

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February  
Month of  
The Holy  
Family



February 25, 2018  
Second Sunday of Lent

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 Feb 26		5:30 pm <b>Simplicio, Pedro &amp; Lolita</b> by Marietta Abutal	Compton	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Feb 27				Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm SB <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> 7 pm HH
Wed Feb 28	<b>Diocesan Evening of Reconciliation</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>		Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	<b>Evening of Confession</b> 5 - 8 pm CH
Thur Mar 1				Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	<b>SVdP</b> 11:30 am HH <b>Generations of Faith</b> 7 pm CH
Fri Mar 2		5:30 pm <b>Thomas Kunkel</b> by Alberta Kunkel	Compton	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	<b>Personal Prayer</b> 6 - 6:30 pm CH <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 3	Katherine Drexel, Virgin	5:30 pm <b>Ann Marie Kovalchin</b> by Kovalchin Family	Cole	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Mar 4	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 am <b>Christine Juntunen &amp; Deceased Hudak Family</b> by Kevin Hudak 11 am <b>People of the Parish</b>	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton Coffey	Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25	

## **Sanctuary Lamp - Deceased Members of the DeVoe Family**      **Holy Family Candle - Answered Prayers**

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 6 Holy Hours last week.

*The Lord is my light & my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? Ps 27:1*

### COLLECTION REPORT

*Sunday, February 18, 2018*

**Sunday Offering.** - \$3,387.67

**Cap. Imp./Debt. Red.** - \$32

96 of 345 Envelopes Used.

*To receive your 2017 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.*

**An Evening of Confession** will be celebrated in all Catholic Churches in the diocese this Wed., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 8 pm. Do you know someone who has been away from the church and is seeking to come home? Invite and come with them to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing power of God. There will be no 5:30 pm Mass that evening.

Suggestion - parishioners try to come to Confession on Saturdays, 9 - 10 am during Lent.

• **Parish Pastoral Council** - this Tues., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

• **Generations of Faith** - Join us in the church at 7 pm this Thurs., Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> for an enlightening session on the Mass presented by Fr. Mike. Because we are meeting in the church, there will be no refreshments. Doors of the church will open at 6:45 pm. Make a decision to do something that will help you grow in your Catholic faith!

• Save the date! The 2018 **Life in the Spirit** seminar will be held in Waldeisen Hall on Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Our team has been working since September to put together this event which includes inspiring speakers, praise and worship, dinner, Mass, and a healing service all designed to help you grow in closeness to our Lord.

Congratulations to **Dennis Canter**, declared an Elect of God by Bishop Perez last Sunday at the Rite of Election. Please keep him & all around the world who will come into the church at the Easter Vigil in your prayers.

### Family News Corner

Congratulations to our star students! **Josh Wilson** was accepted to St. Vincent - St. Mary HS. **Daniel and Abigail Brewer** achieved Honor Roll at Hoban HS. We are so proud of you!

## Lenten Reflection

**What almsgiving really means** - Giving alms is an important part of Lent. For many, it means giving money to Catholic charities or another good cause. But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need – not just with our money – but with our time & our talents. Lent gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity, not only with our possessions, but with a giving of our selves.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

