Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Millhousen, Indiana

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Greensburg, IN 47240-9636   December 10, 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 10th -Sunday- George Koors
December 14th – Thursday-Betty Heger
December 17th – Sunday- Teresa Bruns
December 21st – Thursday- Una McDonald
December 24th -Sunday- Marcie Schutte
December 24th -Christmas Eve – Elaine & Jerry Jacobs

December 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent
Cross Bearer: Grady Scudder
Servers: Oliver Hamilton, Will Meyer
Ushers: Jerry Fry, Don Fry, Tim Scheidler, John
                        Johannigman
Lector: Nikki Johannigman
Offertory: Kristen Stier/ Jessica Diekhoff
Musicians: Joe & Anna
Eucharistic Minister: Kenny Stier
Counters: Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff

December 24, 2023 – 9:00 O'CLOCK AM   Fourth
                        Sunday of Advent
Cross Bearer: Trevor Stone
Servers: Mary Stier,   Kate Schoettmer
Ushers: Bill & Nikki Johannigman,
                Norb & Kate Bedel
Lector: Claire Schoettmer
Offertory: Mike & Mollie Johannigman family
Musicians: Mens Choir
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Johannigman
Counters: Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

December 24, 2023 -4:00 O'CLOCK PM CHRISTMAS EVE
Cross Bearer: Mary Jo Wenning
Servers: Campbell Johannigman,   Michael Stier
Ushers: Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe
Lector: Emily Baltus
Offertory: Kate Schoettmer, Madalyn Scudder, Mary Stier
Musicians: Rita, Karen, Joe, Anna
Eucharistic Minister: Tim Hoeing

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.

Parish Council:
There will be a parish council meeting after Mass today (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 17th**, 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. 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.

United Catholic Appeal:
Parish Goal:$10,737, Amount Pledged:$6,095, Percentage to Goal:56.8%
Number of Donors: 24

Christmas Outreach Update: This will be a busy day for our parish outreach activities, following today's Mass! The Confirmation Candidates will be assembling the fruit baskets for delivery to our older parishioners. The Giving Tree committee and helpers 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 generous and giving spirit is much appreciated!!

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

Did you know? - We all sin. Mortal sins can be forgiven through the sacrament of reconciliation, but we are also encouraged to confess venial sins. Jesus Christ has the power to forgive sins, and he entrusted this duty to His apostles. Bishops, as successors of the apostles, and priests as the bishops' collaborators, continue to exercise this ministry. The priest must keep secret all sins confessed to him.
John 20:23; Romans 3:23-25; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 John 1:8-10
CCC 827, 1446, 1458, 1461, 1467, 1493, 1495, 1497

According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason (i.e. immediate danger of death) for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. – CCC1457
1 Corinthians 11:27-29
CCC 1385, 1415, 1457

Confession will be offered here this Wednesday, December 13th from 6 to 8 PM. If you cannot make it, confessions are also offered on Sundays after Mass, as well as Thursday nights during adoration. You can find nearby Mass and confession times at masstimes.org