

**May 8, 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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**Today we welcome Fr. Carlton Beaver. Please thank him for his service to us!**

Next Sunday we will welcome a member of the Franciscans of the Immaculate.

**Mass Intentions:**

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

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday - Alex Veerkamp

June 12 – The Most Holy Trinity - Tony Scheidler

June 19 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Nell Ann Pfeifer

June 26 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Tony & Rosemary Scheidler family

July 3 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary

July 10 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Rita Scheidler Bohman

**Liturgical Ministers: May 8**

**Cross Bearer:** Mary Jo Wenning

**Servers:** Michael Stier, Luke Stier

**Ushers:** Mark Stier, Aaron Gault, Tim Hoeing

**Lector:** Jerry Fry

**Offertory Bread:** Kate Bedel

**Musicians:** Women's Choir

**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

**May 15**

Mary Stier

Caaden Gault, Andrew Stier

Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

Jeanne, Fry

Lois Johannigman

Men's Choir

Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

**Church Cleaners for May:** Paula Wullenweber (Chairperson), Alice Chandler, Ann Stier, Abby Asher, Pat Klene. A reminder that church cleaning for each volunteer comes around only once a year. Please take this important work seriously, to support your parish, and to support your team.

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

**May 1**

*Needed <b>each</b> weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000 .00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,524.00
Catholic Home Missions:	\$5.00
Maintenance:	\$50.00
Criterion:	\$22.00

**Total Collections: \$1,601.00**

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

**Special Collection on May 22:** The Catholic Communications Campaign, "How the Good News gets around."

**Remember in Prayer:** Ruth Atchley, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer; Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennett, Amy Hermes, Drew Holzbauer, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer. In addition, please remember all those who grieve, especially the family of Gene Simone (burial Monday).

**Dates to Remember:**

May 8 – Mother's Day! Today is the special day to honor all Mothers, Grandmothers, step-Mothers, God-Mothers, the women in our lives who have carried us, supported us, nurtured us, and stood by our sides through all of the ups and downs of our lives. As we remember and honor them, we dedicate our Special Collection this morning for future Mothers, for troubled young mothers, to assist them in the choice for life! In honor of your Mother, donate to Clarity to support a struggling Mother-to-be. All loose cash today will go to Clarity.

May 22 – Mass to honor our 2022 graduates.

May 24 – Finance Committee Meeting at 5:00 pm

May 29 – Cemetery Service to honor our Veterans, more information as we learn it.

June 4 – **Ordination** of two priests (the first in three years) in our Archdiocese. Remember in prayer!

**Graduates:** Last call: 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! Today, Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, or send her a card for this special birthday!

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.

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, and then move forward to new initiatives, new goals, as outlined in the new pastoral plan, to invest in our identity, our Catholic Mission, and in presence.

Our Archdiocesan Leadership team has identified the following strategic priorities:

- To ensure thriving Parishes
- To strengthen Evangelization
- To support Priestly Vocations and Seminarian Education
- To care for active and retiring Clergy
- To bolster Catholic Education
- To serve the vulnerable by expanding the work of Catholic Charities
- To renovate our Archdiocesan Cathedral, funding the capital needs of our Mother Church to include exterior repairs and restoration, to ensure it will continue to be a resource for parishes and families across the state.

At the local level, we too are called to move forward, to reorganize, to recommit, to restructure, to set new goals, to form new teams, to initiate new strategies, to evangelize, to proclaim the Good News. We have a role to play, and it is more than maintaining our precious space. We must do what is ours to do.

As is customary, in May each year, we present and invite, opportunities to serve our parish in many capacities. We currently have just **three** standing committees in this parish. The three are essential. But we could have many more. But today let's talk about each of those three, those we currently have in place, but for which we need to identify new membership, set new goals, define the purpose for, budget and plan for, and perhaps appoint new leadership for. Unlike our local, state, and national committees, church structure and committees are **not about** governance, decision making, power, or control. The roles of all church committees are roles of **service, planning, listening**, discussing, reflecting, **discerning**, and **advising**, so to serve that larger goal of proclaiming the Gospel, and evangelizing, to the ends of the earth. Our purpose is **not** to preserve the church of Immaculate Conception, in Millhousen, **not** to promote our own identity or position, or draw a circle of inclusion around our own identified space. That is worldly! That is what our society promotes! But we are called to be counter-cultural. We are called to spiritual goals! To live the Gospel, to spread the good news of salvation, to love and support one another, to evangelize, to win souls! That is the only purpose for a parish, for a church, for our coming together. And you thought it was to play baseball? They say that where your money and time are, there is your heart. Some evening when you are gathering here to watch a baseball game you might want to count the number of people who gather. And then, compare that to the number of folks who gather on any given Sunday morning to worship. Where are our hearts?

There was a question in the old catechism of the Catholic Church, and perhaps you remember it. Why did God make me? The given answer: **God made me to know him, to love him, to serve him in this world, and to be happy with him in the next.** That is why we are here! To get to heaven! Let's begin by serving our parish. Those interested in serving on the Parish Council, The Finance Committee, or the Buildings and Grounds committee for the next three years are invited to submit their names for a ballot. No one will ring your doorbell or call you on the phone. This is your official invite.