

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

Save the Date!
Saturday, September 23
 1 – 4 pm

September 10, 2017
Twenty-Third 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 Sep 11		5:30 pm Charlotte Zagar by Zagar Family	Hamilton	Col 1:24 – 2:3; Lk 6:6-11	
Tues Sep 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary			Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19	Free Store 4:30 – 7 pm SB Altar Society Meeting 6 pm HH
Wed Sep 13	John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Victoria Milo by Patrick & Helen Milo	Hamilton	Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26	
Thur Sep 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross			Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	
Fri Sep 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	5:30 pm Marcella Archual by Archual Family	Hamilton	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	
Sat Sep 16	Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49	Confessions 9 – 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am – Noon SB
		8:30 am Joseph Buhalak by Family 11 am Mona McLaughlin by Laura Fick	8:30 am Brown 11:00 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35	
Sun Sep 17	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time				

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Jn 8:12

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Sunday Offering – \$4,111

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$297

88 of 339 Envelopes Used.

Vacation - Fr. Mike will be off the property from the afternoon of Sept. 17 thru Oct. 6th. There will be **no confessions** on Sat., Sept. 23rd or 30th & there will be **no Wednesday daily Mass** on Sept. 20th, 27th or Oct. 4th. The **Mass of Anointing** will be Wed., Sept. 13th at 5:30 pm.

PSR News – All public school students, grades 1 - 8 are required to attend PSR classes held at our cluster partner, St. Augustine. Forms and schedules are available at the main doors of the church.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Sept. 13th at the 5:30 pm Mass

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Generations of Faith - Registration begins next weekend for the Bishop Robert Barron series, "Eucharist – Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence". Cost: \$10 per person. Many have questions about the Eucharist – can you answer with confidence and in truth? Join us to grow in your faith and be able to explain it to others.

Altar Society News – Our membership drive will go on through the month of September. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Cost is \$10. The first meeting for 2017-18 will be at 6 pm on Tues., Sept. 12th in Hitch Hall. Please bring shampoo and/or bar soap for the SVdP food pantry.

For the last several months, Parish Pastoral Council has been engaged in a parish planning initiative called **Planning a Future Full of Hope**. Parishioner participation is a vital part of the plan, so please plan to attend on **Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 1 – 4 pm** and stay tuned for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul – August report: we provided food for 196 people in 64 households.

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

History of Popes

#72 - Pope John IV - *Pope from Dec. 24, 640 - death, Oct. 12, 642.* John was a Dalmatian by birth, born in the region bordering the Mediterranean Sea in modern-day Croatia and was serving as an archdeacon in Rome at the time of his election. His early days as pope focused on his native land, which had been under siege by the Slavs. John sent Martin, an abbot, to the region with ransom money to free captives, and to collect relics of Dalmatian saints there. He had an oratory built in their honor next to the Lateran Basilica, which still stands today. The best-known act of John IV's short pontificate was his unequivocal denouncement of the heresy of Monothelism which claimed that Christ had but one will, and was endorsed at the time by the emperor, Heraclius. At a council convened by John IV, he clearly condemned the heresy & chastised Heraclius for promoting it. The emperor recanted his belief in the teaching with no resistance. John IV apologized on behalf of Honorius clarifying that Honorius merely meant to condemn the belief that Christ had two *contrary* wills. The date of John IV's death, Oct. 12, happened to be the same date on which Pope Honorius I died four years prior. He was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 641, the only full year of John IV's papacy, the Byzantine Empire went through four emperors. Heraclius died of dropsy in February after reigning for three decades. His son, Constantine III died four months later -- probably a victim of poison -- and was succeeded by Heraclius' other son, Heraklonas. Finally, after the Byzantine Senate turned against him, Heraklonas was mutilated and exiled, vacating the throne to be filled by his nephew, Constans II, who was then just 10 years old.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

This column will be featuring the ministries & programs available here at I.C. They will be centered in 6 areas: Spiritual Life, Liturgical Life, Sacramental Life, Parish Life, Service to Parish & Community and Leadership councils. Each week we will describe one or more so that you get a beautiful picture of life in our parish. Write down those that resonate with you & then pray about where the Lord is leading you. Everyone can do something. **Spiritual Life: Eucharistic Adoration** allows you to spend some quiet time with Jesus. Our lives are so busy that we need to keep calendars and planners so we don't forget to be somewhere or do something. Why not schedule some time for prayer & reflection with the Lord? We invite you to choose an hour on Mondays or Tuesdays between 9 am and 5 pm, mark it on the calendar & come each week at that time to church to get away from the busyness of your day. Pray, read, reflect, discern, listen. Please come to the back door of the rectory to gain access to the church. **Parish Life: the Altar Society** is open to all women of the parish & was established to further the social, charitable service and fundraising endeavors of the parish. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Sept. - Dec. & Mar. - June in Hitch Hall (under the church). Dues are \$10/per year and all are welcome. If these ministries/organizations interest you, please call the rectory.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Funeral Dinner Ministry - If you like to cook, we need more people willing to provide a dish for a funeral meal. If you like to serve others, we need men and women willing to be members of the team. Remember you're only called into service when we have funeral dinners and we rotate teams and meal providers. Call the rectory for more info or to share your stewardship.

Adopt-A-Plot - Plot holders, please be vigilant about weeding your plots & trimming bushes. Let's keep being a witness to what is possible in our neighborhood.

Bingo Kitchen is in need of help. Can you spare a Wednesday morning even once or twice a month?

Kenmore Free Store - Are you a people person?

Consider helping out on a Tuesday evening or Saturday morning. Behind the scenes person? Join the sorting crew! Donations have been amazing, but we need more hands to help sort. Join others to serve in the name of Jesus. Call the rectory for info or to help.

Mission Dresses - We are in need of sewers as well as lightweight fabric and trim to make dresses which will be sent to the missions. Patterns will be provided. Call the rectory if you can help.

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 IC, but should be a registered parishioner in the area.

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

First Step Program - If you have questions regarding marriage, divorce, annulments & remarriage, the First Step Program can provide answers and help you take the first step toward healing after a divorce. The next meeting will be held at St. Paul, Akron on Sept. 12th at 7 pm. All are welcome to come and deepen their knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage.

Other Events

• **Theology on Tap:** Wed., Sept. 13th at 7 pm at On Tap at the Harbor, 562 Portage Lakes Dr., Akron, 44319. Newly ordained Rev. Matt Jordan, Parochial Vicar of St. Hilary, will speak on "What is Love? Well, it's complicated." \$5 admission includes appetizers. Come experience faith, fellowship, and food with others in their 20's and 30's.

• **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.

• **Life in the Spirit Seminar:** 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Sept. 29th & 8 am - 7:45 pm, Sept. 30th, St. Hilary. Free Seminar, but love offerings accepted & appreciated. Snacks provided Friday; all meals provided on Saturday. Great speakers, opportunity for confession, group discussion time, praise and worship. RSVP by Sept. 22 by calling 330-864-6682.