

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Millhousen, Indiana

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May 11, 2025

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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:

May 11th – Sunday-Theresa Koester

May 15th – Thursday- Barb Hoeing

May 18th – Sunday – Deceased Members of the Ortman family

May 22nd- Thursday- Anthony Scheidler

May 25th – Sunday- Deceased Members of the Picker family

May 29th – Thursday- Carl Moorman

June 1st – Sunday – Theresa Koester

May 18, 2025

Cross Bearer: Grady Scudder

Servers: Andrew & Luke Stier

**Ushers: Jerry & Don Fry/Tim Scheidler/John
Johannigman**

Lector: Jeanne Fry

Offertory: Stephanie Hoeing & Daughter

Musicians: Men's Choir

**Eucharistic Ministers: B Tim Hoeing/ W Cindy &
Mollie Johannigman**

Counters: Josh Hornberger/Randy Huff

May 25th, 2025

Cross Bearer: Mary Stier

Servers: Oliver Hamilton/ Will Meyer

**Ushers: Bill & Niki Johannigman/Norb & Kate
Bedel**

Lector: Mary Jo Wenning

Offertory: Cindy Hermes/ Kate Bedel

Musicians: Anna Kramer & Joe Johannigman

Eucharistic Ministers: B Steve AmRhein/

W/ Mark Stier & Stephanie Hoeing

Counters: Steve AmRhein/ Kate Bedel

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

May 4th - \$2923.00

Remember in Prayer: Pauline Schoettmer, Lauren Huffmeyer, Doug Huffmeyer, Wendell Thackery, Hallie Crane, Evelyn Johannigman, Eileen Moorman, Scott Gabbard, Bonnie Veerkamp, David Wessel, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Amy Hermes ch .

And all lapsed Catholics in our community.

Eucharistic Healing Service: St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Tuesday May 20th.
Presider: Fr. Shaun Whittington. Confession 6:30 PM; Music 6:45; Service 7:00 PM
See flyer on the bulletin board.

School Rental: The school is rented for a reunion on 5-24-2025 and 6-14-2025.

A word on the readings:

The theme this week is Perseverance in Trials. We are told that day by day life can be a joyous experience. The commercials on television assure you that it will be if you buy what they try to sell you. This is also the message of not a few psychologists who assert that the learning process in school, home, life, job and religion/faith should all be one joyous experience! This is fine in theory but what happens if circumstances prevent our lives from being joyous all the time?

What if gradually a school becomes an anti-intellectual fun house? In this respect, teachers who do not dare to challenge their students are not their friends. As for the home, here too there are unpleasant chores to be done. And there are parents who spoil their children – doing them a great disservice for their later life.

Even if we love our work, there is no job that does not entail unpleasant aspects as well. And as far as religion is concerned, worship services should be a mutual inspiration, and a Christian life of mutual love is a splendid thing; however, we cannot have that good warm feeling all the time, neither is the church a theater where we go to enjoy “an exciting show!” Loyalty requires sacrifice.

Today's Liturgy deals precisely with those times when life seems to be anything but a joyous experience when Christians have to undergo disappointment, rejection, trials; and it sets forth the reserves that they can call upon to help them persevere. Can everything mentioned above continue to be a joyous experience in such circumstances? To a certain extent, yes, if we have learned the joy of sharing and of service, based on a firm faith in Someone who cares. Paul and Barnabas of the First Reading are encouraging examples for us.

In the First Reading Paul and Barnabas had the joyful experience of making many converts, but they also had to face the pain of rejection. Though persecuted, they could not but be “filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”

Life is never a continuous success story. When things do not go your way, think of Paul and Barnabas and their disciples. And with great faith make the Responsorial Psalm your prayer to God: “We are his people; the sheep of his flock.” God cares!!

A little humor:

Mary hadn't been to church lately, so her pastor decided to pay her a visit and see how the 85 year old parish matriarch was doing. He knocked on her door and after a time he heard her spirited voice holler, “Hello, who is it?”

“It's Father Dave,” he answered.

“Oh. Well, c'mon in,” she said. “How are things down at the rectory?”

“Great! But I just wanted to see how you are doing. We've missed you.”

“Well, I haven't been feeling too well lately. I had quite the root canal last month. The dentist is trying to save the few survivors.”

Just then the phone rang and she excused herself to get it. The priest sat near a table with a magazine and a bowl of peanuts on it. After a few minutes, he began flipping through the pages. After another ten minutes or so, he began to get restless, so he started in on the bowl of peanuts while he read. He soon realized he had eaten the whole bowl.

Just then Mary returned and said, “I sure am sorry; that was my sister from Pittsburgh. She only calls once a month, so when she does we have to catch up on everything.”

The pastor, feeling a little embarrassed, said, “I must also apologize. While you were gone I got hungry and ate all the peanuts in your little bowl there.”

Mary replies, “That's OK, Father. Since the root canal, the best I can do is suck all the chocolate off 'em!”

