Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Millhousen, Indiana

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November 19, 2023

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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 & Thursday 5:10 pm to 5:25 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

<u>Thursdays:</u> Holy Hour 5:00 PM Mass 6:00 PM

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

<u>Mass Intentions:</u> November 19th-Sunday- Kenneth Roberts November 22nd-Wednesday vigil for Thanksgiving Day-Father Bill Ripperger November 26th – Sunday-Michael Manlief November 30th – Thursday – Charles & Ruth Hamilton December 3rd -Sunday- James Bedel

November 26th – Christ the King Cross Bearer: Mary Stier Servers: Kate Schoettmer, Luke Stier Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler, John Johannigman Lector: Jeanne Fry Offertory: Mike & Mollie Johannigman family Musicians: Joe & Anna Eucharistic Minister: Mollie Johannigman Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent Cross Bearer: Trevor Stone Servers: Mary Stier, Paul Schoettmer Ushers: Bill & Nikki , Norb & Kate Lector: Mary Jo Wenning Offertory: Melissa & Katherine Stier Musicians: Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier Counters: Josh Hornberger, Ann Stier Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000Envelopes & Cash\$ 2319.00Energy\$ 1500.00Total\$ 3819.00



Remember in Prayer: Sonnie Veerkamp, Carl Moorman, David Wessel, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Amy Hermesch, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer. And all lapsed Catholics in our community.

Religious Education Schedule:

November 19 -- Grades 1-8 Class from 10:00-11:15 Confirmation Class from 10:00-12:00

November 26 -- Grades 1-8 Class from 10:00-11:15 Confirmation Class from 10:00-12:00

***Youth Music Ministry and Christmas Eve Mass sign-ups are due today. If you forgot to turn it in, and you want to participate, just call Jeanne. Thank you!

First Reconciliation: On November 26, seven students will receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please keep these students in your prayers this week, and especially next Sunday, as they take this important step on their faith journey. Congratulations to:

Jaydin Baltus, Cooper Compton, Lane Hamilton, Emily Hornberger, Walter Johannigman, Holden Ortman, and Scarlet Watts.

2023 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, a 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 know which child the gift is intended for. All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 10. 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!

<u>Vocations-</u> The Archdiocese of Indianapolis currently has 32 seminarians preparing for the priesthood. On the bulletin board in the back of church is a poster depicting these seminarians. Each Religious Ed. classroom also has one of these posters. The Archdiocese asks parishes and parish schools to "adopt" one of the seminarians. As in the past, our adopted seminarian is Randy Schneider from All Saints Parish in Dearborn County. Please take a prayer card (in the entryway) featuring Randy, and support him through your prayers and perhaps a card or two. The students will each receive a prayer card so that they may also support Randy with their prayers.

United Catholic Appeal Update:

Immaculate Conception - Goal is \$10,737 (we are currently at 56.8% of goal – gifts are still being processed – with \$6,095 in gifts from 24 donors- There are 129 households in the parish)

<u>Did you know?</u> - November 22nd is the Memorial of Saint Cecilia, 3rd century virgin and martyr, who is depicted on the right side of our high altar. She is the patron saint of musicians, poets, and hymns. Saint Cecilia, pray for us!

A word from Pope Francis:

Let's pray together for the people suffering due to war. Yes, they're suffering a lot. Children, the sick and elderly are suffering; many young people are dying. Let's not forget Ukraine. Let's think of the people of Palestine and Israel, that the Lord might bring them a just peace.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

We will be having a spaghetti dinner following the 6 PM Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Which we will celebrate with a vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7th. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a desert or snack, and adults may bring their own drinks. We will be having a euchre card party after the meal, feel free to bring a friend. The euchre card party will be in a rotating fashion like they do at the Knights of St. John Hall, giving parishioners an opportunity to converse with other parishioners that they ordinarily aren't able to.

