

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

Holy Hour- 5:00 pm

Thursday – 6:00 pm

Confession 5:15 pm

Sunday Obligation

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday – Rosary 10:30 AM

Wednesday – Rosary 6:30 PM

Mass Intentions:

December 4th- 2nd Sunday of Advent – Cletus Wesseler

December 8th- Immaculate Conception (Thursday) - George & Leona AmRhein

December 11th – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Dennis Schwering

December 15th – Thursday – Dennis, MaryAnn & Tim Schwering

Liturgical Ministries

Dec. 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Cross Bearer: Trevor Stone

Servers: Will Meyer, Michael Stier

Ushers: Bill & Nikki Johannigman, Norb &

Kate Bedel

Lector: Kenny Stier

Offertory: Melissa Stier / Katherine Stier

Musicians: Women Choir

Eucharistic Minister: Norb Hoeing

December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton

Servers: Luke Stier, Andrew Stier

Ushers: Mark Hermes, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Jerry Fry

Offertory: Stephanie Hoeing/ Claire Hoeing

Musicians: Karen & Rita

Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier

Counters: Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

Sunday Envelopes : \$ 2508.50

Cash / Misc \$ 221.00

Energy (Special collection) \$ 965.00

Total \$ 3694.50

Remember in Prayer: Jennie (Schutte) Patrick, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennet, Amy Hermes, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer.

2022 Christmas Outreach: The ornaments for this year's Christmas Outreach Giving Tree are now available on the tree in the back of church. We will be helping 9 SDES families with their Christmas needs by providing shoes, shirt, pants, underwear and an item from each child's wish list. This is sure to be a blessing to these families! Please return all gifts, UNWRAPPED and with the Giving Tree ornament ATTACHED. This will help us to know which child the gift is intended for. All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 11. If you would prefer not to shop, feel free to place your monetary donation in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" in the Sunday collection. Our elves will do the shopping for you! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeanne Fry, Laura Meyer, or Stephanie Hoeing. Thank you for all you do for these SDES families!

Christmas Eve Mass Practice: The youth/children's choir will practice on December 11 and 18, immediately following Mass. There will be another practice several days before Christmas Eve--the exact date and time will be determined. The children in the Nativity Procession will also practice at that last choir time, several days before Christmas Eve, to be determined. The Religious Education students will receive a schedule with more details at their class today. ***Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talent to help our parish to have a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth!!***

Holiday Schedules:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation- Thursday December 8th- Holy Hour 5:00 PM followed by Mass at 6:00PM.

Reconciliation -Wednesday December 14th – 6:00 -8:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve –December 24th - Mass 4:00 PM – Hymns preceding Mass 3:30

January 1st- Sunday- Soleminity of Mary – **Mass will be at 8:30 am instead of 9:00 am for this Sunday Only.**

Parish Council will meet after Mass on December 11th. If you have any comments or concerns, feel free to contact one of the council members listed here in the bulletin.

Parish Council Members Contact information:

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Second Sunday of Advent.

“Repent. Change your heart.” On two Sundays every Advent John the Baptist comes before us with his message calling for a change of heart, for doing what will transform us from a people caught up in our own pursuits to a community open to the dawning of a new age focused on Jesus Christ. John castigates the religious leaders who came out to the wilderness to hear him but whose hearts were far from being open to change. Calling them a brood of vipers would not have won them over, but he accurately declared that hiding behind a claim to be descendants of Abraham would not gain them the kingdom of heaven either. What was needed was a full-fledged conversion of heart, a pilgrimage to the interior desert where God could woo and win them. The farseeing vision of the prophet Isaiah of one who would come in the power of the Spirit has been fulfilled in Christ. May the Scriptures encourage us to endure in hope, as Paul writes, so we may glorify the God and Father of Jesus Christ. How is the Holy Spirit guiding you to renew your heart and your hope during Advent?

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“Prepare the way of the Lord,” we heard in last Sunday’s Gospel (Matthew 3:3). There may be no better model for doing so than Mary herself. Mary was told that in nine months’ time she would bear the Son of God. Sensibly, at first, she was afraid and greatly troubled. She feared the angel, puzzled over the greeting, and questioned the message. But she did not run. She did not refuse. She agreed to let “it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Perhaps it was Gabriel’s final words that convinced her: “for nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:37).

This Advent, as we prepare the way of the Lord, let us keep those words in mind. Like Adam and Eve, we may find it too difficult to resist temptation. But with God, nothing will be impossible. We may feel that we may never become “holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 1:4). With God, nothing will be impossible. We may feel that the peace and harmony of Eden are forever unattainable and there is nothing we can do. Whenever we find it difficult to change our lives or change the world, let us look to Mary. Because two thousand years later, still nothing will be impossible for God. What can you do to imitate Mary’s obedience and faith?

December 8 Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, is a Holy day of Obligation (USA). It is a day of great rejoicing for us in a special way because Our Lady of Immaculate Conception is the Patroness our Church too. Let us celebrate, let us rejoice, let us thank God . May Our Blessed Mother, Mother of Jesus, Mother of God, the Immaculate conception intercede for all of us.

