Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Millhousen, Indiana

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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 24th – Sunday- Theresa Koester

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

December 1st - Sunday - Dale Herbert

December 5th -Thursday-Kenneth Runyan

December 8th - Sunday - Charles & Ruth Hamilton

December 9th- Feast of IC- Marieda Koors

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Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton

Servers: Brooklyn Ortman/Kate Schoettmer Ushers: Mark Hermesch/Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Mary Jo Wenning

Offertory: Melissa & Catherine Stier

Musicians: Men's Choir

Eucharistic Minister: B Steve AmRhein,

W Cindy & Donna Johannigman

Counters: Josh Hornberger/Ann Stier

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Cross Bearer: Brooklyn Ortman Servers: Paul Schoettmer/Lane Asher

Ushers: Mark Stier/Tim Hoeing/Dave Stone

Lector: Emily Baltus

Offertory: Abby & Sage Asher

Musicians: Karen & Rita

Eucharistic Ministers: B Cindy Johannigman

W Mark Stier & Tim Hoeing

Counters: Steve AmRhein/ Alvin Hoeing

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

Cash & Checks \$ 3262.00

Total \$ 3262.00

Remember in Prayer: Joan Nobbe, 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 24 -- Classes for Grades K-9 -- 10:00-11:15 Reconciliation for Grades 5-6-7

December 15 --Assembly and Delivery of Fruit Baskets-- Students in grades 7-9 are asked to help with this community outreach. All students are asked to make cards and donate fruit. A letter with more details is being sent home with the students today. There will be no classes during December. There will be practices for the Christmas Eve Mass.

Christmas Giving Tree 2024: 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, shirts, pants, underwear and an item from each child's wish list. The school nurse at South Decatur chooses the families based on need, and collects the information for us on the sizes and wish list items. If you wish to help, choose one or more ornaments from the tree and purchase the items. Bring to church the UNWRAPPED gift with the ornament tag attached and place it under the tree. We need to have the donated items by Sunday, December 15. If you prefer not to shop and still wish to help with this project, there is an envelope in your parish envelope box marked "Giving Tree". A monetary donation can be placed in the envelope and put in the collection. The money collected helps us to make sure all the gifts are purchased, as well as giving each family a gift card for groceries and for gas.

Thank you so much for your generosity and for giving your time to help these families to have a special Christmas!

<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.

<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.

<u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception:</u> falls on a Sunday this year so it will be celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, Dec. 9th at 6:00 PM.

Breakfast with Santa:

The Millhousen Knights of St. John will be hosting Santa for breakfast on December 8th. Breakfast will be served 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Santa will arrive at 9:00 am. Menu includes Sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, coffee cake, milk, orange juice, and coffee. Free will offering benefiting Immaculate Conception Church. You can check out the flyer on the bulletin board.

Wreaths Across America:

There has been a tremendous response to the Wreats Across America project. The Wreaths will be placed in the cemetery on December 15th, following Mass. If you have a relative you requested a wreath for you may set the wreath for them. But everyone and anyone is invited to help place the wreaths.

Message from Archbishop Thompson - Retirement fund for religious:

Sunday, Dec. 8th there is a second collection for Retirement Fund for Religious. This is one of the important collections of the year. The retirement fund was established in 1988 to help religious communities provide for senior members retirement and healthcare needs.

Out of gratitude for their lives of dedication and service, please be as generous as you can to ensure care of our sisters, brothers and religious order priests.