

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



July 9, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall
 SB - School Basement
 R - Rectory CH - Church
 WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Time & Intention	Server(s)	Readings	Event/Meeting
Mon July 10		5:30 pm Don Nauer by Family	Ortscheid	Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26	
Tues July 11	Benedict, Abbot			Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed July 12		5:30 pm Chris & Noreen McDonald 70th Anniversary	Ortscheid	Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur July 13	Henry			Gn 44:189-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15	Parish Council 7 pm WH
Fri July 14	Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	5:30 pm G.J. Caruso by Family	Ortscheid	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23	
Sat July 15	Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Zachary Kramer by James Kramer	Morgan	Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun July 16	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Mona McLaughlin by Laura Fick	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Coffey Brewer	Is 55:10; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 5 Holy Hours last week.

Extend a kind welcome to those who are weak in faith.

Do not enter into disputes with them. Romans 14:1

COLLECTION REPORT

Due to the 4th of July holiday, the bulletin was submitted to the printer before the collection information became available. The collection amounts for last weekend will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Friends,

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank Fr. Mike, Melissa, Charlie Wilson and his crew, and all of you who made the celebration of my first Mass and reception such a joyous event! The music was beautiful, the prayer was sacred, the hall was spectacular and the food was delicious! The guests from other parishes who worshipped & celebrated with us were impressed with everything! I am extremely proud to call Immaculate Conception home. As for my first assignment here at St. Joe's, I am slowly getting settled in & quickly getting acclimated to parish life in my new role as priest. Be assured always of my prayers and please pray for me.

God bless you!

Fr. Bobby

St. Vincent de Paul – June report: we provided food for 204 people in 64 households.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

IC Night at the Rubber Ducks – If you didn't get an RSVP flyer last week, be sure to pick one up at any door of the church and plan to join us Friday night, Aug. 11th for a double header and fireworks!

Graduating Students - Are you beginning your career, starting college? Call the rectory and let us know so we can celebrate your achievements!

Parish Council – Special meeting this Thurs., July 13th at 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Please make every effort to attend; if you can't be there, please call the rectory.

R.C.I.A. Information Night – Mon., July 31st at 7 pm in Hitch Hall (under the church). Do you know someone who has expressed a desire to become Catholic or explore that idea? Do you know someone who has never been baptized and would like to come into the church? Were you baptized Catholic but never completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)? Come & find out what R.C.I.A. is all about and let us answer your questions about the process. If you invite someone, come with them to encourage & support them. Let us grow the Church! Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – spread the word. Session will begin the Monday after Labor Day.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Zack Wilson**, son of parishioners Charlie & Christie Wilson, on being named to the Norton Baseball All-Star team! Way to go, Zack!!!

History of Popes

#65 – Pope Sabinian (pronounced: *suh-BIHN-ee-uhn*) - Pope from Sept. 13th, 604 - death, Feb. 22, 606. Sabinian was born in the region of Blera, northwest of Rome. In 593, Pope Gregory sent him to Constantinople as nuncio. The trip seems to have been a failure, as Sabinian was replaced in 597. Still, he apparently held high esteem in the pope's court, as he was selected to succeed Gregory soon after his death. With the approval period being lengthy, he didn't take office until Sept. 13, 604. Gregory the Great was a tough act to follow, and a famine during Sabinian's reign didn't help. Due to an expiring truce with the Lombards and a poor wheat and vine harvest in 605, food became scarce and peace in the area was threatened. A high price had to be paid to the Lombards to keep the peace, but once it was secured Sabinian opened the grain stores of the Church having conserved them until that point, & helped relieve the famine. Sabinian reportedly rolled back the rule put in place by Gregory that only monks could hold important offices in the Church, thus opening them back up to regular clergy. Though we can't be sure of its truth, Sabinian is credited with introducing the tradition of ringing bells for times of prayer & also during the celebration of the Eucharist. He consecrated 26 bishops during his short reign. Sabinian died in February of 606 & was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. . What else was going on in the world at the time? In the year 604, St. Paul's Cathedral in London was founded. The present church, built in the late 1600s, sits on the same site as the original.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our Gospel, Jesus assures us that He understands how difficult our life on earth can be. As we move along the journey called life, we can encounter all kinds of detours, obstacles and barriers to our plans such as unemployment, illness, underemployment, death of a loved one, loss of property & possessions, old age and more. Temporary set backs are easier to cope with but a long-standing problem or a steady stream of problems can wear us down, make us anxious, cause apathy; even take away our hope and joy. As disciples, we're called to build up the Body of Christ; the Kingdom of God by sharing our time, talent and treasure, but when life seems overwhelming to us, how can we think about that? We're stuck in our own problems & sometimes lose our ability to think about others. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." When we feel burdened and overwhelmed by things of this life we need to stop and enter into a time of prayer where we may be strengthened by the God who knows and understands. Let us be good stewards of our time by praying and worshipping the one true source of peace, tranquility, harmony, strength and courage – Jesus Christ. When we do so our burdens become lighter, our attitudes become more positive & we are able to use what we have been given by God to impact our world in ways which will build up the Body of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CareCards –To participate, purchase a card of encouragement or use one from the basket in the back of the church, add a short note and sign your name. Put the card into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket for completed cards. The cards will then be given to our shut-ins on First Friday or to those visited in nursing homes or hospitals.

Bingo – Doors open at 8:30 am, game at 11 am every Wednesday. If you are available to help with floor sales of Instant Bingo, to serve as callers or checkers, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429.

In His Name – We are collecting packaged cracker snacks, breakfast bars, snack bars, etc. for families sitting vigil at the Hospice on Ridgewood Rd. Be aware of expiration dates. Please place donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing.

Sunday Collection Counters - We need more Counters to create rotating teams of counters. If you're good with figures and haven't been convicted of a felony, this is for you!

Parish Finance Council – Experience with finance, investing, accounting, real estate, financial planning, no felony convictions? We need more members. You need not be a registered parishioner of ICM but should be a registered parishioner in the area. We need you!

Off-Site Events

- **100th Anniversary of Fatima:** St. Anthony Padua, Akron, invites you to visit the Our Lady of Fatima statue on the 13th of any month from May to October; one indulgence can be gained per day. For info, visit www.stanthony-akron.com.
- **Theology on Tap Akron:** Wed., July 12th, 7 pm, On Tap at the Harbor. Theology on Tap invites all adults in their 20's & 30's to come listen to Gerard Neugebauer, Mayor of Green speak on "The Public Life." \$5 admission includes appetizers. Cash bar for those who would like to purchase beverages.
- **Hot Meals for the Homeless -Volunteers requested:** Catholic Charities at Visitation of Mary, 55 Broad St. **Tuesdays:** need 1 or 2 people at 12:30 or 1 pm for two hours to prep main dish. Catholic Charities at Blessed Trinity, 300 E. Tallmadge Ave. **Wednesdays:** need 1 or 2 people to begin prepping meals at 8 or 8:30 am for two hours. Please email Ken at kgzehenni@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.
- **What Does Human Trafficking Look Like in Summit County?** There will be a free program sponsored by the Summit County Collaborative Against Human Trafficking on July 29th at the Our Lady of the Elms High School Commons at 1375 W. Exchange St. Akron, from 9 am until noon. A light lunch will be served. Presentations will be given by representatives from the FBI, the Rape Crisis Center, the hotel industry, the county Court, & a survivor of human trafficking. A training session for those wishing to volunteer will be held from 1 to 2 pm. Call Sr. Barbara Catalano at 330-835-5737 to register by July 24.