

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 13, 2018
Ascension of the Lord

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 14	Matthias, Apostle	5:30 pm Frank C. Smith by Family	Burkhart	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17	
Tues May 15	Isidore			Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed May 16		5:30 pm Marie Abraham by Cecilia Ayoup	Burkhart	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur May 17				Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26	
Fri May 18	John I, Pope & Martyr	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Burkhart	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19	
Sat May 19		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25	Confessions 9-10 am CH Stewardship Saturday 9 am - 2 pm Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun May 20	Pentecost	8:30 am Michael & Corrine Bralek by Family 11 am Louis Kelley Family by Diane Sunderland	8:30 am Baker 11 am Compton Wilson	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15	Town Hall Meeting 12:30 pm WH

Sanctuary Lamp - Thomas Herold

Holy Family Candle - Benjamin Blankenship

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 4 Holy Hours last week.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord, I will come back to you and your heart will rejoice. John 14:18

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, May 6, 2018 - 105 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering. - \$4,900.41

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$528

The Follow-Up Appeal for Catholic Charities will be held in-pew next weekend. Funds raised from this effort will be used to fight the opioid crisis. 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.

Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Jared - May 10, 2008 Fr. Andy - May 13, 2006
Fr. Bobby - May 19, 2017 Fr. Sam - May 31, 1969
Fr. Mike - June 8, 1974

Birthdays

Fr. Sam - May 30 Fr. Mike - June 7

Pastoral Council Nominations are underway 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. Forms may be found at the doors of the church. Nominations are due by May 23rd.

Pastoral Council will meet this Tues., May 15th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall to prepare for the Town Hall Meeting.

5 Year Plan Town Hall Meeting - The plan is finished; council and Fr. Mike and 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.

Bob, Kathy & the Doerr family would like to thank Fr. Mike, Fr. Sam, Melissa, Mother Mary's Music Makers, and our entire parish family for all the prayers and support during Kathy's recent hospitalization and surgery.

Reflection from Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, in today's reading Jesus commissions his disciples (and us) to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world. Then he is taken up to heaven, where he takes his place at God's right hand, and the disciples go forth and preach everywhere. The Ascension of Jesus signals the beginning of the era of the Church. As Jesus leaves the scene (at least in the most obvious sense), he opens the stage for us. What if Caesar, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Churchill were still striding the world stage? No one would have the courage to enter the game. So, Jesus leaves, that we might act in his name and in accord with his spirit. And it is precisely those who are most focused on the things of heaven that do the most good here below - Gandhi, King, Dorothy Day, John Paul II. Those who pray most intently are most effective in the practical realm. This too is opened up by the Ascension.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Jesus' words to his disciples are just as clear and concise today as they were when Jesus spoke them and we need to listen just as intently, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes & is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned." The gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ is only good news if people hear it! Who do you know who needs to hear this good news? Who do you know who has fallen away from the faith and is heading in the wrong direction much like the disciples on the road to Emmaus? What are you going to do about it? Each of us has been given specific, individual charisms, gifts, to be used to build up the body of Christ, the Church. Not sure what yours are? Stay tuned for information on the Joyfully Gifted Retreat which will be held here on Oct. 6th. We are called to use these charisms in cooperation with the Spirit and in unity with the collective charisms of the people of the parish, the diocese and the world-wide church. We are called and have the power to do amazing things in the name of the Lord. Are you willing? The Ascension marks an important turning point for the disciples. Jesus, after instructing them, ascends into heaven and they must now take the lead. This moment of transition marks the time when the people of God, the Church, become the visible presence of God on earth. The mission has been handed on and as the signs on the church doors remind us as we leave church, "You are now entering the mission field." The Good News is only good if others hear it!

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stewardship Saturday – **Home Improvement Project** – **this Saturday**, 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

- **Local Summer Camps**: For programs at St. Vincent - St. Mary visit <https://www.stvm.com/summercamps>. For programs at Hoban call Dave Arbogast at 330-773-6658 ext. 265 or visit hoban.org/academic-camps & hoban.org/sports-camps.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Memorial Day Mass**: May 28, 2018, 10 am, Holy Cross Cemetery. Outdoor Mass honoring those who gave their lives serving God & Country. Please Bring A Lawn Chair.
- **Embrace Clinic & Care Center** (Community Pregnancy Center) men's ministry runs a series of classes called Steadfast Fathers, and is in need of male volunteers to help facilitate these classes. Call 330-825-1990 for info.
- **Free Community Dinner**: Last Tuesday of each month at Park United Methodist Church from 5 – 7 pm. All welcome.