

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 4, 2018
Third 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 Mar 5		5:30 pm James H. Sutphin (Jimmy)	Burkhart	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30	
Tues Mar 6				Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 7	Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	5:30 pm Louis A. Dirker, Jr. by Fr. Mike	Burkhart	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Mar 8	John of God, Religious			Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	
Fri Mar 9	Frances of Rome, Religious	5:30 pm Zachary Kramer by James Kramer	Burkhart	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	Personal Prayer 6 - 6:30 pm CH Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 10		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Cole	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Mar 11	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Christine Juntunen & Deceased Hudak Family by Kevin Hudak 11 am Katie Heppe by Bob & Vilma Saxon	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton Coffey	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21	 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

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.

Make known to me your ways, Lord; teach me your paths. Guide me by your fidelity & teach me, for you are God my savior. Ps 25:4-5

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Sunday Offering. - \$3,508.67

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$105

89 of 345 Envelopes Used.

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

Holy Week Liturgical Ministers

Palm Sunday: 5:30 & 11 am - Need "Speaker"

Holy Thursday: 7 pm - Need EMHCs, Servers, Ministers of Hospitality

Good Friday: 7 pm - Need Servers, Ministers of Hospitality

Easter Vigil: 8 pm - Need Lector, EMHCs, Servers, Ministers of Hospitality

Easter: 8:30 & 11 am - Those scheduled in March are asked to Minister on Easter Sunday.

St. Vincent de Paul - February report: we provided food for 165 people in 51 households.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

• **Altar & Rosary Society** will meet next Tues., Mar. 13th at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Please bring deodorant and bar soap for SVdP. The **Palm Sunday Bake Sale** will be held the weekend of March 24 & 25 in Hitch Hall. As in the past; we encourage all bakers to help with donations of their delicious baked goods - they're always appreciated and make our sale a success!

• **St. Patrick's Day & 95th Anniversary Event** - Sat., Mar. 17th, Waldeisen Hall, 7 - 10 pm. Tickets are \$21/ couple or \$10.50/person (kids 10 & under are free); includes dinner, D.J. & more! RSVPs with payment are due Mar. 12th! Forms are available at the church doors.

• **Hall Rental Change** - We have received notice from the Diocese that all hall rentals for non-parish events must be covered by the diocesan special event insurance at a cost of \$100 and that we are no longer able to accept personal coverage from a homeowner's policy or private insurance. Therefore we are forced to charge \$100 for each non-parish use of the hall (bridal or baby showers, birthday parties, family gatherings, etc.). The parish will not retain any of the rental money, but will continue to cover the necessary expenses such as paper products and utilities. We will honor all current contracts as written but this new policy is effective immediately.

Lenten Reflection

Living the Gospel Message Daily – In John 13:34, Jesus says “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” Sometimes there are people in our lives we find difficult to even tolerate, yet we are called to love them. Jesus doesn’t love us because we deserve it. He loves us because He is loving. Don’t let another’s bad behavior define you, choose to be loving as Christ is loving.

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.
Adopt-A-Plot – Plot holders, take a little time to enjoy this pleasant weather and do a little cleanup and maintenance on your plot. Clean out dead foliage, pick up trash, start planning!

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

- **Theology On Tap Akron:** Wed., Mar. 14th, 7 pm at Ray’s Place of Fairlawn, 25 Ghent Road. We welcome all adults in their 20’s and 30’s to come listen to Beth Davis, Dir. of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School, speak on “Unbound, Redeemed: He’s not done with you yet.” Admission is \$5 & includes appetizers. The bar will be open for beverage purchases.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Mar. 19th, D’agnese’s at White Pond, Akron, 7 pm appetizers, 7:30 pm speaker. Topic: God’s Providence Alive at Julie Billiard Schools by Lannie Davis-Frecker, President-CEO, J. B. Schools. \$10 admission includes appetizers – Cash bar. J
- **Diocesan-Wide Women’s Retreat:** St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron, Sat., Mar. 24th, 9:30 am to 3 pm. “Open Your Heart” and experience God’s love for you through inspiring talks, adoration, confession and fellowship with sisters in Christ. For more info & registration, click the retreat link at stfparish.com and or call 234-738-0282.
- **Clear Path Hospice** is looking for volunteers to visit patients in Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities in the Akron area. Bring comfort and companionship to patients needing a visit! Free Hospice Volunteer Training. Call Terri DeGeorge, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for more information: 330-784-2162, ext. 1021.
- **Cancer Spirituality Group:** the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at St. Matthew Rectory, Akron, 11 am - 12:30 pm. For info, contact: Pat Flaherty, 330-628-5725 or everhiker@sbcglobal.net.