

# 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:**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>- Sunday- Andy Mattox**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve – Jerry & Elaine Jacobs**

**December 28<sup>th</sup>- Sunday- Carl Vanderpohl**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary - New Year- Timothy Allen Combs**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Saturday- Carl Moorman**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday- Carl Vanderpohl**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday-No Mass**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas**

**Mass 4:00PM**

**Cross Bearer: Madalyn Scudder**

**Servers: Luke Stier & Emily Stier**

**Ushers: Mark Stier/ Tim Hoeing/ Dave**

**Stone/ Gregg Mattox**

**Lector: Katherine Stier**

**Offertory: Religious Ed Students**

**Musicians: Rita & Children's Choir**

**Eucharistic Ministers: B Mark Stier/**

**W Steve AmRhein &**

**Donna Johannigman**

**December 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family**

**Cross Bearer: Oliver Hamilton**

**Servers: Will Meyer/ Daniel Hornberger**

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

**John Johannigman**

**Lector: Jerry Fry**

**Offertory: Confirmation Class Students**

**Musicians: Men's Choir**

**Eucharistic Ministers: B Stephanie Hoeing/**

**W Donna Johannigman/ Jeanne Fry**

**Counters: Steve AmRhein/ Kate Bedel**

*Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:*

<i>Collection</i>	<i>December 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>\$ 752.00</i>
	<i>Retirement Fund</i>	<i>\$1095.00</i>
	<i>Energy</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
	<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>

**Remember in Prayer:** Dale Hermesch, Kevin McCullough, Norbert Hoeing, Eileen Moorman, Pauline Schoettmer, Lauren Huffmeyer, Doug Huffmeyer, Hallie Crane, Evelyn Johannigman, Scott Gabbard, Bonnie Veerkamp, Alvin Pfeifer, Amy Hermesch .  
And all lapsed Catholics in our community.

**Santa Claus:** There are many legends about Saint Nicholas that led to the character we know today as Santa Claus. But who was the real man behind the fictional gift-giver?

Nicholas was born in the third century in the Roman Empire's province of Lycia in modern day Turkey. According to tradition, he was a man full of generosity and conviction. He was born to wealthy parents who left him their fortune when they died. Instead of squandering his inheritance on himself, he used it to help those in need. He even exposed a corrupt government official who had hoarded grain to push its price higher. While many have preserved stories of Nicholas' righteous acts, few know of his sufferings for Christ.

At the beginning of the fourth century, the Roman emperor Diocletian instigated a horrific persecution of Christians. Nicholas was among the Christians imprisoned for refusing to deny Jesus as God. According to Church History, an edict ordered all church leaders arrested. Prisons were so full of Christians that there was no room for actual criminals. Diocletian destroyed churches and burned Scriptures, and the killing of Christians became a form of entertainment for the Romans.

Diocletian aimed to finish off the church for good, but the courage of Christians martyred for their witness caused many others to place their faith in Christ. Having failed, Diocletian abdicated the throne in A.D. 305. According to one source, he returned home to be a cabbage farmer.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** We are currently looking for anyone who would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister. If we could get a few more it would be greatly appreciated. You would need to be trained and then could be added to our schedule. Any questions call Cindy 812-614-0802 or email cindyjo472@aol.com. Thank You!

**Religious Education Notes:**

Christmas Eve Mass Offertory: Instead of ornaments, this year the Rel. Ed. students decorated a gift box and inside they wrote a note to Jesus indicating a gift that they would give to Jesus on Christmas. These are not material gifts, but gifts from the heart that show we are followers of Jesus-- such as praying more often, helping others, being nice to someone that is hard to get along with, obeying our parents, etc. All Religious Ed. students who are at the Christmas Eve Mass are invited to gather in the back of church after the petitions are read. The students will take up the gift boxes and three students will take up the offertory gifts of bread, wine, and collection.

2025 Christmas Outreach-Giving Tree: On Wednesday the clothing, shoes, wish list items and gift certificates for 20 children (9 families) were delivered to South Decatur Elementary School. Through your awesome generosity, these children each received a shirt, pants, underwear, shoes and items from their wish lists. Each family also received a \$50 gas certificate, as well as \$50 per child in the family on a grocery certificate. Thank you to all who donated items or money. Thank you to those who braved the cold and snow to make sure their items got to church. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the sorting of the items. Mrs. LeAnn Porter at SDES also wishes to convey her thanks, and she said that the families are very appreciative!

Fruit Baskets: The Confirmation class, under the guidance of Clair Schoettmer, gathered on Tuesday evening to assemble the fruit baskets. Twelve gift bags were filled and delivered- containing fruit and candy and homemade Christmas cards, all donated by the Religious Ed. families and students. Thank you to these families and children and to Clair for helping with this Christmas tradition at our parish!