

April 10, 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:

April 10 – Palm Sunday – Omer Fry
April 14 – Holy Thursday – Alvin & Gertrude Mehring - 6:30 pm
April 15 – Good Friday – Passion of the Lord, Adoration of the Cross, (no Mass) - 6:30 pm
April 17 – Easter Sunday – Cathy Witkamper
April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter – Sy Kohrman

Liturgical Ministers: April 10, Palm Sunday

Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton
Servers: Caaden Gault, Brynklie Ortman
Palm Assist: Kenlee & Reese Gault, Brooklyn Ortman, MaryStier
Ushers: Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe
Lector: Melea Gault
Passion Narrator: Jerry Fry
Passion Voice & Crowd: Emily Baltus
Offertory Bread: LaDonna Hoeing, Katherine Stier
Musicians: Women's Choir
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

Holy Thursday

Tim Scheidler
Michael Stier, Andrew Stier

Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Ti Scheidler
Mary Jo Wenning

Melissa Stier, Kathryn Stier
Men's Choir

Good Friday

Cross Bearer:
Servers: Caaden Gault, Michael Stier
Ushers: Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing
Lector: Ben Stier
Passion Narrator: Jeannie Fry
Passion Voice & Crowd: LaDonna Hoeing
Offertory Bread:
Musicians: Women's Choir
Counters:

Easter Sunday

Trevor Stone
Michael Stier, Mary Stier
Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing
Emily Baltus

Kate Bedel, Jessica Diekhoff
Men's Choir
Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

Church Cleaning: Chair: Kate Fry, Cynthia & Mary Jane Roberts, Kristen Stier, Patti Witkemper, Karen Hardebeck.

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:	April 3
*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000 .00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,750.00
Maintenance:	\$713.00
Catholic Relief Service:	\$55.00
Criterion:	\$70.00
Church in Africa:	\$20.00
Total Collections:	\$2,608.00

****Please return “Sacrifice Jars” this week in the entry way.**

Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. We have been asked to prioritize this collection.

Remember in Prayer: Ruth Atchley, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer; Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Amy Hermesch, Drew Holzbauer. In addition, please remember all those who grieve.

Dates to Remember:

- April 10 – Palm Sunday, Parish Council Meeting following Mass
- April 14 – Holy Thursday, we receive the Holy Oils, 6:30 pm
- April 15 - Good Friday, veneration of the cross, 6:30 pm
- April 17 – Easter Sunday

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. For the first time in many years, **we are less than \$200 within reach of our goal!!** Please help push us over the top! 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.

Knights of St. John – All-You-Can-Eat **Fish Fry**, April 15th, 5:00 – 7:30 pm Dinners - \$15. Discounted prices for children. Please see flyer on the bulletin board.

“Sacrifice Jars” – Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the “Sacrifice Jars” during this Lenten Season. Your Lenten Almsgiving will offer the gift of life to people fleeing Ukraine!

Before mowing can begin, we need to get our property picked up and cleaned up. A **Spring Workday**, scheduled for Saturday, April 9, was cancelled due to weather, but rescheduled for **Saturday, April 23**. Jerry and Tim will head up that project, but all volunteers are welcome and needed. The gusty winds have blown flowers and wreaths in all directions and most are no longer on shepherd’s crooks or on the actual monuments. Come prepared to collect a lot of debris. All parishioners can help by cleaning up the graves of relatives and loved ones so that the mowing can begin.

Each bulletin last weekend contained an insert, an **Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia and Ukraine**. It was written by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and circulated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Each household, and each individual was to receive a copy, and **ALL** are asked to pray this prayer each day, until the crisis subsides and peace is restored! If you were not in attendance last weekend, please pick up a copy today and use it until it is worn and frayed. More copies will be created as needed. May **peace** begin within each one of us!

St. Anthony of Padua, Morris, is inviting participation in their upcoming **Blood Drive** on Tuesday April 26, 2022, 12-6, please schedule on-line at www.hoxworth.org/groups/stanyhony or call Hoxworth at 1-800-830-1091.

Time Off – Each Priest, Deacon and PLC working for the Archdiocese is entitled by contract to be away from the parish for four weekends during the year. Generally, they take a week for retreat or spiritual renewal, two weeks of vacation, and have another weekend as needed for personal business, or health issues. Some lump it all together and take a month off once a year. Fr. Jey will be away for the **month of May**. Because his absence will impact all three parishes that he contributes time to, Fr. Stan negotiated with the Archdiocese to have him replaced. We have been blessed to receive the substitution list, all covered by retired and elderly priests for the month of May, each week a different person. We will introduce each one as the time comes. Please thank them for their generous contribution of time during their much-deserved retirement.

Sister Donna will be taking some time off as well, to celebrate her 50th Jubilee in Religious Life. She is planning a Mass in Thanksgiving, on Saturday May 28, at 4:00 pm at the Convent Chapel in Oldenburg, followed by time with family and friends. All are welcome to attend the liturgy, if vaccinated and observing COVID precautions, required by the Motherhouse. She will not be present that weekend in Millhousen, and there will be no bulletin published that weekend.

The Chrism Mass – a concelebrated Mass with all diocesan priests in attendance, who are the Bishop’s “witnesses and coworkers in ministry.” At this liturgy, the priests renew their priestly promises and allegiance to their bishop. The Church’s rites prescribe that the Holy Oils be blessed or consecrated at the Chrism Mass each year. As evidence of their importance in our sacramental life, the oils take center stage when they are blessed and consecrated during Holy Week each year. This provides for the oils to be used at the sacraments of initiation (baptism, and confirmation) during the Easter Vigil, and all through the coming year, in addition to the Oil of the Infirm, used at the anointing of the sick. The oils are distributed to each Parish in the Archdiocese, and presented on Holy Thursday at each local parish site.

The notion of being strengthened by oil is scriptural. The prayer of blessing for the oil **of catechumens** asks God to “give wisdom and strength to all anointed with it.” It is used in the rite of Baptism today, asking for the recipient “God’s grace and help to overcome the power of Satan and sin.”

The scriptural base for the sacramental anointing of the infirm states, Jesus gave the Twelve “authority over unclean spirits” and “They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick, and cured them.” This **oil of the infirm**, or **oil of the sick**, is the most used by priests in all locations. All who receive anointing with this oil receive God’s blessing, so “that they may be freed from pain and illness and made well again in body, mind and soul.”

The **Sacred Chrism**, is the oil mixed with the sweet, aromatic perfume of Balsam, said to be the fragrance of Christ. Its name means “the anointed of the Lord.” All Christians then are anointed with the oil of Christ. The use of this oil calls us to be “holy, visible signs of the mystery of Christ and his Church.”

The Holy Oils are to be kept in a suitable place, a repository called an **ambry** that typically is near the baptismal font.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are **required days of fasting** for Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 – meaning one main meal and two other light meals as needed to maintain health. **Abstinence from meat is also required** on those two days as well as on all Fridays of Lent. Formerly, the abstinence included all cheese, eggs, and milk. That is no longer the case. However, a penitential sacrifice is still a non-negotiable part of Lent.

We are on the home stretch. A few more days. 40 days can seem terribly long! But the celebration that follows is just as long! Easter is a time for feasting and superabundance! At Mass we renew our baptismal promises, recalling our own participation in the Paschal Mystery!