Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Millhousen, Indiana

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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

Thursday Mass

Sunday Obligation Sunday 9:00 AM Monday – Rosary 10:30 AM

<u>Mass Intentions:</u> February 5th – Sunday - Alfred Diekhoff February 12th- Sunday – Cletus Wesseler February 19th- Sunday – Marjorie Johannigman

Liturgical Ministries

February 19th: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12th: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cross Bearer: Grady Scudder **Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton** Servers: Michael Stier, Brooklyn Ortman Servers: Campbell Johannigman, Mary Stier Ushers: Mark Stier, Tim Hoeing, Dave Stone Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler, Lector: Jerry Fry John Johanniaman Offertory: Stephanie Hoeing/Emma Hoeing Lector: Emily Baltus Offertory: Laura Meyer / Maria Meyer Musicians: Karen & Rita Musicians: Ken Stier Eucharistic Minister: Tim Hoeing Counters: Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing Eucharistic Minister: Steve AmRhein Counters: Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

<u>Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:</u> Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

Cash 656.00 Envelopes 2268.00 Total \$2924.00

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

<u>The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs your help:</u> If you knit or crochet please consider helping out. Shawl patterns can be any shape – rectangle, triangle, crescent and any size, since they are given to men, women and children. This is no set stitch pattern or color.

As the shawl is being created prayers are said. Maybe say a prayer at the beginning of a row, listen to the rosary or think about the love and healing you want the recipient to feel.

Shawls can be placed in the tub under the table in the entrance to church that is labeled 'Shawls NOT Blessed'. I will have Father bless them and put them out as they become available. Feel free to call or text Jane Scheidler at 812-614-3677 or <u>scheidlerjane@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Community Blood Drive: St. Maurice Church in Napoleon is hosting a Community Blood Drive in their Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 7th from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Appointments are strongly encouraged and may be scheduled online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or by calling Arlene Gehl: 812-852-4394.

<u>Catholic Men's Conference:</u> Mark your calendar for the 2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 18th 2023, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 8th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the man Christ calls them to be. Do not miss this! More details and tickets are on sale now at <u>www.e6cmc.com</u>.

<u>Bible study</u> will begin on Wednesday February 15 at 7:00 in the parish office. We will be studying "Walking with God: A Journey Through the Bible". We will start on Chapter Seven - Divided Kingdom. If you are interested in attending and need the book "Walking with God: A Journey Through the Bible", contact Kate Bedel at 812-614-0987

<u>Youth Minister:</u> The parish is in need of a Youth Ministry Coordinator volunteer. Events can be coordinated with St. Maurice, Napoleon and St. John, Osgood. If you are interested, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number.

Baby Jesus Statue from the Baby Circle in the cemetery is being repainted. He has not been stolen! Thanks to Mike Ortman for taking on this project.

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IN hearing today's short Gospel reading, which continues Jesus' preaching that began last week in the Sermon on the Mount, we recall the theme of light which is present in today's first reading: when people act with justice for the oppressed, then their light shines in the darkness. In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to those who follow him as both salt and light.

While salt serves as a preservative and gives flavor to food, light illumines and allows clearer perception of the world. This passage immediately follows the beatitudes, in which Jesus calls 'blessed' those who act with compassion and justice. Bringing these passages together forms a picture of discipleship: disciples of Jesus bring clarity into a darkened world by providing a vision revealed in selflessness. Futhermore, Jesus emphasizes that disciples will only be able to make a difference in the world if they use their gifts. Otherwise, they will be as useless as salt that has lost its taste and light that is hidden away.

The Gospel reading ends with Jesus cautioning his followers to avoid allowing their accomplishments to be a source of personal pride. Good deeds must always be done for the sake of others, and ultimately, all works of discipleship glorify God's name, not one's own. S.W.

