

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Millhousen, Indiana

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Dec. 1, 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:

December 1st – Sunday -Dale Herbert

December 5th -Thursday-Kenneth Runyan

December 8th – Sunday – Charles & Ruth Hamilton

December 9th- Feast of IC- Marieda Koors

December 12th – Thursday- Barbara Hoeing

December 15th – Sunday-Anthony Scheidler

Dec, 8,2024

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

Dec. 9, 2024 Feast of Immaculate Conception

Cross Bearer: Mary Jo Wenning

Servers :Oliver Hamilton / Mary Stier

Ushers: Jerry & Don Fry/ Tim Scheidler

John Johannigman

Lector: Jerry Fry

Offertory: Kristen Stier/ Jessica Diekhoff

Musician: Kenny Stier

Eucharistic Minister: B Donna Johannigman

W Steve AmRhein & Jeanne Fry

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

<i>Cash & Checks</i>	<i>\$ 1849.00</i>
<i>Energy</i>	<i>100.00</i>
<i>Giving Tree</i>	<i>407.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2356.00</i>

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.

Student Advent Activities:

December 1 -- Children's Choir practice following Mass -10:00-11:00

December 15 -- Children's Choir practice following Mass - 10:00-11:00

Fruit Basket Assembly and Delivery. Students in grades 7-9 are Asked to help with this outreach.

*****All students are asked to make homemade Christmas cards and to donate candy and fruit. There will be a box in the back of church for the cards and fruit/candy donations on Dec. 8 and 15.

Kindergarten--cards and candy 2/3 grade--cards and chocolate. 5/6/7 grade-- cards and apples

8/9 grade-- cards and oranges

December 22 -- Children's Choir practice and Christmas Eve Procession practice following Mass -- 10:00-11:00

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!

Advent Reflection Booklets: Last week each Religious Education family received an Advent Family Prayer and Activities Booklet. There are several extra booklets in the back of church available to any other families who would like to have additional ideas for observing Advent. There are also booklets available for Adult Daily Advent Reflections.

Retirement Fund for Religious: was established in 1988 to help religious communities provide for senior members' current and future retirement and healthcare needs. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds are distributed to support the direct care of our aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

The annual collection for 2024 will take place in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, December 7-8, 2024. The escalating costs of prescriptions and healthcare make this collection an important source of funding for religious communities. Please be as generous as you can.

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson.

The feast of the Immaculate Conception: 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.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available for Confession on-
Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 6-8 PM Napoleon
Thursday, Dec. 12th, following Mass 6:30 – 8:00 PM Millhousen
Wednesday, Dec. 18th – 6-8 PM Osgood

Breakfast with Santa:

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 Wreaths 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.

A Word from Pope Francis:

"God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives. If you give her a slap, she will give you one. I believe that we have exploited nature too much." As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.