

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



November
Month of
The Souls in
Purgatory

November 12, 2017
Thirty-Second 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 Nov 13	Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	5:30 pm Wheeler Family by Robert Berardino	Hamilton	Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6	
Tues Nov 14				Wis 2:23 - 3:9; Lk 17:7-10	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH Parish Activities 7 pm WH
Wed Nov 15	Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Rev. Jim Patton by Fr. Mike	Hamilton	Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-29	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Nov 16	Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Virgin			Wis 7:22b - 8:1; Lk 17:20-25	
Fri Nov 17	Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	5:30 pm James H. Sutphin	Hamilton	Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37	
Sat Nov 18	Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin	5:30 pm Frank Fazio by Angie Fazio	Morgan	Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB Altar Society Bake Sale After Mass HH
Sun Nov 19	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of K of C 3410 11 am David Paul Patterson by Mary Stallman	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30	Altar Society Bake Sale After Masses HH

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.
Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 4 Holy Hours last week.
*To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope
in God the Lord. PS 73:28*

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$4,112.20

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$340

121 of 340 Envelopes Used.

Acme Cashback - Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am and we will offer the Blessing of Food so bring some things to be served at your Thanksgiving dinner.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAMILY
New Parishioners
John Howe

Altar & Rosary Society: Tues., Nov. 14th at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Please bring soap or jello for SVdP.

The **Bake Sale** is just around the corner and we need all our bakers to help by donating baked goods again as you have done so successfully in the past. You may drop off baked goods in Hitch Hall after 4 pm on Sat., Nov. 18th or before Masses on the Sun, Nov. 19th. Also raffle tickets may be brought to the bake sale or put in the collection baskets at Mass.

Parish Activities - All are welcome to attend the next activities meeting on Tues., Nov. 14th at 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall as we begin planning for the Holiday on the Boulevard event.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to the following: **Abigail & Daniel Brewer** achieved 1st Quarter Honor Roll at Hoban & **Sherry Frisby** was honored at a luncheon last month for 20 years of service by the Catholic Charities of Summit County. Keep up the good work!

Grateful Giving

Reflection: It Takes a Lifetime – Generations of faith-filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift that we possess – the gift of faith. As this generation’s “good stewards”, we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children. Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are offering their time and talents to their churches and community groups and bringing their children along with them. More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their “treasure” – their allowance or other earnings – with special children’s offering envelopes. As we know from our own experience, it takes a lifetime to develop the habits of good stewardship. God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent & treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude. “If you will give these instructions..., you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed.” (1 Tim 4:6)

Program Update – Our Grateful Giving Program is being very well received by the people of Immaculate Conception. To date, 88 households have increased their weekly contribution in response to our Grateful Giving Program, representing a combined weekly increase of \$955.87. If you have not already responded, please use a special Grateful Giving envelope, available at the doors of the church, to indicate your new level of giving.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We sure have lots going on here at I.C. Here are more stewardship opportunities: **Service: Adopt-A-Plot** is an opportunity to help beautify the parish grounds by adopting and caring for, through planting and weeding, a specific plot of ground or area on parish property. Spring, summer & fall, we are busy tending to our grounds and our efforts have been recognized by the City of Akron! In spring we let parishioners know which plots are available for adoption. Mulch is purchased in bulk & distributed to plots! **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** serves those in our area who are in need of food. Appointments are to be made through Info-Line and the pantry is open on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Parishioners in need are asked to call the rectory rather than Info-Line. Pantry needs are often listed in the bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thank you to 3 wonderful families who have committed to cooking turkeys for the dinner! There are still openings to work the shifts: 3-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8 and we still need more desserts. Please call the rectory to sign up. The dinner is free and open to all so come and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Know of someone shut-in? Pick up a dinner and take it to them. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm – 7 pm.

Kenmore Free Store – As of Sept. 30, 2017 the store has registered 1616 families representing 4,220 members & has 3,600 followers on Facebook. In the last quarter 10,491 total items were “purchased” in the store, not including items that do not count against monthly totals. Thank you for your donations – we are in real need of help to sort through the wonderful donations we receive. Please call the rectory to offer your stewardship.

Mission Dresses – Over 300 dresses have gone to Africa, El Salvador, Argentina, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Philippines and the next group is going to Peru this month. If you would like to help in any way with this Corporal Work of Mercy, clothing the naked, please contact the rectory.

All Liturgical Ministers are invited to attend a mini retreat with Fr. Paul Turner who holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Sant’ Anselmo in Rome. His presentation, entitled “Preparing for Advent” will be offered twice: Monday, Nov. 13th from 7 – 9 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Gates Mills & Tues., Nov. 14th from 2 – 4 pm at Holy Martyrs Parish in Medina off I-71. The presentations are identical & are offered at no cost by the Diocese of Cleveland Office of Worship. Again there is no cost, but registration is required. We highly encourage you to attend one of these enrichment sessions so please call the rectory to register.

Other Events

- **Divorced, Separated & Widowed Catholics of Akron:** Mon., Nov. 13th, 7:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building. Joseph McCorvey, Consumer Affairs Specialist of Summit County will speak on “How to Spot a Scam.” This event is open to all at no cost. Refreshments will be at 7:15. For information call Sue at 330-554-5626.
- **Hope for the Holidays:** – A workshop for those grieving the death of loved ones will be held in the Parish Center of Our Lady of Victory Church in Tallmadge from 7 to 9 pm on Tuesdays, Nov. 14 & 21. For more information or to register, please call the office at 330-633-3672.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Nov. 20th, D’Agnese’s at White Pond, 7 pm – Appetizers, 7:30 pm speaker Fr. Jim Cosgrove will present “Confess Your Face Off: What the Theology of the Face Can Do for Reconciliation.” \$10 admission includes appetizers – Cash bar. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron
- **Retrouvaille Weekend** – Jan. 19 – 21, 2018, Cleveland. Retrouvaille (rediscovery), a lifeline for troubled marriages is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths and consists of a weekend experience with six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more info or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.
- **Cancer Spirituality Group:** Meetings are twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron from 11 am - 12:30 pm.