

**March 6, 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:**

March 6 – First Sunday of Lent – Roman Johannigman  
March 11 – Friday of the first week of Lent - 6:00 pm  
March 13 – Second Sunday of Lent – Charlotte Redelman  
March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent – Teresa Horan  
March 25 – Friday of the third week of Lent – 6:00 pm  
March 27 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Sy Kehrman  
April 3 – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Barbara Sandhage  
April 10 – Palm Sunday – Omer Fry  
April 14 – Holy Thursday – Alvin & Gertrude Mehring - 6:00 pm  
April 15 – Good Friday – Passion of the Lord, Adoration of the Cross, (no Mass) - 6:00 pm  
April 17 – Easter Sunday – Cathy Witkamper  
April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter – Sy Kehrman

**Liturgical Ministers: March 6**

**Cross Bearer:** Mary Stier  
**Servers:** Michael Stier, Luke Stier  
**Ushers:** Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim H.  
**Lector:** Melea Gault  
**Offertory Bread:** Cindy Hermesch  
**Musicians:** Men's Choir  
**Counters:** Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

**March 11 (Fri.)**

Brooklyn Ortman  
Michael and Andrew Stier  
Norb Hoeing  
LaDonna Hoeing  
Kate Bedel  
Alison Ortman with Abby

**March 13**

Trevor Stone  
Caaden Gault, Brooklyn Ortman  
Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler  
Jerry Fry  
Lois Johannigman  
Women's Choir with Abby  
Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

**Church Cleaning:** LaDonna Hoeing, Chair, Norbert Hoeing, Mary Jo Wenning (Could use another volunteer.)

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

	<b>February 20</b>
*Needed <b>each</b> weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000 .00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,677.00
The Church in Eastern Europe:	\$5.00
Children's Mission Association:	\$169.37
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$1,851.37</b>

**\*Special Collection Today to Support Home Missions.**

**Special Collection March 13, next week, 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, Alvin Pfeifer; Craig Simon, who continues to struggle with Leukemia, Bernice Diekhoff, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Amy Hermesch, Drew Holzbauer, (six-year-old with genetic disorder causing tumors in brain, spinal cord etc.), and for a “special intention.”

**Dates to Remember:** Either stations of the cross, or Mass, or one hour of adoration, **each Friday** evening, at 6:00 pm. Each Friday afternoon during Lent, the Church will be open from **Noon until 6:00** for private, quiet prayer and reflection.

- 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.

**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. This is the last opportunity.

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.

**"Sacrifice Jars"** - 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. Two non-violent, peaceful, compassionate responses before us are prayer and almsgiving. Combining this effort with our usual Lenten "sacrifice jars" will serve to concretize our united efforts. As usual, the jars are available for pickup in the entryway. Please pick them up as you leave the building today. As you empty your pockets each evening during these 40 days, sharing your abundance, remember how blessed we are to be living in freedom and safety. Praise and thank our generous God for all that we might take for granted. And then, pray for our suffering neighbors in Ukraine. We cannot be **"indifferent onlookers."** The money collected will be sent to the **"Catholic Relief Services,"** our Catholic arm of outreach to those in crisis states. Thank you to LaDonna for coordinating this "Sacrifice Jar" segment of our Lenten observance.

We are now **accepting mowing bids** for the growing season of 2022. If you are interested in taking on the responsibility for mowing the parish grounds, I.C. Cemetery, or St. Denis Cemetery for this coming summer. Please stop by the office to pick up contract/bid sheets, and return them by **March 25<sup>th</sup>**. We know gasoline and equipment prices are going up, and the cost of living in general is rising. But the opportunity will go to the **lowest** bidder. And these numbers need to be a part of our annual budgeting process, which is also in process. If you head up any committee or project and see that there could be expenses in the coming year, please submit those numbers within the next two weeks. A balanced budget is essential to keeping our doors open, and our ministries up and running. We are slowly making up for the six-month deficits, but not quite there yet.

Some of you may remember that, just before the COVID outbreak, our ladies were inspired to begin a new outreach program, the **"Prayer Shawl Ministry."** They gathered those who knit, crochet, or stitch in anyway, to create a treasure chest of woven blankets, shawls, and throws, to be blessed, and then given away as comfort or "security blankets" to all those who suffer illness, grief, recovery, bereavement, or any type of stress. They can be taken by, or given to, any man, woman or child found in need of our prayer. The shawl maker begins with prayer for the recipient, unknown though they are. As they stitch or create the garment, the shawl, the intentions of the recipient are continued, a prayer for every stitch. The next step is to present them to a priest for blessing, (that will be done during Mass this morning). And then finally, they are made available to the recipients. Anyone interested in contributing to this ministry may contact **Jane Scheidler**, at 812-614-3677. Meeting dates are pending, but don't hesitate to get started and stitching.

Prayer shawls are in a marked tote in the entryway. Please fill out the clipboard so that items may be tracked, and each recipient receives only one. Production is slower during the warm summer months. Thank you, ladies!