Trevor Stone

Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

Melea Gault

Kristen Stier

Men’s Choir

Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

**Stewardship of Treasure:** Our Sunday Collection:

	<b>January 16</b>
*Needed <b>each</b> weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000 .00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,672.00
Energy (Fuel):	\$ 255.00
Church in Latin America:	\$145.00
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$2,072.00</b>

**\*Special Collection next Sunday for Criterion Subscriptions**

**Remember in Prayer:** Brother Louis Lamping, OFM, brother of Pauline Schoettmer; Bernard Pfeifer who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is currently being treated in a nursing home in Greenwood; Alvin Pfeifer is newly diagnosed with cancer and facing treatment. Craig Simon, who continues to struggle with Leukemia, and for his wife Emily and family. Bernice Diekhoff who is regaining strength, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Laykin & Joey Silva, Amy Hermesch, and for the families and loved ones grieving losses, 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 or related issues.

A reminder again to please stay at home if you are sick or have any symptoms that may indicate flu, COVID, or anything contagious. While Indiana is number 20 from the bottom of the list of states COVID rates, our healthcare settings are still heavily burdened. All are strongly encouraged to mask, hand sanitize, and social distance, and to refrain from all large group gatherings. To help protect one another. Please pray for all of our parish healthcare workers and their families. Please be cautious, especially when in public, or in groups where some are unvaccinated.

**Dates to Remember:**

- February 3 – Feast of St. Blasé, healing
- February 14 - Feast of St. Valentine, patron of LOVE
- February 26 - The Annual Catholic Men’s Conference. See info on Bulletin Board, or go to [www.facebook.com/E6Mensconference](http://www.facebook.com/E6Mensconference)

**FORMED:** Through a very generous donation from parishioner Toni Collins, working through the assistance of St. Mary’s DRE, Anita Navarra, and with the approval of Fr. John Meyer, we have been invited to become “FORMED” through a shared subscription. The expense was more than our small parish could afford. But this is the glory of a “Cohort” sharing resources. We are hoping that as many of you as possible will take advantage of this special offer, and come to enjoy its richness and all that it has to offer us for growth and enrichment, as a free resource to all of us. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board, or on the flip side of this page. It is easy to sign up from any smart phone, computer or internet connected device. And the cost to us is **FREE** if we sign on as a **parishioner of ST. Mary Parish, Greensburg, IN**. Please sign on, browse around, and share with each other what you find helpful, enjoyable, or enlightening! **FORMED.org/signup**

**United Catholic Appeal Update:** We have done a tremendous job with this campaign this year! Actually, this is the best response that we have seen in a long while. The goals are set high, and usually we are unable to reach our goal. However, our pledges this year are higher than usual. If all pledges are realized, we will meet and even go over our goal! Thank you all for your generosity in serving the needs of the poor in our Archdiocese, through Catholic Charities, and the needs of our retired and aging priests.

St. Anthony of Padua – **Over 21 Dance**, February 26<sup>th</sup> 7-11 pm Schad Hall, Free Will offering at the door Live Music by CRB. Alcohol will be available for purchase. No outside coolers will be permitted. Must be ‘Over 21’ to attend. Proceeds will go to help support St. Anthony’s Parish. Contact Shawn Glaub 812-212-3316 to reserve a table.

**Upcoming Blood Drive:** St. Maurice, at Napoleon is sponsoring a winter blood drive, at their Parish Center on Tuesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 – 2:15, and 3:30-6:00 pm. This “gift of life” is a very good way of living out our pro-life mandate as Catholics! You gift, your donation, will help the recovery of someone in need, and help to replenish our blood banks. Appointments are strongly encouraged to comply with social distancing. Face masks are required. Contact Arlene Gehl at 812-852-4394; or Hoxworth at 800- 830-1091; or online [www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon](http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon).

**An Afternoon with Mary** – All are invited to join St. Mary's Parish in Greensburg, for a special time of reflection, prayer, and song in relation to our Mother, Mary, on **February 6, 2:00 pm**, presented by Don & Jennifer Blankman.

**2022 Lenten Lecture Series** – presented by Fr. Mahan, exploring key events from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. **All Saints Parish, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, & April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. St. John Hall at 6:00 pm with Stations prior in the Church at 5:30 pm. See Bulletin Board for more detail.

The  **blessing of the sick**  by ministers of the Church is a very ancient custom, rooted in imitation of Christ himself and his apostles. In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of **all** Christians. The blessing is ordinarily given during Mass on February 3, the memorial of Saint Blasé. Because we don't have weekday Masses, our custom has been to transfer this special blessing to the closest Sunday.

**Saint Blasé** was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. But according to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His following spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because of his reputation, to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. Since the eighth century, Saint Blasé has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for **protection** from afflictions of the throat, and from **all other illnesses**. The blessing of St. Blasé is a **sign of our faith** in God's protection and love for us and for **all** the sick and suffering.