

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 6, 2018
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 May 7		5:30 pm Special Intention for Diane Avery by Gloria Woods	Coffey	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a	
Tues May 8				Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Free Store 4:30 – 7 pm SB Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH
Wed May 9		5:30 pm Al, Rose & Sr. Francesca Rauckhorst by Carol Hodson	Coffey	Acts 17:15, 17:22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-156	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur May 10	Damien de Veuster, Priest Ascension Thursday (Observed Sunday)			Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20	
Fri May 11		5:30 pm Charles Yen by Altar & Rosary Society	Coffey	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23	
Sat May 12	Pancras, Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs	5:30 pm Howard Clauss by wife, Bea Clauss	Morgan	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am – Noon SB
Sun May 13	Ascension of the Lord (Observed)	8:30 am Ann Blondin by Joann Ervin 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Baker 11 am Compton Wilson	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Rita 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.
**Sing a new song to the Lord for he has done
marvelous deeds.** Psalm 98:1

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, April 29, 2018
Sunday Offering. – \$3,513.15
84 of 340 Envelopes Used.
Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$148

St. Vincent de Paul – April report: we provided food for 153 people in 59 households.

Pastoral Council Nominations are open and we are looking for parishioners to step forward and share their ideas and talents to help move our parish forward. Nominate yourself or someone else from the parish whom you think would be an asset to Council. Nominations are due by May 23rd.

We will offer a **blessing of moms** at all Masses next weekend in honor of Mother's Day.

Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Tues., May 8th at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Please bring toothpaste & bar soap for our SVdP Food Pantry.

5 Year Plan Town Hall Meeting – The plan is finished; council, Fr. Mike & Dr. David DeLambo will share it with us on Sun., May 20th at 12:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall. We urge all parishioners to come, receive their plan books, learn what has been going on since the Listening Session & what the plan entails. This is our future and it's in our hands so please come, learn and show that famous I.C. spirit! Coffee & donuts will be served.

The Follow-Up Appeal for Catholic Charities will be held on May 19 & 20. Funds raised from this effort will be used to expand treatment & prevention services to fight the opioid crisis. In 2017, nearly 1,200 people in our diocese died of drug overdoses. All new, increased or additional gifts returned in the In-Pew envelopes or donated at www.CatholicCommunity.org/Challenge will be matched up to \$100,000 by Catholic Charities. Prayerfully consider the impact you can have toward addiction recovery & please give as generously as possible.

History of Popes

#90 – Pope St. Gregory III – Pope from Mar. 18, 731 – death, Nov. 28, 741. Gregory III, a member of the Roman clergy, was so well esteemed that he was chosen as successor to Gregory II by popular acclamation during Gregory II's funeral and consecrated a month later. Gregory, like the previous pope, battled Emperor Leo III for most of his pontificate over iconoclasm (the heresy that commanded destruction of holy images). Gregory made it a point to especially emphasize the use of images & relics, especially those of St. Peter. Gregory convened two synods in Rome in 731 to condemn the heresy, had an oratory built in the crypts of St. Peter's, and wrote several prayers to be recited there. However, the pope-emperor tension wasn't limited to iconoclasm. Leo didn't appreciate disobedience, and thus used force to make his point whenever possible. After an attack fleet he sent to Italy was a failure, he stole papal lands in the Balkans and reassigned them to the Patriarch of Constantinople. Scholars suggest that it was a definitive step toward schism in the coming centuries. Toward the end of his papacy, Gregory dealt with a vicious Lombard onslaught that spanned several years. He pled for help from the Franks and Charles Martel, and worked to protect the city of Rome from the attackers. Gregory died before the fighting ended and was buried in the oratory he had built in the crypts of St. Peter's Basilica. What else was going on in the world at the time? The Venerable Bede, the great English saint and monk, finished his monumental work *Historia ecclesiastica Gentis Anglorum* ("Ecclesiastical History of the English People") in 731 at the age of 59. The book is still regarded as one of the landmark reference works on Anglo-Saxon history.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Jesus' command to us this week: "Love one another as I love you." At the outset it seems simple; in reality it is anything but. The first thing we need to reflect on is how Jesus loves us. For us sinners, He went to the cross sacrificing Himself that we might have life everlasting. He put all of us before Himself and challenges us to do the same. How well do we sacrifice for others? Parents sacrifice for their children, spouses sacrifice for one another and that seems natural and easy, but what about the homeless, the addict, the elderly, the unborn, the refugee. Are we willing to put these brothers & sisters before ourselves? St. Peter reminds us that "God shows no partiality," God loves us all equally and calls each person to Himself. Do we love as God loves? Do we lead others to the God of love? St. John challenges us with "Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." It's easy to love those who love us, but God calls us to more. As the Baptized and stewards of the faith we need to remember "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." It's not a suggestion.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stewardship Saturday – Home Improvement Project – May 19th, 9 am – 2 pm. We are going to tackle the big wall around the parking lot. It's an eyesore and now that John has the fence painted, it's time to take care of the wall. Step 1 is to scrape the wall so that John can make repairs so bring your scrapers, wire brushes, etc. and join with fellow parishioners to help beautify the property. Painting will be next so watch for info on that date.

Upcoming Stewardship Projects – John will need assistance with: sealing the back wall of the courtyard, replacing glass block in front of the school. We will also need stewards to oil chairs in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for project dates.

In His Name - Peter Maurin Center – razors, shaving cream, Kleenex packs, lip balm, trial-size shampoos, soaps, conditioner, body lotion, mouth wash, tooth paste & tooth brushes. **Kenmore schools:** Help homeless families with children: hygiene items, non-perishable food items (small cereal boxes, breakfast & snack bars/cookies, cup of soup, cans of soup, chili, wieners or beans, etc.) and fruit.

Community Garden – The former fenced-in playground space is being converted to a raised bed community garden. If you are knowledgeable about planting and growing fruits and veggies and would be willing to step forward as a Garden Supervisor, please call the rectory. If you are interested in having a garden or sharing a garden with family and friends, please call the rectory. There is no cost other than purchasing the seeds and plants you want to grow.

Other Events

- **2018 Hoban Summer Camps:** For more info, visit hoban.org/academic-camps & hoban.org/sports-camps or call Dave Arbogast at 330-773-6658 ext. 265.
- **Priest & Religious Appreciation Dinner:** Show your support for the clergy & religious at our local parishes on Thurs., May 17, 6 pm cocktails (Cash Bar), 7 pm dinner, Knights of Columbus #3410, 2055 Glenmount Ave. Tickets are \$25. Reservations required by Mon., May 14th. Call 330-773-3410.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., May 21st, D'Agnes's at White Pond. Appetizers at 7; at 7:30 pm, speaker Fr. Kevin Klonowski, Par. Vicar, Holy Family Parish, will speak on "Lost & Found: How to Help Adult Children Find Their Way Back to the Faith." \$10 admission includes appetizers. Cash Bar. Come for food, faith & fellowship for Adults.
- **Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics** Monday, May 14th, 7:30 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg. Fr. Norm Douglas will present "Living with Great Vitality and Resilience from the Inside-Out." Refreshments at 7:15. For information call Sue at 330-554-5626.
- **50th Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Sun., July 29, 2:30 pm, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Martin Amos presiding. The deadline to register names to be included in the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Booklet is Mon., June 25. Register at www.ccdocle.org/mfm.