

July 10, 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 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 10

Cross Bearer: Grady Scudder

Servers: Paul Schoettmer, Michael Stier

Ushers: Mark Stier, Tim Hoeing

Lector: Jerry Fry

Offertory Bread: Missy & Katherine Stier

Musicians: Women's Choir

Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

July 17

Mary Stier

Luke Stier, Michael Stier

Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler

Jeanne Fry

Cindy Heresch/Kate Bedel

Women's Choir

Mark Stier

Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

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

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

July 3

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

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$1,654.00

Cemetery Fund: \$115.00

Total Collections: \$1,769.00

While we have no scheduled Archdiocesan collections during the months of July and August, we do host the annual missionary appeal. The **Spiritans 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:

August 11 (Thursday) – set up tents

August 12 (Friday) – receive Consigner goods

August 13 (Saturday) – Auction 2022!

Fr. Binu accepted his new responsibilities on Wednesday, and has been spending time catching up with our processes and finance information. Currently, the most **immediate need** identified by Fr. Binu is for secretarial support for the huge task of operating and maintaining the parish. His ideal vision for smooth operation can only be realized when multiple folks step forward to take on vital tasks. The Archdiocese offers workshops, classes, guidelines and support for learning these parish functions, and guides the hiring and job descriptions of these positions. 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 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, and all volunteers. He is preparing to hire if necessary to fill these positions. Wait no longer!

****A REMINDER:** Beginning today, 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 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, whose time, dedication and energy made our program work!

This decision opens up a need for our parish, and 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 may be something he will find necessary to consider. 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@millhousechurch.com. The deadline is tight because registrations or other arrangements will need to be initiated soon.

Blessings, Melea Gault

This is the **last bulletin** to be written and edited by Sister Donna before she leaves for her new position. If **communication** is your forte, this task is waiting to be claimed. Jump right in by contacting Fr. Binu.

Another unclaimed task is that of **depositing** our Sunday Collection. This task requires a consistent effort, weekly, on Monday, picking up the funds and taking them to the bank on the square, and then returning the deposit slips to the office in time for the bookkeeper's visit on Tuesday. Ideally, this task could be done by someone driving to Greensburg each week for work or for school, adhering to "banker's hours." Give it some thought. Again, if interested, please contact Fr. Binu.

Our appointed **Eucharistic Ministers** continue serving the needs of our homebound, week after week, and we are grateful for this generous service! Prior to COVID, these homebound residents were visited just once a month. Due to the gracious service of these ministers, they now join in our Eucharistic Celebration every Sunday. Accessing the tabernacle and distributing the Body of Christ during the Sunday Liturgy is reserved for the priest, the deacon, and the PLC when they are present. However, when the priest is alone, and the size of the gathered group requires assistance, additional appointed Ministers of the Eucharist may be assigned as needed. Beginning this morning, Mark Stier and Norb Hoeing have been assigned this weekly task and will alternate Sundays. When the crowd is small Father Binu can distribute alone.

We are seeking at least one additional **usher**, as one position has been vacated. While any current usher can orient a new person to the role, if you accept the position, please contact LaDonna to be scheduled.

Another **lector** would be welcomed as well!