

**March 13, 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.**

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**Mass Intentions:**

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 – Craig Simon, 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 13**

**Cross Bearer:** Trevor Stone  
**Servers:** Caaden Gault, Brooklyn Ortman  
**Ushers:** Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler  
**Lector:** Jerry Fry  
**Offertory Bread:** Lois Johannigman  
**Musicians:** Women’s Choir with Abby  
**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

**March 20**

Randy Huff  
Michael Stier, Oliver Hamilton  
Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe  
Mary Jo Wenning  
Kristen Stier  
Men’s Choir  
Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

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

|   | <b>March 6</b>    |
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| *Needed <b>each</b> weekend to meet budget: | \$2,000 .00       |
| Sunday Envelopes (and loose):               | \$3,379.00        |
| Criterion:                                  | \$105.00          |
| Home Missions:                              | \$125.00          |
| Fuel:                                       | \$25.00           |
| <b>Total Collections:</b>                   | <b>\$3,634.00</b> |

**\*Special Collection Today for the Church in Africa.**

**Confessions, next Sunday before Mass.**

**Rest in Peace:** On Monday morning, the God of surprises, came to call **Bernard Diekhoff** to himself. Just as the family was surprised in early January, when Jerry had a sudden calling, they were again caught off guard by this sudden death. Bernard had a bout of pneumonia in January, but seemed to recover well. Then, as was the custom, he packed up and moved to Florida for a few months. He had ongoing communication each day with his kids, and they didn't suspect anything was amiss. Then on Monday morning he didn't answer his phone. Please pray for this family as they try to absorb this reality. Arrangements are pending.

The following day, early Tuesday morning, **Craig Simon** greeted his maker. His decline and death were no surprise. But the family grief is just as real! Craig will be missed by wife Emily and three small children, as well as a huge family and host of friends. Visitation for Craig is this afternoon beginning with a rosary at 1:30, and then continuing until 8 pm, at Stratton Karsteter Funeral Home in Versailles. The funeral is planned for Monday morning at 10:00, at Napoleon. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

**Remember in Prayer:** Ruth Atchley, Stephanie Harrison, Brother Louis Lamping, OFM, Alvin Pfeifer; 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 a "special intention." In addition, please remember all those who grieve.

**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 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.

**Millhousen Knights of St. John** – All-You-Can-Eat **Fish Fry**, March 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.

**"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.

Please join St. Mary’s faith community for an evening with Fr. Dan Bedel on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. He will discuss rest, leisure, and the Eucharist. Entitled: **“Be Still, and Know that I am God.”**

**“Living a *Ladato Si’* Lent 2022”**- Please see the flyer, insert, with practical ideas on how to apply the Ladato Si’ efforts into our daily living this Lenten season.

### **10 Tips for Making the Lenten Season More Meaningful:**

**Slow Down** - Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalize your body and your spirit.

**Read a good book** – You could choose the life of a saint, a spiritual “how- to”, an inspirational book, or one of the pope’s new books.

**Be Kind** – Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.

**Get Involved** – Attend a Lenten lecture or spiritual program.

**Volunteer at your parish** – Whether it’s the parish fish fry, cleaning the church, or helping with a food drive, it will give you a chance to help others.

**Reach Out** – Invite an inactive Catholic to come with you to Mass, Stations of the Cross, or Confession, anytime during Lent.

**Pray**- Especially for people you don’t like and for people who don’t like you.

**Tune Out** – Turn off the Television and spend quality time talking with family members or friends.

**Clean out closets** - Donate gently used items to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Donate** – Pick a Catholic mission and decide how you can help by sending money, clothing or supplies.