

June 26, 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:

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
July 17 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nell Ann Pfeifer
July 24 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Alfred & Gertrude Mehring
July 31 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Marilyn Horan

Liturgical Ministers: June 26

Cross Bearer: Tim Scheidler
Servers: Trevor Stone, Caaden Gault
Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler
Lector: Jeanne Fry
Offertory Bread: LaDonna Hoeing/ Karen Hardebeck
Musicians: Men’s Choir
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

July 3

Brooklyn Ortman
Kate Schoettmer, Campbell Johannigman
Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe
Melea Gault
Melissa Stier, Katherine Stier
Men’s Choir
Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

Church Cleaners for July: Chairperson: Cindy Hermes, Paula Fry, Melea & Aaron Gault, Stephanie & Tim Hoeing.

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

	June 19
*Needed each weekend to meet budget:	\$2,000 .00
Sunday Envelopes (and loose):	\$1,071.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 530.00
Total Collections:	\$1, 601.00

Special Collection today, June 26: **Peter’s Pence Collection**

The Peter’s Pence Collection, is an annual world-wide collection which provides essential support for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to respond to the emerging, critical needs of our world. This year, he focuses on folks needing housing and medical support in the Ukraine, Haiti, and Tanzania, among others. Our contributions can be light and hope for those who suffer!

Congratulations are in order for all those (a total of 55 parishioners) who contributed this year to the United Catholic Appeal! We have but two weeks left, but have finally reached our goal! This is the first time in many years that we realized success!! Because our numbers have been dropping across the Diocese, the goals also had to be adjusted proportionately. Our parish goal was dropped to \$13,507. Our pledges were very promising from the beginning, but then some of those promised funds did not materialize. The amount pledged was \$15,345. But we lagged behind for a few months. This week we finally received word that we have met our goal! The grand total taken in from Immaculate Conception was \$13,745. A job well done!! Thank you all. This is all very important, because without meeting our goal, we are not eligible for available grants and Archdiocesan funding. We need to do our part, and this year we have done it. Now we are in good standing to make grant application.

Remember in Prayer: Becky Ogle, 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.

June 26 – Today we celebrate Fr. Jey. Coffee and doughnut reception after Mass. Fr. Jey assisted us, and those at Batesville, and Morris as well, for over a year, and now goes forward to take on a new role of parish administrator. We are most grateful for his time with us. Our prayers go with him! A basket for cards and good wishes is marked in the entryway.

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. May we hold one another in prayer.

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. This work, and these positions, are not the job or the responsibility of the PLC or Parish Administrator, as some would like to think. They are positions, in every parish, assumed by parishioners or hired employees. They may be paid or voluntary, as decided by the Administrator. And the folks involved **report to 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 6th 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 and availability. He is preparing to hire.

****A REMINDER:** Beginning July 10th our Sunday Mass time changes to 9:00 am. Because Fr. Binu has sole responsibility for two parishes. And because he will at times, need to cover for the needs of St. Maurice at Napoleon as well, he is offering an option that hopefully allows **flexibility and opportunity for everyone**, asks everyone to give a little, so that no one parish sacrifices all. This is the proposal that he is offering: Beginning on the weekend of **July 9 and 10:** Saturday evening Masses will remain as they are currently scheduled, 4:00 pm at Napoleon, and 6:00 pm at Osgood. On Sunday morning he proposes the following changes: 7:30 am at Osgood, 9:00 am at Immaculate Conception, and 10:30 am at Napoleon. This schedule allows for travel time, and for as much continuity as possible. It still allows for our Religious Ed. program to continue on Sunday Morning following the morning Mass, and still gives everyone options for Saturday evening and early or later on Sunday morning. Everyone has options within the Cohort, to flex between parish sites, to meet their individual scheduling needs. While he knows that not everyone will be happy with the change, he is hoping that most people will be able to embrace it for the **good of all**.

Thank You!! Thanks to Tim Scheidler for mowing off the lot behind the ball diamond, and the area around the pond. A big improvement to our grounds! And thank you to Ken and Steve Stone for fixing the water heater in the school, and for putting in the office AC units. Both are much appreciated!

Today, Friday June 24, 2022, we have lived through a bit of history! While many were not alive, or too young to realize the impact, in January of 1973, Roe v. Wade was a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in which the court ruled that the Constitution of the United States generally protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion. Today that decision has been reversed. The course of our country has changed. After 49 years of federally protected legal abortion in the United States, a step has been taken in a different direction, Dobbs v. Jackson, June 2022. The Supreme Court decision may well be considered an enormous step forward in the protection of basic human rights for the preborn, but it is fraught with polarizing political issues. Abortion is not banned. The discussion and debate are merely moved to the state level. Now each state will pick up the battle. Some states will ban, some immediately, and some will not. The business of politics will divide and polarize. It is a decision of very high cost. There will be protests as the anger and fear are likely to mushroom, leading to even more polarization in our culture. Can our country, can our church bear more?

According to recent polls, a substantially larger portion of Americans still want abortion to be legal, a 61%. And only 37% think abortion should be illegal in all or most cases. We are broken. We have a long way to go! And a lot to pray for! Pray for **resources** for safe pregnancy for the uninsured, or underinsured, the underserved, the indigent. Pray for increasing support systems during pregnancy and after. Our prayer needs to be followed by **action**, and our action needs to be **life giving**. If we are truly pro-life, we need to support life for pregnant women and their children. We need to offer an alternative to judgement and punishment. Compassion and support may reduce abortions quicker than laws.