

July 17, 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 – 8:30 am (only On 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022)**

**Mass Intentions:**

July 17 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nell Ann Pfeifer

July 24 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Alfred & Gertrude Mehring

July 31 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Marilyn Horan

**Liturgical Ministers: July 17**

**Cross Bearer:** Mary Stier

**Servers:** Luke Stier, Michael Stier

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

**Lector:** Jerry Fry

**Offertory Bread:** Cindy Heresch/Kate Bedel

**Musicians:** Women's Choir

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mark Stier

**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

**July 24**

Sophia Witkamper

Kate Schoettmer, Campbell Johannigman

Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

LaDonna Hoeing

Stephanie Hoeing

Men's Choir

Norbert Hoeing

Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

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

**Stewardship of Treasure:** Our Sunday Collection:

July 10

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

Sunday Envelopes (and loose): \$2351.00

Cemetery Fund: \$

**Total Collections:** \$ 2351.00

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:**

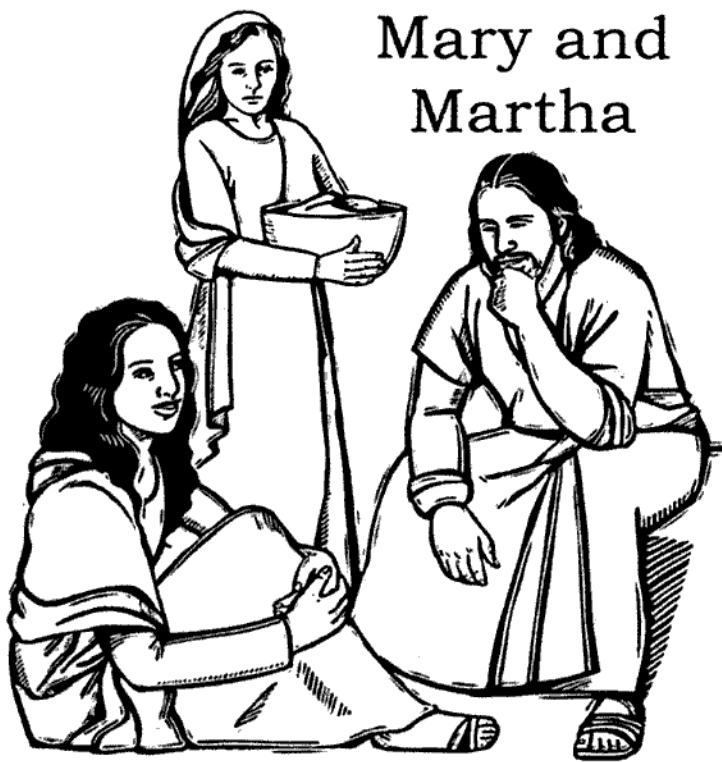
August 11 (Thursday) – set up tents

August 12 (Friday) – receive Consigner goods

August 13 (Saturday) – Auction 2022!

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We need to recharge our spiritual batteries.**

## Mary and Martha



Abraham and Sarah shower the stranger with generosity, not realizing that it is the LORD. On the other hand, Martha and Mary know it is the Lord when they welcome him into their house. We're familiar with the story: Mary gets to rest and listen to Jesus while Martha does all the work. Yet each is serving in her own way. Mary is listening so that she can serve as a disciple.

It is a well-known fact that those who are in the caring professions, like doctors, nurses, pastors, social workers and even parents, often suffer from burnout and terminal exhaustion as Martha did. People suffering from burnout often end up angry, anxious, and worried. Hence, occasionally we need to put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may do the recharging of our spiritual energy also by our personal and family prayers, by the meditative reading of the Bible and by

participating in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Christian husbands and wives should develop "couple spirituality" and seek more opportunities to pray together.

Last Sunday's Gospel the Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet o

### **Sr. Donna Prickel**

Sister Donna will be starting her new ministry as PLC at Holy Trinity Church in Edinburgh. We want to thank her for her years of service to our parish and all the things she accomplished in the past six years. Through her guidance and hours of paper work we were able to repair the steeple, paint the interior of the church, make needed repairs to the school building and numerous improvements to the church grounds and the cemetery. Last six years she has spent all her time, energy, resources, her life itself, for the spiritual as well as the material upkeep of Our Parishioners and Parish. It is not an easy task that she has achieved. Gratitude is the attitude of the heart. It is for each one of us to thank and appreciate her for all that she had been to our people and parish. We wish her all success in her ministry at Holy Trinity Edinburgh.

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!

**A day off for the pastor?** A distraught woman tried many times to contact her pastor only to discover that it was his day off. She contacted him the next day and scolded him severely. "Father, I needed you yesterday," she said, "and you were not there for me. You have let me down. I cannot believe you would take a day off when so many people like me need you." Then she added, "The devil never takes a day off." The pastor, a little irritated and with tongue in cheek, responded, "And if I didn't take a day off, I would be just like him, wouldn't I?"