

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Millhousen, Indiana

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December 3, 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:

*December 3<sup>rd</sup> -Sunday- James Bedel*

*December 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday - Michelle Brogan*

*December 8<sup>th</sup>- Friday – Holy Day -Charles & Ruth Hamilton*

*December 10<sup>th</sup> -Sunday- George Koors*

*December 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday-Betty Heger*

*December 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday- Teresa Bruns*

*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*

*December 10, 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent*

*Cross Bearer: Brooklyn Ortman*

*Servers: Andrew Stier, Lane Asher*

*Ushers: Mark Stier, Tim Hoeing, Dave Stone*

*Lector: Kenny Stier*

*Offertory: Stephanie Hoeing/Claire Hoeing*

*Musicians: Karen & Rita*

*Eucharistic Minister: Steve AmRhein*

*Counters: Steve AmRhein, Alvin Hoeing*

**Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:**

*Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000*

***Envelopes & Cash***                 ***\$ 2327.00***

***Energy***                                 ***\$ 50.00***

***Total***                                   ***\$ 2377.00***

***Giving Tree***                         ***\$ 1100.00***



**Remember in Prayer:** Bonnie Veerkamp, Carl Moorman, David Wessel, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Amy Hermes, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer.

And all lapsed Catholics in our community.

**Upcoming Mass schedule:**

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Holy Hour 5:00 PM, Mass 6:00PM (This is not a vigil service. It does not fulfill the Holy Day obligation)

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Mass 6:00 PM , Holy Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**Parish Council:**

There will be a parish council meeting after Mass next Sunday, December 10th.

**Bambinelli Sunday: What is Bambinelli Sunday?**

BAMBINELLI BLESSING – The Blessing of the Bambinelli is a tradition first instituted by St. John Paul II. The children are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to Masses on the weekend of **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, the Third Sunday of Advent. This Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church, but we are extending this new tradition to everyone. We ask everyone to bring the Baby Jesus from their Nativity scenes to Mass. The children will be asked to come forward with their Baby Jesus to be blessed, while the rest of the congregation will hold their Baby Jesus up for the blessing.

**Reconciliation schedules for advent:**

Immaculate Conception – Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> From 6-8 PM

St. John the Baptist – Osgood. Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> From 6-8 PM

St. Maurice – Napoleon. Before & After Mass at the weekend Masses- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Knights breakfast with Santa:** 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.

**Christmas "Giving Tree" Project:** Our project is heading into its final week. Please bring in your items/donations by Sunday, December 10. After Mass on December 10, all the donated items will be sorted and packed up to deliver to South Decatur Elementary School. Thank you for all your generosity and support of this parish community outreach!

**Fruit Baskets:**

Each year the Confirmation Class assembles and delivers Fruit Baskets to elder or shut-in members of our parish. Last week the Religious Education students received information about this effort, asking each student to make a homemade Christmas card. Each class was also given a basket item to donate: 1st/2nd gr.-candy, 3rd-4th gr.-chocolate, 6th/7th/8th gr.-apples, and Confirmation class-oranges. These cards and donations can be placed in the box at the back of church, today and next Sunday. After Mass on Dec. 10, the Confirmation class will be putting together and delivering the baskets. Claire and Nichole Schoettmer are coordinating this project.

**Christmas Eve Mass Practice:**

Sunday, December 10 -- Choir practice following Mass

Sunday, December 17 -- Choir practice following Mass

Saturday, December 23 -- 9:00 am -- Choir practice and Procession practice

**Religious Retirement:** December 10<sup>th</sup> there is a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. There is an envelope in your box for this important collection. If you donate by check make the check payable to your parish, write RFR on the memo line, and place in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti dinner :**

We will be having a spaghetti dinner following the **6 PM** Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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!!*

**Bingo for Haiti:**

On Sunday, December 10th St. Anthony's in Morris, IN will host a benefit Bingo for Haiti. Doors open at 11am. Serving homemade lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and deserts.

**Did you know?** - Jesus' mother was the Blessed Virgin Mary. She, a human person, was conceived without original sin at her Immaculate Conception, which we celebrate this Friday.

In the Bible: Luke 1:28, 30-31; Matthew 1:21-23

In the Catechism: CCC 488, 491-492, 495