Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Millhousen, Indiana

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November 26, 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

Thursdays:

Holy Hour 5:00 PM Mass 6:00 PM

Sunday Obligation
Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday – Rosary 10:30

Mass Intentions:

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

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

December 8, 2023 – Feast of the Immaculate

Conception 6:00 PM

Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton Servers: Michael Stier, Luke Stier

Ushers: Mark Hermesch. Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Ben Stier

Offertory: Cindy Hermesch/ Kate Bedel

Musicians: Kenny Stier

Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Johannigman Counters: Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

 Envelopes & Cash
 \$ 2205.00

 Energy
 \$ 210.00

 Total
 \$ 2415.00

 Human Development
 \$419.00

Remember in Prayer: Bonnie 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.

Reconciliation schedules for advent:

Immaculate Conception – Wed. Dec. 13th From 6-8 PM St. John the Baptist – Osgood. Wed. Dec. 20th From 6-8 PM St. Maurice – Napoleon. Before & After Mass at the weekend Masses- Dec. 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, & 24th.

Religious Education Schedule:

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

This is the last class session this fall for all grades. Classes will begin again on January 7.

<u>First Reconciliation:</u> Today, during their class time, seven students will participate for the first time in the sacrament of Reconciliation, with Father Binu. Please keep these students in your prayers: Jaydin Baltus, Cooper Compton, Lane Hamilton, Emily Hornberger, Walter Johannigman, Holden Ortman, and Scarlet Watts. Thank you to their catechists, Donna and Anna Johannigman, and to their parents, for preparing the students for this important event!

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.

<u>Knights breakfast with Santa:</u> The Knights of St. John will be sponsoring their annual breakfast with Santa on December 3rd from 8-12 noon. Santa will be visiting from 9-11. Everyone is welcome.

<u>December 8th Spaghetti dinner :</u>

We will be having a spaghetti dinner following the **6 PM** Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Friday**, **December 8**th. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a desert or snack, and adults may bring their own drinks. We will have a euchre card party after the meal. Feel free to bring a friend. A sign up sheet will be in the back of church to help us with food preparation. *Please join us!!*

<u>Did you know?</u> - When we were born, we did not have sanctifying grace (a share in God's life), because we are born with original sin.

In the Bible: Genesis 3:23; Colossians 1:12-14

In the Catechism: CCC 403, 1250

A word from Pope Francis:

"Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice!"

a beautiful "commandment." What often strikes people, Christian or not, about Pope Francis is his joy. Pope Francis radiates the joy of the gospel. It is precisely this joy that he exudes which attracts so many to him. This joy comes from the Lord. Only by rejoicing in Him, will we be able to rejoice for Him and invite others into this joy.

