

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



November
Month of
The Souls in
Purgatory

November 5, 2017
Thirty-First 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 6		5:30 pm Al & Regina Jenkins by Family	Brewer	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14	
Tues Nov 7				Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Nov 8		5:30 pm Louis A. Dirker, Jr. by Fr. Mike	Brewer	Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33	
Thur Nov 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22	Generations of Faith 7 - 9 pm WH
Fri Nov 10	Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Brewer	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8	
Sat Nov 11	Martin of Tours, Bishop	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB IC Bowling Night 7 pm - Charger Lanes
		8:30 am Irene Arnold by Altar & Rosary Society	8:30 am Brown	Wis 6:12-16;	
Sun Nov 12	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	11:00 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - William (Bill) Aguado

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.
*Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will
acknowledge them before my heavenly Father. Mt 5:10*

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, October 29, 2017
Sunday Offering - \$3,705.30
Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$35
99 of 335 Envelopes Used.

Conference: "Cultivating Missionary Disciples" will be held this Sat., Nov. 11th from 9 am - 3:30 pm at St. Ladislav Parish in Westlake. Due to great response the deadline has been extended. Brochures are available at the main doors of the church.

St. Vincent de Paul - October report: we provided food for 151 people in 49 households.

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

Generations of Faith

Our next session on the Eucharist will be held this Thur., Nov. 9th and our topic will be "Eucharist: Sacred Meal." Doors open at 6:30 pm & the session runs from 7 - 9 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Not registered? Come and we'll get you signed up; only \$10 for the year. Bring a snack to share and grow in your Catholic faith.

IC Bowling Night

The Parish Activities Committee is sponsoring this event, Nov. 11th at 7 pm. at Charger Lanes in Norton. RSVP to the rectory by Nov. 6th!

Altar & Rosary Society

Our **Meeting** is on 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.

Grateful Giving

Reflection: Resolutions – Each year, people throughout the world make New Years' resolutions. For many, these resolutions are short lived and quickly forgotten. At our Baptism and Confirmation, we make New Life resolutions. Our baptismal promises are lifelong commitments to Jesus and the Church. We recognize that all we possess comes from God. We are God's stewards. We have been empowered to manage the abundant gifts that we have received. As "good stewards" it is our responsibility to give back a portion of the time, talent and treasure we receive from our generous and loving God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord by taking the time to plan. Let us make stewardship of time and talent part of our lifestyle, and stewardship of treasure part of our budget. "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Program Update – Follow-up letters from Fr. Mike will be mailed to all households from whom we have not yet received a response to our Grateful Giving Program. Please respond as soon as you are able by placing your intention card in the collection basket.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

This week we highlight two more opportunities for service at Immaculate Conception: **Service: Cookie Elves** make cookies, brownies and finger food-sized tasty treats for parish functions throughout the year such as receptions, Holiday on the Blvd. and special occasions. Needs & drop-off information are announced in the bulletin. We have the best bakers around! **In His Name** collects items for various ministries throughout the year such as: *school supplies distributed by the Food Pantry and Kenmore Free Store, *clean warm socks distributed by Hoban H.S. students to the homeless through Project Hope, *Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes which are delivered to children around the world, *crackers, breakfast bars, etc. for families sitting vigil at hospice, *our annual Lenten almsgiving program & more. We also have ongoing collections of travel size soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, etc. for the Peter Maurin Center which serves the homeless & old eyeglasses which are refurbished and distributed to those in need. Collections are announced in the bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child – Collection Week is fast approaching, so now's the time to complete your boxes and drop them off at the main doors of the church. Please use the brochure envelope to record your \$9 donation. If paying by check, make it out to "Samaritan's Purse", put check in envelope and put envelope in box. Multiple boxes? Write 1 check and mark the number of boxes in the space on the info sheet or pay online. All boxes should be turned in by Sunday, November 12th. Brochures are available at the main doors of the church which will help you in packing your shoeboxes.

KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Tues., Nov. 21st. We once again need to provide *three 20lb or more turkeys – cooked & sliced, along with the broth in a separate container; *desserts – pies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, sheet cake, etc and *shift workers: 3 – 5 pm, 5 – 6 pm, 6 – 7 pm, 7 – 8 pm and tear down. Please call the Rectory to sign up for shifts and donations. Two families have committed to providing turkeys; one turkey has been donated, but we need someone to cook it. If you can cook a turkey, **PLEASE** call the rectory.

Kenmore Free Store – Consider helping out on a Tuesday evening or Saturday morning. Join the sorting crew, welcome our shoppers, help them with checkout. Join others to serve in the name of Jesus. Call the rectory for info or to help.

Mission Dresses – The little mission dresses are traveling the world. Over 300 dresses have gone to Africa, El Salvador, Argentina, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Philippines and the next group is going to Peru in November. We appreciate the material that has been donated. 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: Mon., 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

• **Cemetery Sunday Mass:** Sun., Nov. 5th at 3 pm at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron.

• **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.

• **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.

• **Theology on Tap:** Ray's Place of Fairlawn, 25 Ghent Rd. Wed., Nov. 8th, 7 pm. All young adults are invited as Mark Cook, a Magician, will speak on "Mercy, Mary, and Magic: A magic show & personal testimony to Divine Mercy and Marian Consecration." \$5 Admission includes appetizers.