Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Millhousen, Indiana

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Nov. 17, 2024

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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

Thursday:

Holy Hour: 5:00 PM Mass: 6:00 PM

Sunday Obligation
Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday – Rosary 10:30 AM Friday – Adoration 12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM

Mass Intentions:

November 17th – Sunday- Dale Herbert

November 21st – Thursday- Kenneth Runyan

November 24th - Sunday- Theresa Koester

November 27th – Wednesday – Vigil for Thanksgiving- Andy Mattox

December 1st - Sunday -Dale Herbert

December 5th -Thursday-Kenneth Runyan

Nov. 24, 2024

Cross Bear: Oliver Hamilton Servers: Lane Asher/Mary Stier

Ushers: Bill & Niki Johanniaman/Norb & Kate

Bedel

Lector: Jeanne Fry

Offertory: Abby & Sage Asher

Musicians: Joe & Anna

Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier Counters: Steve AmRhein/Kate Bedel Dec. 1st, 2024

Will publish next week.

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

Cash & Checks \$1744.00 Energy needs \$1982.00

Total \$3726.00

<u>Remember in Prayer</u>: Hallie Crane, Evelyn Johannigman, Shannon Stenger, Eileen Moorman, Scott Gabbard, Bonnie Veerkamp, Carl Moorman, David Wessel, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Amy Hermesch, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer.

And all lapsed Catholics in our community.

Religious Education Schedule:

November 17 -- Classes for Grades K-9 -- 10:00-11:15
Reconciliation for Grades 3-4 and 8-9
November 24 -- Classes for Grades K-9 -- 10:00-11:15
Reconciliation for Grades 5-6-7

There will be no classes during December. There will be practices for the Christmas Eve Mass and the assembly and delivery of the fruit baskets to the older members of our parish. Students in grades 7-8-9 are asked to help with the fruit baskets on December 15. Details will be sent home with the students next week.

Thank you: Members of the Marion Township Volunteer Fire Department conducted a fire drill for the Religious Education students last Sunday. We got a little wet with the rain, but the students safely evacuated the building in 45 seconds! Thank you to Steve Stone, Eric Stone and Cory Fisher for giving their time to help with this annual drill for our students.

<u>Christmas Eve Mass</u>: It is time to start planning for the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 on December 24. Religious Ed. families received a sign-up form last week. We would love to have many children and youth participate in the Mass. Please return the forms to Jeanne Fry or put them in the folder in the back of church by November 24. Extra forms are also available in the back of church.

Those students who were confirmed last spring are encouraged to volunteer to do the readings and petitions at the Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Jeanne Fry if you are interested in participating in that way.

Christmas Giving Tree 2024: The ornaments for this year's Christmas Outreach Giving Tree will be available on the tree in the back of church, beginning next week, November 24. We will be helping 8 or 9 families with their Christmas needs by providing shoes, shirt, pants, underwear, and an item from each child's wish list. This is sure to be a blessing for these families! Please return all gift items, UNWRAPPED and with the Giving tree ornament ATTACHED. This will help us to know which child the gift is intended for. All gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 15. If you would prefer not to shop but still wish to contribute, there is an envelope in your box of parish envelopes that is marked "Giving Tree." You can put your donation in that envelope and drop it 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>Special collection for the Giving Tree:</u> Nov. 24th: There is an envelope in your box if you want to give a special offering as part of the Giving Tree project. All proceeds go to the families on the Giving Tree.

<u>Thanksgiving Mass:</u> There will be a vigil Mass for Thanksgiving on Wednesday Nov. 27th 6:00 PM. There will not be Mass or Holy Hour on Thursday Nov. 28th – Thanksgiving Day.

First Friday Adoration:

Father is looking to start First Friday Adoration, holding adoration during the night of the first Friday of each month. This would begin Friday evening around 6 PM and end Saturday morning around 8 AM. If we get enough interest, Father is willing to conclude First Friday Adoration by celebrating Mass here on Saturday morning. If you would like to dedicate one hour per month to adoring the Lord, a sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

A little humor:

A 95-year-old woman at the nursing home received a visit from the parish's Eucharistic minister.

- "How are you feeling?" asked the visitor.
- "Oh" said the woman, "I'm just worried sick!"
- "What are you worried about?" the minister asked. "You look like you're in good health. They are taking care of you here, aren't they?"
- "Yes, they're taking very good care of me," the woman replied.
- "Well what are you worried about?"

The woman leaned back in her rocking chair and slowly explained. "Every close friend I ever had has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went."