

**May 1, 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:**

May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter – Albert Naderman  
May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Cathy Wittkamper  
May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Nell Ann Pfeifer  
May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sy Kohrman  
May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension – Tony & Rosemary Scheidler family

**Liturgical Ministers: May 1**

**Cross Bearer:** Randy Huff  
**Servers:** Campbell Johannigman, Paul Schoettmer  
**Ushers:** Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobble  
**Lector:** Melea Gault  
**Offertory Bread:** Melissa & Katherine Stier  
**Musicians:** Men's Choir  
**Counters:** Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

**May 8**

Mary Jo Wenning  
Michael Stier, Luke Stier  
Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing  
Jerry Fry  
Kate Bedel  
Women's Choir  
Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

**Church Cleaners for May:** Paula Wullenweber (Chairperson), Alice Chandler, Ann Stier, Abby Asher, Pat Klene

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

**April 24**

*Needed <b>each</b> weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000 .00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,490.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$145.00
The Holy Places (Good Friday)	\$25.00
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$1,660.00</b>

**Special Collection on Mother's Day:** Clarity Support Services – to support the choice for life!

**“Sacrifice Jars”** – Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the “Sacrifice Jars” during this Lenten Season. Your sacrificing amounted to **\$683.28**. This Lenten Almsgiving will offer the gift of life to people fleeing **Ukraine!** It will help to provide food, medicine and safe shelter for many in distress!

**Remember in Prayer:** Ruth Atchley, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer; Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Amy Hermes, Drew Holzbauer, and Mike Gasper (Mike had his surgery and is doing well). In addition, please remember all those who grieve.

**Dates to Remember:**

May 1 – May Crowning

May 8 – Mother’s Day! Special Collection for Clarity to support troubled mothers, to support the choice for life!

May 22 – Mass to honor our 2022 graduates.

**Graduates:** If you would like to participate in this annual event, please call the office, and submit your future plans, school you will be attending, and what you will be studying. Also, if you have cap and gown you may wear them in procession. Please call the office to participate or pick up a Liturgical Ministry.

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** The Sister-in-law of Pauline Schoettmer, extends an open invitation to all parishioners to gather at the Knights Hall for an “Open-House” to honor Pauline on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, or send her a card for this special birthday!

**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 very 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 need only \$137. to reach 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.

The **insurance coverage** for our Decatur County Pee-Wee and Little League teams is now in place. Coaches are free to begin using our parish ball diamond for practices and games. Please thank Mike Gasper for securing this coverage. Play Ball!

**Time Off** – Each Priest, Deacon and PLC working for the Archdiocese is entitled by contract to be away from the parish for four weeks 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.

Sunday, May 8th will be covered by **Fr. Carlton Beaver**.

Sister Donna will be taking some time off as well, to celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in Religious Life. She is planning a Mass of 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 holiday weekend.

Sister represented us at the Archdiocesan Spring Business Meeting held in Bloomington on Tuesday of this past week, where two topics dominated the platform: The three-year Eucharistic Revival; and the potential for an Archdiocesan Wide Fundraising Campaign. You will continue to read and hear more about these two endeavors as the weeks unfold.

The Eucharistic Revival is a U.S. Church project initiated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to reinforce the declaration made by the Apostolic Constitution on the Church, at the Second Vatican Council, some 50 years ago. The quote from *Lumen Gentium* (A light to the nations) declares that the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” Everything we do as members of Christ’s body flows from and back to our “source and Summit” in this Eucharistic celebration. The Eucharist should move us to deeper faith, and motivate us to live Christ’s mission through ministry and evangelization.

Across **126** parishes, **68** Catholic schools, **5** Catholic Charities agencies, and many offices of ministry across central and southern Indiana, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is **united in faith**, and **dedicated to living and proclaiming Christ’s mission**. Since the roots of our faith community were planted nearly 190 years ago, our Church has **proclaimed the Gospel** of Joy to all people by living his mission of **mercy, hope, and salvation**.

In this new moment, (today), as we come out of a global pandemic, we must recognize and respond to our Church’s needs and responsibilities as disciples to Proclaim the Good News and build God’s Kingdom. As we confront new challenges, we must look for opportunities for the Church to respond to God’s generosity. We have been deeply blessed. It is time to give thanks!

To meet the needs of this moment in time, we are invited to rethink the goals, structures, style, and methods of evangelization in our communities, and to translate this **permanent mission of the Church** into concrete initiatives that reflect the essential teachings of the Church. We begin by focusing on the Eucharist.

The first year of the Eucharistic Revival will be Archdiocesan in nature. It begins with an Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession downtown Indianapolis, and all are invited to attend and join in this demonstration of our faith. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, **June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, at 3:00 pm. Search [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org) for more information.

The second year beginning in June of 2023, activities will center at the parish level. Each parish will honor the Eucharist and celebrate locally.

**July 17-21 of 2024** will be the culmination of this three-year revival, as we gather to participate in the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. This national celebration is right in our own back yard! Please plan to attend. Every parish will want to send delegates and participate in this national event!