

**June 5, 2022**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN**

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Sacramental Ministers – Fr. Jeyaseelan Sengolraj, and Fr. Binu Mathew		

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:**

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: June 5**

**Cross Bearer:** Oliver Hamilton

**Servers:** Brynklie Ortman, Caaden Gault

**Ushers:** Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

**Lector:** Jerry Fry

**Offertory Bread:** Cindy Hermesch, Kate Bedel

**Musicians:** The Schwerings

**Counters:** Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

**June 12**

Randy Huff

Brooklyn Ortman, Campbell Johannigman

Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Emily Baltus

Laura Meyer, Maria Meyer

Men's Choir

Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

**Church Cleaners for June:** Lois Johannigman, chairperson, Jeanie Harrison, Kate Bedel, Carrie Stier, Nancy Vanderpohl.

**Stewardship of Treasure:** Our Sunday Collection: **May 22** **May 29**

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

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1,515.00 \$1,615.00

Catholic Communication Campaign: \$85.00

Education of Future Priests: \$50.00

**Total Collections: \$1,600.00 \$1,665.00**

**Special Collection** today, June 5<sup>th</sup>: The Education of Future Archdiocesan Priests

**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.

**May she rest in peace:** On Friday of this week we buried **Teresa Bruns**, a long-time parishioner, and faithful donor. Among her many kindnesses was her support of all those who lost family members. Teresa sent cards and flowers to all that she knew were grieving. Every visit to her home (or nursing home) brought forth her list of questions concerning all those she was remembering in prayer. She also had a single-minded devotion to the infants lost in abortion, and prayed constantly to end abortion in this country. Perhaps now she can intercede more directly for this noble cause. Please remember her family in prayer.

### **Dates to Remember:**

**June 19** – Father’s Day, and the kick -off of the Eucharistic Revival with a procession in the streets of Indianapolis. Please see detailed information in the Criterion of the past few weeks. **Corpus Christi!**

**June 26** - Fr. Jey’s last weekend with us. Coffee and doughnut reception after Mass.

The **Parish Administrator** role, beginning at noon on July 6, will be assumed by Fr. Binu Mathew, even as he continues 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, parishioners as well as pastoral leaders. Please keep the whole Archdiocesan family in prayer as the next few weeks unfold.

Over the past year or two, our committee structure has been reduced in membership as terms expired, and as volunteers did not come forward to replace them. By mandate of Canon Law, a parish must maintain a Finance Council, and we were able to do that, reduced from four members to three members. This small dedicated group must review the financials each month and must budget, or approve all expenditures. As other committee work declined, this team truly functioned as a team, and saw us through a period of lesser income, at the same time moving forward with repairs, replacements, and many maintenance projects. While we can applaud many projects completed, this team facilitated that progress, and used continued good insight to prevent unneeded expenditures. At present we stand without debt, with greater combined resources than we had six years ago, and with satisfaction that our campus is in good repair. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen! We have had two positive financial audits, and just completed our second safety and maintenance audit in six years. The list of “needed repairs” this time around is much less, and does not threaten our closure due to inability to maintain our complex. Having said that, there are needed repairs that will require our immediate attention.

While recommended, the Parish Council is not a **required** committee. It is not a decision-making committee, but advises the Parish Administrator, offers ideas, and assists in the capacity needed or identified by the administrator. Both committees meet only when called together by the Parish Administrator, and only when the Parish Administrator is present. Because no one came forward to offer

service on this committee in the past two years, the committee was reduced to two members, but did meet and advised as needed as issues arose. Fr. Binu will utilize this committee as he deems necessary, and he will decide how many members he may need to function well as a team.

Currently, the immediate need identified by Fr. Binu is for support in the tasks, the work, of operating and maintaining the parish. This parish has been identified as perhaps the only parish, large or small, without secretarial support, without janitorial support, and without editorial support for the bulletin, and all communications. The Archdiocese offers workshops, classes, and offers guidelines and support for learning these parish functions and guides the hiring and job descriptions of these positions. They may be paid or voluntary, as decided by the Administrator. Please consider your abilities and skills, and communicate your willingness to serve, by **Calling the parish office and leaving a voice message for Fr. Binu, or put your desire to assist in writing and send it to the parish office. Sister Donna's cell phone cannot be accessed by Fr. Binu, and he will not be providing access to his own cell phone. He will use the parish phone exclusively, and will communicate his office hours as the date of July 6<sup>th</sup> approaches.** 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.

The "Catechesis for Discipleship Award" is a yearly recognition of one catechist from each parish to honor a teacher of the Catholic faith who has a strong, personal, disciple relationship with Jesus; inspires others to live such a relationship in full communion with Christ's body, the Church; and provides not only teaching but also a **joyful witness** to the goodness and beauty of a Catholic life. We are pleased to present our parish's 2022 Catechesis for Discipleship Award to Melea Gault. Melea not only coordinates our youth Catechetical program, but has also assisted with marriage preparation. She and Aaron serve as our marriage couple sponsors. Please join in applauding her for this service to our parish.

**Easter season comes to an end:** With the celebration of Pentecost this weekend, we end the joyful, hopeful season of Easter! Pentecost marks the end of one season and ushers in the new life of the Spirit, the presence of God within us. Jesus promised to send a companion, to be with us always on our journey, and that promise is fulfilled in the gifts of the Holy Spirit today. Gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This new season is one of ordinariness, the Ordinary Times, a time to focus on getting into Gospel mission and service. The vestments will be changing back to the green, and the **routine** will become our companion once again. When the dark days come, and they will, we should call on the Holy Spirit and invite him to come into our hearts as he did with the hearts of Mary and the disciples on the first Pentecost. Come Holy Spirit, bring light for our darkness, comfort for our distress, healing for our souls, warmth for our frozen hearts, and joys that will never end. Amen!