

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Millhousen, Indiana

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Dec. 15, 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 15th – Sunday-Anthony Scheidler

December 19th -Thursday- Dale Herbert

December 22nd – Sunday- Barbara Hoeing

December 24th – Christmas-Jerry & Elaine Jacobs

December 29th – Sunday- Kenneth Runyan

January 5th – Sunday- Leo & Barb Schwering

December 22, 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

Cross Bearer: Mary Stier

Servers: Oliver Hamilton & Will Meyer

Ushers: Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Niki Johannigman

Offertory: Cindy Hermesch & Kate Bedel

Musicians: Anna Kramer & Joe Johannigman

Eucharistic Minister: B Mark Stier,

W Donna Johannigman & Stephanie Hoeing

Counters: Steve AmRhein/ Kate Bedel

December 24, 2024 Christmas Vigil 4:00 PM

Cross Bearer: Trevor Stone

Servers: Brooklyn Ortman & Mary Stier

Ushers: Mark Stier/ Tim Hoeing/ Dave Stone

Lector: Religious Ed Students

Offertory: Religious Ed Students

Musicians: Children's Choir

Eucharistic Minister: B Mark Stier,

W Tim Hoeing & Mollie Johannigman

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

<i>Cash & Checks</i>	<i>\$ 2260.00</i>
<i>Energy & Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 895.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Fund</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Giving Tree</i>	<i>\$ 55.00</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 3410.00</i>

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 981.00

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 Hermes, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer.

And all lapsed Catholics in our community.

Religious Ed:

Student Advent Activities:

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

Fruit Basket Assembly and Delivery following Mass. Students in grades 7-9 are asked to help with this project.

Giving Tree sorting and packing in school basement.

December 22 -- Children's Choir practice following Mass -- 10:00-11:00

Children's Christmas Eve Procession practice following Mass

Christmas giving Tree 2024: This outreach project is being completed this week. Today the items are being sorted and accounted for and packed up for delivery to SDES. We will deliver them on Tuesday.

Thank you to all of our parishioners for their generous donations of items and money that make this project possible!

Please mark your Calendar: Sunday December 22nd following Mass: We will be decorating the Church for the celebration of Christmas

Any and all help is appreciated.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available for Confession on-Wednesday, Dec. 18th – 6-8 PM Osgood

There is a printout on the bulletin board listing all the penance services in the Deanery.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, Mass at Millhousen 4:00 PM Father Bill
Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, Mass at Napoleon 4:00 PM Father Binu
Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, Mass at Osgood 7:00PM Father Binu
Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, Mass at Osgood 9:00 AM Father Binu
Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, Mass at Napoleon 10:00 AM Father Bill

January 1st Solemnity of Mary : Is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Dec. 31st, New Year Eve Vigil Mass at Osgood 5:00 PM
Jan 1st, New Year Day, Mass at Millhousen 8:30 AM
Jan 1st, New Year Day, Mass at Napoleon 10:00 AM
Father Bill will be officiating at all three Masses.

Lights of Christmas open door tour: The annual tour of churches in the deanery will be on Sunday, December 29th. 1:00-5:00 PM. Bask in the sacred spaces of our adored Savior dressed in their finest during the Christmas Season. A list of all the deanery parishes participating is on the bulletin board. If you are willing to spend an hour at the Church to welcome visitors please let LaDonna know.

First Friday Adoration: All night adoration for the first Friday of each month will begin on February 7th. (After Father returns from his visit to India). More details to follow.

A Word from Pope Francis:

"Dear brothers and sisters, one never knows everything about God, never! Perhaps we have in mind a powerful God who does what He wants, instead of the God of humble meekness, the God of mercy and love, who always intervenes respecting our freedom and our choices. Perhaps we even find ourselves saying to Him: "Are you really you, so humble, the God who is coming to save us?". And something similar can happen to us with our brothers and sisters too: we have our ideas, our prejudices and we attach rigid labels to others, especially those we feel are different to us. Advent, then is a time for overturning our perspectives, for letting ourselves be surprised by God's mercy."

A little humor:

A mother with a fidgety 7-year old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, Father is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!"