

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

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 Dec 11	Damasus I, Pope	5:30 pm Bob Kelly, Jr. & Sr. by Fr. Mike	Brewer	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26	
Tues Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe			Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH
Wed Dec 13	Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	5:30 pm Vicky Franz by Franz Family	Brewer	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Dec 14	John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor			Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15	
Fri Dec 15		5:30 pm Joseph Baker, Sr. by Family	Brewer	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	
Sat Dec 16		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Cole	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 - Noon SB
Sun Dec 17	Third Sunday of Advent Bambinelli Sunday	8:30 am Michael & Corrine Bralek by Family 11 am Bob Heim by Eggert Family	8:30 am Baker 11:00 am Compton Hamilton	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 3 Holy Hours last week.

The Lord has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. Lk 1:52

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017

Sunday Offering - \$5,229.46 / Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$453

110 of 341 Envelopes Used.

Journey through Advent Forms are available at the doors of the church.

Christmas Flower Envelopes need to be returned next weekend to be included on the insert for Dec. 23/24.

Bambinelli Sunday - On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & their families gather in St. Peter's Square for a special papal blessing of the Christ Child, "Bambinelli," figure from their Nativity scene. We invite all households to bring their Bambinelli to Mass next weekend for a special blessing.

Operation Christmas Child - We ask that the person who dropped off the shoeboxes on the weekend of Nov. 18/19 to please call the rectory.

Holy Family Candle - Herald Family

Altar & Rosary Society - Christmas Dinner - Tues., Dec. 12th, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Please bring deodorant for our SVdP pantry.

Church Decorating - Join us Tues., Dec. 19th at 6:30 pm to help make our church beautiful for Christmas. Many hands make light work. Hope to see you there!

The **Holy Day** on New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, has been dispensed because it falls on a Monday. There will be no vigil Mass on Dec. 31st, but we will celebrate on Jan 1st at 9:30 am (no 5:30 pm daily Mass). Liturgical Ministers needed.

Thank you to our **Parish Activities Committee**, all our wonderful **Cookie Elves, Lynn & Martha Vanca** and **all who came to help** with the Holiday on the Blvd. event. Your efforts have, once again, put I.C. on top. It was a wonderful day and a good time was had by all!

Thank you again to all who took part in the **KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner**; over 598 meals were served. What a blessed night!

Family News Corner

Parishioners, Mark and Cherylyn Gruic, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Gruic to Brian Daly.

Grateful Giving

Reflecting on our recently completed Grateful Giving Program, it is clear that Immaculate Conception parish is truly blessed. We are working together to create and sustain a community of belonging, where each individual's dignity and self-respect is strengthened by the solidarity of our shared faith, the respect and affection we have for one another, and our mutual dedication to our God-given mission. With God's help we will continue to grow in discipleship. The willingness of our members to enter into sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure in response to our Grateful Giving Program speaks of our continuing gratitude for God's gifts. May God continue to bless us as we share in His work!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Since last September we have been outlining the ministries, organizations and programs that we offer at Immaculate Conception. It is our hope that you have read over each of them and prayed about where God might be calling you to share your talents. We have a motto at the parish which has been used for many years and it is, "Everyone can do something" and we firmly believe that. Each of you has been given some special quality, gift or charism that can be used to help build up our parish and we ask that you intentionally choose to step forward in faith to share it & help your family of faith to be healthy and vibrant. To review our ministries, programs and organizations, simply go to our website www.ickenmore.org & click on bulletins. If you have an interest that is not listed, we warmly invite you to make an appointment with Fr. Mike or Melissa to discuss your ideas. We thank you for your support, for all you already do and all this yet to come! God bless you all.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name – We are collecting warm socks at the main doors of the church for Hoban's **Project Hope** which serves the homeless. We will continue to accept donations for the Peter Maurin Center which also serves the poor and the homeless in Akron. Please drop your donations in the designated basket by the main doors of the church.

Giving Tree – During Advent, donations of scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, etc. can be placed on the Giving Tree near the altar. Items will be given to those in need who are serviced by our SVDP Food Pantry.

Kenmore Free Store – Looking for a meaningful way to use your stewardship to serve & minister to others? Call the rectory or stop by the school basement on Tuesdays 4:30 – 7 pm or Saturdays 9:30 – noon.

First Glance All Student Christmas Party will be held on Thurs., Dec. 21st. If you would like to help with decorating on the 20th, help at the event or donate needed foods, please call the rectory for information.

Mission Dresses – If you would like to help in any way with this Corporal Work of Mercy, clothing the naked, please contact the rectory.

Bulletin – Due to the high volume of packages UPS handles through Christmas along with short holiday office hours, items for the upcoming bulletins **must be submitted at least 10 days** before they are to appear.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for Christmas & New Years: please call the rectory.

Christmas Eve 5:30 pm: Lector: T. Cole; EMHC: **need**; Servers: M. Cole, L. Morgan; M of H - **need**

Christmas Eve 10 pm: Lector: B. Langton, EMHC: J. Langton, J. & J. Osolin, **need**; Servers: M. Keegan, J. Wilson, **need**; M of H: L. Wilson, S. Wilson, **need**

Christmas Day 10 am: Lector: V. Lackney, EMHC: K. & J. Sboray, **need**; Servers: R. Baker, **need**; M of H: **need**.

Jan 1, 9:30 am: Lector: B. Langton, EMHC: J. Langton; **need**; Servers: R. Baker, **need**; M of H: **need**.

Acme Cashback – The current earning period ends Dec. 30th. Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Every receipt counts! Last year we were #5 in total receipts, this year let's go for #1!

Other Events

• **Divorced, Separated & Widowed Catholics of Akron:**

Mon., Dec. 11th at 7:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg. Deacon William Yoho from Immaculate Heart of Mary will speak on the topic "Dealing with Loneliness during the Holiday Season." Refreshments will be at 7:15. Our speaker will start at 7:30. For information call Sue at 330-554-5626.

• **An Advent Evening of Reflection:** Mon., Dec. 11, 7 pm, St. Sebastian Church. Fr. Valencheck will be the keynote speaker with the Peace Together Choir providing music. Sponsored by the Christ Child Society of Akron.

• **Theology on Tap:** Wed., Dec. 13th, 7 pm, Ray's Place of Fairlawn, 25 Ghent Rd. Rev. Patrick Anderson, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary's, Hudson, will speak on "What to Do in the Darkness and the Pain of Waiting." \$5 admission includes appetizers.

• **Advent Holy Hour:** Sat., Dec. 16th, 1 pm, St. John the Baptist Church, 1044 Brown St. Join us as we pray "A Holy Hour for 'Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty' before the Blessed Sacrament.

• **Catholics Returning Home:** A six-week initiative beginning Wednesday, January 10, 2018 from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Library at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 73 North Avenue in Tallmadge. This is an opportunity for anyone wishing to bring healing to their relationships whether with God, His Church, others or even within their own hearts. For information, please call 330-633-3637.

• **Retrouvaille Weekend** – Jan. 19 – 21, 2018, Cleveland. Retrouvaille (rediscovery), a lifeline for troubled marriages. A registration fee of \$150 is required. 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.