Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Millhousen, Indiana

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 $Sacrament \ of \ \textbf{Anointing} \ is \ available \ upon \ request. \ Please \ call \ the \ parish \ office \ to \ schedule.$

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 11th - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Dennis Schwering

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

December 18th – 4th Sunday of Advent- Cletus Wesseler

December 22nd – Thursday – Bill Stone

Liturgical Ministries

December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent Cross Bearer: Brooklyn Ortman

Servers: Campbell Johannigman, Mary Stier Ushers: Mark Stier, Tim Hoeing, Dave Stone

Lector: Kenny Stier

Offertory: Cindy Hermesch/ Kate Bedel

Musicians: Mens Choir

Eucharistic Minister: Norb Hoeing Counters: Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff December 24: Christmas Cross Bearer: Grady Scudder

Servers: Michael Stier, Brooklyn Ortman Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler,

John Johannigman Lector: Emily Baltus

Offertory: Lois Johannigman / Mollie

Johannigman

Musicians: Ryan Stone

Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

 Sunday Envelopes :
 \$ 1563.00

 Cash / Misc
 \$ 243.75

 Maintenance
 \$ 897.00

 Total
 \$ 2703.75

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

Also remember in prayer Ruth Hamilton who passed away on Thursday. And Doris Frey (mother of Barb Aults) who passed away last week.

<u>Christmas Outreach Update</u>: This will be a busy day for our parish outreach activities, following today's Mass! The junior high/high school students will be assembling the fruit baskets for delivery to our older parishioners. The Giving Tree committee will be sorting the donated items and checking the list to make sure all is complete. The items will be taken to SDES this week, where they will be distributed to the families.

Thank you to all of you who shopped, donated items, or have given a monetary donation in order to make these outreach projects possible! Your giving spirit is much appreciated!

<u>Christmas Eve Mass Practice</u>: 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:

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.

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Third Sunday of Advent-AGaudete Sunday invites us to rejoice for the Lord is near. Today's readings convey that joy. Jesus transforms our lives today, giving us a foretaste of the kingdom of heaven. Pope Francis says the gospel constantly calls us to rejoice. That is certainly true today. Isaiah's vision promises a healing of two bodies: the earth's body and the human body. What was a parched and dry desert will blossom. Glory and splendor will replace gloom and sorrow. Feeble hands and weak knees, the blind and the deaf, the lame and the mute---all will meet with joy and gladness. When will all this come about? When God comes, says Isaiah.

The Letter of James counsels patience, a word rooted in the Latin word for suffering. One must suffer waiting for a new world's arrival. Buy joy is found even now because the Lord visits his waiting people in word and sacrament, and in others. This Sunday allows for wearing rose vestments as a sign of the coming joy Advent promises. "He will come again." Where do you find this joy in your life?

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way. "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) …" Ephesians 2:4-5.

Advent Penance service:

Tuesday December 13, 6-8 pm St. John's Osgood Wednesday December 14, 6-8 pm – Immaculate Conception, Millhousen