

# Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Millhousen, Indiana

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December 28, 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:**

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

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary - New Year-6:00 pm 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**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> –Sunday- Carl Moorman**

**January 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday- No Mass**

**December 31, 2025 Holy Day vigil**

**Cross Bearer: Mary Jo Wenning**

**Servers: Mary & Katherine Stier**

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

**Lector: Jeanne Fry**

**Offertory: Barb Mattox & Grandchild**

**Musician: Ken Stier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: B Cindy Hermesch**

**W Tim & Stephanie Hoeing**

**Counters: Josh Hornberger/Steve**

**AmRhein**

**January 4, 2026 Epiphany**

**Cross Bearer: Brooklyn Ortman**

**Servers: Kate Schoettmer/ Daniel Hornberger**

**Ushers: Mark Hermesch/ Mitch & Lori Nobbe/ Mike Johannigman**

**Lector: Mary Jo Wenning**

**Offertory: Jed & Alison Ortman family**

**Musicians: Men's Choir**

**Eucharistic Ministers: B Cindy Hermesch/**

**W Mark Stier/ Donna Johannigman**

**Counters: Josh Hornberger/ ??**

*Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:*

*December 21, 2025*

*Collection*            \$7528.00

*Christmas*            350.00

*Votive*                137.00

*Giving Tree*        100.00

**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.

**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](mailto:cindyjo472@aol.com). Thank You!

**New Year – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

Mass at Millhousen will be on Wednesday 12/31/2025 at 6:00 PM.

Osgood & Napoleon will have Mass on 1/1/2026 at 9:00 AM.

**Sunday Reflection:**

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family -Jesus, Mary & Joseph. The second reading by Paul is a wonderful reflection on the way to live a life of self-donation that is absolutely required for a family to thrive. One important key here is how we define the word "love".

Love today is seen as a feeling we get. It is a yearning and feeling of attraction. When it is gone, I must not be in love, right? The Scriptures do not mean it that way. Love can certainly produce those kinds of feelings, but instead love is defined as a choice, even when it is painful and difficult, to do what is in the best interest of the other, for no benefit of our own.

Love is living our lives heroically by putting it at the total disposal of someone else. We should expect nothing in return. True love is unconditional.

## **Religious Education Notes:**

Religious Education Schedule:

January 4, 2026 -- Classes for Grades K-7--10:00-11:15 am

Class for Confirmation Students--10:00-12:00

January 11 -- Classes for Grades K-7 --10:00-11:15 am

No Confirmation Class

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!

## **A little Humor:**

A confirmed-atheist college professor announced that he was going to prove to the students that there was no God.

Standing at his lectern he announced loudly, "God, if you're real, I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you 15 minutes!"

As the clock ticked away the minutes, the professor kept taunting God, saying, " Here I am God; I'm still waiting."

When there was only about a minute left, a hulking 250 pound linebacker for the university's football team came running from his seat in the back of the room, tackled the professor, and sent him flying off the platform.

"God was busy," said the football player.