

May 22, 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.

Today we welcome a Dominican priest who comes from the campus at Bloomington to serve us. Please thank him for his service to us!

Mass Intentions:

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 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Tony & Rosemary Scheidler family

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

July 10 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Rita Scheidler Bohman

Liturgical Ministers: May 22

May 29

Cross Bearer: Evan Wullenweber

Servers: Campbell Johannigman, Will Meyer

Ushers: Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Emily Baltus

Offertory Bread: Jessica Deiekhoff, Alli Nobbe

Musicians: The Schwerings

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

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 15

*Needed **each** weekend to meet budget: \$2,000 .00

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1,473.00

Total Collections: \$1,473.00

Special Collection today, May 22: The Catholic Communications Campaign, “How the Good News gets around.”

Special Collection on June 5th: The Education of Future Archdiocesan Priests

Remember in Prayer: Teresa Bruns, 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.

Dates to Remember:

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!

In this new moment, (today), as we come out of a global pandemic, we must recognize and respond to our Church’s needs, and our responsibility as disciples, to Proclaim the Good News and build God’s Kingdom.

At the local level, we 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. For these three 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 Millhausen, **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.

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. This is your official invite, and the last opportunity to volunteer for this year.

The Catholic Community of St. Mary's Greensburg, invites all of us to join in honoring **Fr. John Meyer** in a celebration following the 10:00 am Mass this morning, in honor of his 40th Anniversary of Ordination. He has served us well in covering for all kinds of emergencies over the years. Thank him by attending this celebration, or drop him a card. Congratulations, Fr. John!

Change and transition: Six years ago, through the invitation of Archbishop Joseph Tobin, I was asked to begin a new ministry here at Immaculate Conception, to fill a vacancy, to bring a new world order to a struggling community. Together we have transformed the face of the campus, buried a long list of our elders, and baptized a few. Beginning at noon on July 6, 2022, that six-year commitment and contract comes to an end, and a new chapter will begin. What was mine to do has been accomplished. God's plan continues to unfold. It would behoove all of us to listen, to respond, and to open ourselves to his new plan. On July 6, 2022 at 12:00 noon, the role of Sacramental Minister will cease in our parish as well as the role of the PLC. The **Parish Administrator** role, will combine these two roles into one position, and will be assumed by Father Binu Mathew, along with his current role as Administrator of St. John Osgood. What that role will look like will be determined by Fr. Binu, as he balances responsibilities and time between the two parishes. Please welcome him and support him, with willingness to make the necessary changes, so that all needs can be met. He is a true pastor with great experience, and he will lead the way. Transition is difficult for all involved. Please keep the whole Archdiocesan family in prayer as the next few weeks unfold.

Yes, much of this is repetition from last week, but remains important. In addition to committee members, we need a parish secretary, someone to write petitions, someone to write and edit the bulletin, someone to do deposits, someone to manage the sale of graves, someone to manage trash collection, and the list goes on and on. He is hoping volunteers come forward before he feels a need to hire. He is looking for committed, dependable, trustworthy, and flexible individuals who will work as a team under his direction, and adhere to Archdiocesan policies, and guidance. He will indeed supervise and manage all hiring, all employees, all volunteers, the finances, the sacramental and liturgical needs, all committees, all maintenance, all security (and keys) and all emergencies. He asks for interested and committed individuals to call the parish office, to make known your interest.

Thank you! Pauline Schoettmer was so pleased with the turnout for her 90th birthday open-house. She called to say: "To everyone who came to my party, sent cards, and prayers, all is greatly appreciated!! God bless you all!"

Four of our young people have come forward to be recognized this morning for their recent accomplishments: **graduation** from high school, and the start of new adventures in college, or entry into the work force. Each will be introduced with the information they have provided. We congratulate each one, and assure them that they go forth with our parish support! May God bless them abundantly, as they continue their growth and education, planted firmly in the faith passed on to them. They are: Jessica Diekhoff, Evan Wullenweber, Allison Nobbe, and Hope Diekhoff. Congratulations on this milestone!!