

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Millhousen, Indiana

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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 & Thursday 5:10 pm to 5:24 pm

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.

Bulletin information is due by Thursday before 6:00PM

Office is closed on Mondays

Weekday Mass

Thursday – 6:00 pm

Holy Hour 5:00 pm

Confession 5:15 pm

Sunday Obligation

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday – Rosary 10:30 AM

Wednesday – Rosary 6:30 PM

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Mass Intentions:

September 18 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cletus Wessler

September 25- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Mark & Cathy Wittkamper

October 2- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jerry Diekhoff

Liturgical Ministries

September 25th

Cross Bearer: Grady Scudder

Servers: Michael Stier, Brynklie Ortman

Ushers: Bill & Nikki Johannigman

Lector: Mary Jo Wenning

Offertory Bread: Karen Hardebeck/

Musicians: Rita & Karen

Eucharistic Minister: Norbert Hoeing

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

October 2nd

Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton

Servers: Mary Stier, Andrew Stier

Ushers: Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Jeanne Fry

Offertory Bread: Cindy Hermesch/Kate Bedel

Musicians:

Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier

Counters: Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

Sunday Envelopes : **\$ 2086.00**

Cash / Misc **\$ 251.00**

Total **\$ 2337.00**

Remember in Prayer: Jennie (Schutte) Patrick, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennet, Amy Hermesch, Drew Holzbauer, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer. In addition, please remember all those who grieve.

Religious Education Program:

We want to recognize and thank the catechists and aides who have volunteered their time and talent to share our Catholic Faith with our youth: Laura Meyer, Maria Meyer, Alison Ortman, Clair Schoettmer, Carrie Stier, Gretchen Stone, Melanie Stone, Kate Bedel, Jeanne Fry. Thank you also to the parish community for your prayers and support !

Liturgical Committee: We are looking for volunteers to be on the Liturgical Committee. Responsibilities include assisting Father Binu with planning liturgy for the church seasons (Christmas, Easter, Lent, Advent) and church decorating. If you are interested please let Father Binu know.

Archdiocese is looking for someone interested in being a parish contact person for ecumenical and/or interreligious relations. There will be a Zoom training session for this position. If you are interested contact Father Binu. They would like to launch the program in October.

New Office Hours: The Parish Office will be open the following hours:

(Monday – Office closed)

Tuesday – Father Binu 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Thursday – Father Binu 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Ortman Benefit: Saturday, Sept. 24th, 4-7 PM. Benefit for Benji & Darla Ortman at the K Of C Hall in Greensburg. Pulled Pork Dinner \$10 Adults; 10 & Under \$6. Raffle Baskets. Please come and support this amazing couple in their battle with cancer.

Catechetical Sunday

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as “Catechetical Sunday”— a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church’s mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022. Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

As a catechist, you are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as you deepen your own faith. This call may have reached you through your pastor, the director of your parish’s religious education program, or through your role as a Catholic school teacher. But know that this calling ultimately comes from God, whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides you.

This year’s theme is “This is my body given for you.” With these words from the Gospel (Luke 22:19), the Lord Jesus offers us the gift of himself in the Eucharist. This theme reminds us that the object of all catechesis is Jesus himself. The role of the Catechist is, first of all, to be a disciple and one who draws close to Jesus in the Eucharist, and then to be a witness to others and a companion as they too come to know Jesus and to encounter him in the sacraments. May we who aspire to be effective catechists, have unwavering faith in the real presence of Christ, that we lead others by teaching and example to encounter Jesus with us at the Eucharistic table.

Pope Francis has written: “Catechists are called first to be expert in the pastoral service of transmitting the faith as it develops through its different stages from the initial proclamation of the kerygma [Gospel proclamation] to the instruction that presents our new life in Christ and prepares for the sacraments of Christian initiation, and then to the ongoing formation that can allow each person to give an accounting of the hope within them. At the same time, every catechist must be a witness to the faith, a teacher and mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue, who teaches for the Church.”

Remember these ministers of the Church in your prayer. We are grateful to our parish and school catechists and ask God’s blessing upon them on this Catechetical Sunday.

Pope Francis has spoken of “compulsive consumerism,” calling on the world’s “haves” to examine their use of the world’s resources. Unless this is done, the basic needs of future generations will be threatened.

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. One cannot be devoted to both heavenly and worldly wealth. God must be put ahead of money.

It is not that the wealth is bad in itself – Because all of our material blessings and wealth come from God. But they can never take the place of God! We must use all these things as God's servants. We must share them with others – because that is the reason God gave them to us in the first place. Amen.