

July 3, 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 on Sundays, after Mass

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.

Sunday Mass – 9:00 am

Mass Intentions:

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: July 3

Cross Bearer: Brooklyn Ortman

Servers: Kate Schoettmer, Campbell Johannigman

Ushers: Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Jeanne Fry

Offertory Bread: Melissa Stier, Katherine Stier

Musicians: Men's Choir

Eucharistic Minister: Sister Donna

Counters: Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

July 10

Grady Scudder

Paul Schoettmer, Michael Stier

Mark Stier, Tim Hoeing

Jerry Fry

Lois Johannigman,, Mollie Johannigman

Women's Choir

Mark Stier

Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

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

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

June 26

*Needed **each** weekend to meet budget:

\$2,000 .00

Sunday Envelopes (and loose):

\$1,524.28

Cemetery Fund:

\$145.00

Peter's Pence:

\$190.00

Total Collections:

\$1, 859.28

While we have no scheduled Archdiocesan collections during the months of July and August, we do host the annual missionary appeal. The **Spiritan Missionaries** of Dayton, Ohio have been assigned to us, and will be visiting our parish on the weekend of **July 24**, to share the story of their missionary work among hard-working people with little or no economic safety net, both world-wide, and at home. The world looks to us as people of faith to assist them in meeting the spiritual, physical and economic challenges of our time. Please be generous!

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.

Dates to Remember:

July 6 – Fr Binu comes to Immaculate Conception

July 7 – Finance Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm Office Building

August 11 (Thursday) – set up tents

August 12 (Friday) – receive Consigner goods

August 13 (Saturday) – Auction 2022!

At 12:00 Noon, on Wednesday, July 6th, Fr. Binu Mathew becomes our new **Parish Administrator**, appointed by Archbishop Thompson. 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. These 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. 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 for **flexibility and opportunity for everyone**. Fr. Binu 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**.

Religious Education UPDATE! IMPORTANT! Please read and share with others.

Hello ICC families, I recently met with Sister Donna and Father Binu to let them know that I will no longer be serving as the ARE (Administrator of Religious Education) at our parish. This decision was a difficult one, and didn't come without a lot of prayer and reflection. It has been a pleasure to lead this program for the past 2.5 years. I have enjoyed my time with your kids and seeing them grow in their faith. I am also thankful for the catechists, who's time, dedication and energy made our program work!

This decision opens up a need for our parish, and therefore, we are looking for someone who may be interested in this position. It is our prayer that we find a replacement within the next couple of weeks. Father Binu is committed to continue having a religious education program because he knows how important it is for a parish. He has made it very clear that merging programs with another parish is our last option, but will be something he will have to consider if necessary. If you are interested in learning more about the ARE position or if you feel called to help, please reach out to Father Binu by JULY 15 at 812-689-4244 or binum@millhousenchurch.com. The deadline is tight because registrations or other arrangements will need to be started soon.

Blessings, Melea Gault

From St. Maurice: A Blood Drive will be held at St. Maurice Parish Hall in Napoleon on Tuesday, August 2, from 12:00 until 6:00. Donors can schedule an appointment online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) for more information or scheduling. Life-saving blood donations are always needed, especially during the summer months. Your time and sacrifice would be deeply appreciated!