

**February 27, 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.**

**Office is closed on Mondays.**

**Mass Intentions:**

February 27 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Albert Naderman

March 2 – Ash Wednesday – Velma Ortman

March 6 – First Sunday of Lent – Roman Johannigman

March 13 – Second Sunday of Lent – Charlotte Redelman

March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent – Teresa Horan

March 27 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Sy Kohrman

**Liturgical Ministers: February 27**

**Cross Bearer:** Jerry Fry

**Servers:** Michael Stier, Brynklie Ortman

**Ushers:** Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

**Lector:** Jeanne Fry

**Offertory Bread:** Stephanie Hoeing

**Musicians:** Women's Choir

**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

**Church Cleaning:** LaDonna Hoeing, Chair, Norbert Hoeing, Mary Jo Wenning

**March 2 (Ash Wed.)**

Mary Jo Wenning

Caaden Gault, Kate Schoettmer

Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

LaDonna Hoeing

Melissa Stier

Women's Choir

**March 6**

Mary Stier

Michael Stier, Luke Stier

Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

Melea Gault

Cindy Hermesch

Men's Choir

Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

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

\*Needed **each** weekend to meet budget:

	<b>February 20</b>
	\$2,000 .00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,411.00
Criterion:	\$40.00
Energy/Fuel:	\$20.00
The Church in Eastern Europe:	\$112.00
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$1,583.00</b>

**\*Special Collection Next Sunday to Support Home Missions.**

**Special Collection March 13 for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.**

**Thank you** - to all those who consistently drop your Sunday Envelopes in the collection basket at neighboring parishes as you attend Sunday Mass at those locations. A **reminder** to those who may have forgotten, we have a united agreement between parishes, throughout our Deanery and beyond, that Sunday envelopes may be dropped in any parish, and will be mailed to the appropriate location. We received envelopes every week from both Greensburg and Napoleon, and occasionally from other parishes, as far away as Columbus and Shelbyville. We return the courtesy.

**Remember in Prayer:** Ruth Atchley, Stephanie Harrison, Brother Louis Lamping, OFM, brother of Pauline Schoettmer; Alvin Pfeifer; Craig Simon, who continues to struggle with Leukemia. (Please see bulletin board for fund-raiser), Bernice Diekhoff, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Amy Hermes, Drew Holzbauer, (six-year-old with genetic disorder causing tumors in brain, spinal cord etc.) and for all the families and loved ones grieving losses; and for all those for whom we have promised to pray.

**Dates to Remember:**

- March 2 – Ash Wednesday, Mass and ashes 6:00 pm
- April 10 – Palm Sunday
- April 14 – Holy Thursday, we receive the Holy Oils
- April 15 - Good Friday, veneration of the cross
- April 17 – Easter Sunday

**FORMED:** Through a very generous donation from parishioner Toni Collins, we have been invited to become “FORMED” through a shared subscription with St. Mary’s parish. 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. 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 fall short. However, our pledges this year are higher than usual. If all pledges are realized, we will meet and even exceed our goal. Thank you 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.

**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 annual **Lenten Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church following the rosary, beginning on **March 9<sup>th</sup>**. The theme this year will be “No Greater Love: A biblical

walk through Christ's passion." All are welcome to join. If interested please contact Kate Bedel at 812-614-0987 so that materials can be ordered.

**Millhousen Knights of St. John** – All-You-Can-Eat **Fish Fry**, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:30 pm Dinners - \$15. Includes: White Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Grilled Cheese. Dine in or Carry Out. Discounted prices for children. Please see flyer on the bulletin board.

The **Knights of Columbus of St. Louis Church** invite all to their Ash Wednesday **Fish Fry** on March 2. Dine in or Take Out, 5-8 pm. See bulletin Board for more details.

**Morris** Volunteer Firemen's **Breakfast** March 13, 2022, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Free Will Offering**. Proceeds go towards fire equipment. Breakfast includes pancakes, whole-hog sausage, eggs, and biscuits and gravy. See flyer on Board.

**Lenten Concert:** featuring Christian singer **MIKE DAVIS** Friday March 11, 2022, 7:00 pm. Holy Guardian Angels Oratory, 405 U.S. 52, Cedar Grove, IN. Social to follow in the School Hall.

Nancy Buening, principal of St. Mary's School in Greensburg, invites all those with Kindergarten aged children, to attend the virtual "Open House" at their website, by clicking on this link:

[www.stmarysgreensburg.com](http://www.stmarysgreensburg.com) and then click on the 2022 St. Mary's Kindergarten Open House button.

**Kindergarten registration will take place during the first week of March.** All registrations will take place online. Please see the flyer on the board for more details.

As announced in November following the six-month Business Meeting of the Archdiocese, all parishes were asked, as of January 1, to **suspend all Capital expenditures, and Capital Campaigns**. They are pondering the possibility of undertaking an Archdiocesan Capital Campaign instead, and will need the support of all of us to allow for this huge undertaking. Before initiating this endeavor, leaders in the Archdiocese have suggested undertaking a **Feasibility and Planning Study**, serving as a powerful tool to promote mission, build community and increase parishioner engagement. In January the Archbishop met with the College of Deans, the Council of Priests, and others, who recommended moving forward with the study. Thank heavens our major projects are completed; our bills are paid, and we see no looming financial crises on our immediate horizon. God has blessed our timing and efforts!

As this Feasibility Study takes shape, we will keep you abreast. A successful study will reflect the input of pastors, lay leaders, staff and thousands of parishioners from every parish in our Archdiocese.

**The Russian invasion of Ukraine** raises moral questions about how to achieve **peace**. The situation in Ukraine is still unfolding, but what has become clear is that the intent was for a full-fledged intentional and unprovoked, invasion and takeover, wrought with destruction and bloodshed. The sufferings of the people of Ukraine, and of their family members abroad is acute, amid the chaos and fear of losing everything they hold dear. Our prayers pour out to them, prayers for their safety, and prayers for peace.

Our Christian tradition of nonviolence, and prayers for peace, coupled with our empathy for the people of Ukraine suffering from unjust acts of aggression, and our Christian responsibility to **not** be "indifferent onlookers" as Pope Francis phrased it, creates quite a conundrum. The enormous evil of the world forces us into difficult, complicated, and ambivalent moral consideration. Our leaders need God's grace! Pray. . .

## *A Prayer for Ukraine*

*God of peace and justice,*

*We pray for the people of Ukraine today.*

*We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.*

*We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,*

*That your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.*

*We pray for those with power over war or peace,*

*For wisdom, discernment, and compassion*

*To guide their decisions.*

*Above all, we pray for all your precious children,*

*At risk and in fear,*

*That you would hold them and protect them.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.*

*Amen.*

*Archbishop Justin Welby*

**Pope Francis has called for Ash Wednesday to be a**

**Day of Prayer for peace in Ukraine.**