**Intentional Lent – Prayer:** 1) Celebrate daily Mass. 2) Make a Holy Hour. 3) Use a Lenten resource for daily reflection. 4) Pray as a family. 5) Come to pray the Stations of the Cross. 6) Pray for family members who have fallen away and for people you find difficult. 7) Ask forgiveness of those you have hurt. 8) Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 9) Come to Generations of Faith on March 1.  
**Fasting:** 1) Skip a meal & pray for those who will go hungry. 2) Turn off your mobile devices and spend time with your family, read scripture, read stories of the saints, read a daily reflection. 3) Turn off TV and take a walk. 4) Recognize the behaviors & attitudes that are not of God, ask forgiveness and allow God to heal. 5) Fast from ego, power and prestige and do something to help others.  
**Almsgiving:** 1) Collect alms in your Rice Bowl to benefit CRS. 2) Give of your stewardship to help your neighbor in the Free Store. 3) Visit an elderly neighbor. 4) Make cards for our shut-ins or residents at nearby care facilities. 5) Join a church ministry. 6) Make restitution for a wrong. 7) Seek forgiveness and forgive. We all have good intentions, but intentions don't get us very far. Let's be intentional about Lent and be open to what God wants to do in and through us.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**In His Name** – During Lent, we ask you to use your **Rice Bowl** containers to help the poor through Catholic Relief Services. **Personal Hygiene collection** – We continue to collect hygiene items for the homeless who go to the Peter Maurin Center: razors, shaving cream, Kleenex packs, lip balm, trial-size shampoos, soaps, conditioner, body lotion, mouth wash, tooth paste and tooth brushes. **ADDITION:** In a recent conversation with school officials from Kenmore cluster schools a need has arisen right here in Kenmore. Did you know there are many homeless families with children in our schools? It's true and these families need help. You can help in several ways: 1) Donate regular size hygiene items. 2) Donate non-perishable food items which will be given to students so they have food on the weekends. 3) Adopt a family and commit to providing a **Backpack of Love** (plastic bag) each weekend with items such as small cereal boxes, breakfast & snack bars/cookies, cup of soup, cans of soup, small cans of chili, wieners or beans, etc. To adopt a family, please call the rectory and we will call the schools to make arrangements.  
**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6:30 pm on the Fridays of Lent. Candle and cross bearers are needed and you may sign up as individuals, as a family or as a ministry group at the main doors.

**Operation Rice Bowl** – Our Lenten alms will support **Catholic Relief Services** the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Drop in your spare change daily, eat a simple meal once a week & put the money saved into your container, drop in money saved from what you give up for Lent. There are many ways to collect your alms to help the poor & needy in our world. What will you do?

### Let's Be Intentional!

**Healthwise** – 1) Use the hand sanitizer that has been placed at all doors of the church. 2) If you're not feeling well, do not drink from the cup. 3) Cough or sneeze into your elbow – not your hands. 4) During this flu season, wave or nod rather than shake hands. Let's show care and concern for one another.  
**Worship** – 1) Move around, sit in a different spot, meet more people, form stronger community. 2) Pick up the hymnal, sing & respond with enthusiasm. 3) Read the scriptures before Mass (listed in the bulletin). 4) Be open to what God will reveal in the prayers, readings and homily.  
**Family Life** – 1) Pray together, 2) Say grace at meals, 3) Parents bless children as they leave the house, 4) Spouses bless one another, 5) Talk about the homily after Mass, 6) Read scripture together, 7) Show respect for one another, 8) Recount the blessings of the day, 9) Encourage and affirm one another, 10) Find a common ministry.

### Other Events

- **Caring/Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood, Mon., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. For info, call 330-607-6284.
- **Passion & Purpose for Marriage:** Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, St. Sebastian Parish. Tickets still available at \$25, online at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/Akron> or call 859-980-7900.
- **Free Community Dinner:** Last Tuesday of each month at Park United Methodist Church from 5 – 7 pm. All welcome.
- **Cancer Spirituality Group:** the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron, 11 am - 12:30 pm. For info, contact: Pat Flaherty, 330-628-5725 or [everhiker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:everhiker@sbcglobal.net).
- **Caregiver Support:** Summit Adult Day Services' support group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 10 am at 812 Biruta St. For info, call 330-762-2000. Free care provided for the older adult while caregivers attend the meetings.
- **St. V-M 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation:** Thurs., Mar. 1, 9:30 am-1 pm. All 7<sup>th</sup> graders & parents are welcome to visit & enjoy the spirit of the Irish! (Transportation will be provided for Catholic grade school students). **Family Open House** - Tues., Mar. 6, 6-7:30 pm. Register at [www.stvm.com/admissions/](http://www.stvm.com/admissions/). Questions? Contact Director of Admissions, Mrs. Amy Barcelo at [abarcelo@stvm.com](mailto:abarcelo@stvm.com) or 330-253-9113, ext. 115.
- **Six Relics Of Saint "Padre" Pio Of Pietrelcina** will be on display for public veneration at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist on Sun., March 4, 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm with Mass at 5:30 pm and Mon., March 5, 6 am – 5 pm with Masses at 7:15 am, Noon, & 5:10 pm.