

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



July 1, 2018
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 July 2		5:30 pm Teresa Casey by Family	Keegan	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22	
Tues July 3	Thomas, Apostle			Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed July 4		<u>9:30 am</u> Ralph & Ina Keegan by Melissa	Keegan	Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34	
Thur July 5	Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Elizabeth of Portugal			Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8	SVdP 11:30 am HH
Fri July 6	Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr	5:30 pm Mary Aikey by Mrs. Susan Walker	Keegan	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13	
Sat July 7		5:30 pm Mary Alberta Kunkel by Alberta Kunkel	Morgan	Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun July 8	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Margaret Jones by Family 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Baker 11 am Coffey	Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a	

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.

You changed my mourning into dancing and you took off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness! Ps 30:12

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, June 24, 2018

79 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering. – \$2,919

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. – \$1055

Honoring Our Military Service Personnel

Air Force:

SSGT Jason Kindred, nephew of Melissa Keegan,
stationed at Offutt AFB, Nebraska

TSGT Vincent Schuyler, grandson of Bea Clauss,
stationed in North Dakota

SSGT Steven Schuyler, grandson of Bea Clauss,
stationed in North Carolina.

Navy:

E-3 Jacob Pifer, grandson of George & Mary Pifer,
stationed in Gulfport, Mississippi

E-4 Brian Besaw, grandson of Tom & Eileen Clark,
stationed at Camp Pendleton, California

R.C.I.A. Information Night – Mon., July 16th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall (under the church). This informal session is for those who have been considering joining the Catholic Church: non-baptized, those baptized in another tradition, uncatechized Catholics. Come, learn about the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process the Church uses to bring non-Catholics into the church and ask questions. We'd love to meet you! Do you know someone who has been asking questions; seeking? Invite and come with them. No obligation, just an information session.

Masses – Praying for our loved ones who have passed and offering a Mass in remembrance is important to us as Catholics. If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Next available dates are: Wednesday, July 18th and Friday, July 20th.

July 4th – Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am – a Lector is needed. Following Mass we invite everyone to Hitch Hall for pastries and coffee. The Rectory will be closed; there will be no bingo.

Night at the Rubber Ducks – Tickets will be distributed in the sacristy after Masses next weekend or may be picked up in the rectory the week of July 9th.

History of Popes

#96 – **Pope St. Leo III** – Pope from Dec. 27, 795 – death, June 12, 816. St. Leo III, born in the year 750, was a cardinal serving at the church of St. Susanna in Rome prior to being elected pope. He wasn't part of the Roman nobility which made him a hostile target of theirs from the moment of his election. St. Leo III effectively ushered in what's become known as the "Holy Roman Empire". After being kidnapped by Roman aristocrats and saved by Charlemagne, Leo crowned the Frankish king the first Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day in the year 800. This kingdom held power over most of western Europe, which was beneficial yet controversial. Charlemagne's position allowed him to gather the best scholars from across the Christian world to form schools, transcribe & preserve ancient documents, and to advance efforts in architecture, technology and agriculture including the iron horseshoe, a padded harness for plow horses and triple crop rotation. The controversies included the issue of filioque ("...and the son" in the Nicene Creed) being reignited amidst already tense East/West relations, and Charlemagne's belief that his position allowed him to comment on church doctrine from time to time. Large sums of money provided by Charlemagne allowed Leo to give generously to the poor and to renovate churches in both Rome & Ravenna. After his death, Leo III's relics were entombed with Popes Leo I & II in St. Peter's Basilica. St. Leo IV's were added in 855 and the four remained there for 1000 years until St. Leo the Great's relics were removed and placed in their own chapel. Although Pope Leo III died in the year 816, he wasn't canonized until 1673 by Pope Clement X. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 810, the famous Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the Gospels and other texts, was completed in a Columban monastery in Ireland and has been on display in the Old Library at Trinity College in Dublin since the mid-19th Century.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As Jesus walked the streets of Jerusalem, grace and power flowed freely from His being and the hope that brought people is evident in the Gospel. Jairus falls at Jesus' feet, pleading in hope that Jesus will cure his daughter who is near death. A woman afflicted with hemorrhages has hope that if she can just touch the cloak of Jesus she will be cured. Jairus was an official from the synagogue who was well off. The woman had spent all she had on doctors who could not cure her and she was penniless. It made no difference to Jesus who loves all people equally. We can never outdo God in generosity – God has already given us more graces and blessings than we could ever repay, but we're called to imitate our Lord because we are made in His image and likeness, which means we're called to share what we have with those in need; to share stewardship to help our parish with its needs. By doing so we can bring hope and transform the life of an individual, a family of faith & a community, but we have to be willing to imitate our Lord in generosity. What can you do to show your gratitude to God, help others and build up the Body of Christ?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

CareCards – Cards are given to our shut-ins on the First Friday of each month during the First Friday communion visit. Cards are also given to those visited in nursing homes or hospitals. To participate, purchase or make a card of encouragement, add a short note and sign your name. Put the card into the envelope (do not seal) and place into the basket for completed cards.

Adopt-A-Plot – We have 3 small plots which are available for adoption. Please call the rectory for information and location of the plots.

Summer Reading Program – You have all heard of summer reading programs for children, but what about you? Our five-year plan speaks to greater, more effective use of our parish library in Hitch Hall. Why not sign out a book or two & use your stewardship of time to learn and grow in your faith! Stop in after Mass or during the week and check it out. Suggestions: take a book home, read and make a Holy Hour upstairs or in Hitch Hall.

Fr. Mike will give his famous talk on the **Origin of the Stars and Stripes** at 1:15 pm for the Coventry AARP #3820 Chapter at the Kiwanis Center, Portage Lakes, on Mon., July 9. All are welcome to attend.

Other Events

• **Catholic Renewal Ministries' Conference:** July 20th & 21st, Magnificat High School, Rocky River. Theme is "Receive & Rejoice in the Holy Spirit". Guest speakers: Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw, Dave VanVickle, Bishop Nelson Perez, Fr. Bob Franco, Fr. Jacob Bearer, & Nick Alcantar. For info, call 440-610-6604 or visit www.crmweb.org. Registration postmarked by July 12th is \$30; \$35 at the door.

• **Theology on Tap:** Wed., July 11th, 7 pm, Harbor Front Grille & Party Center. All young adults are welcome to experience faith, fellowship, & food with others in their 20's and 30's and listen to Bob Pacanovsky, Keynote & Conference Speaker, speak on "The Power of 167 Hours: What is your Kingdom Etiquette?" \$5 admission includes appetizers. Cash bar for those who would like to purchase beverages.

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., July 16th, D'Agnes's at White Pond, 7 pm. Transitional Deacon David Stavarz will address "Mass Hysteria: What on Earth Are We Really Doing?" \$10 admission includes appetizers. Cash bar for those who would like to purchase beverages.

• **The FEST:** Sun., Aug. 5. It's a day of faith, family & fun – all for FREE. Come hear Christian artists: We are Messengers, Mandisa, Big Daddy Weave, & TobyMac, eat Johnsonville brats from the World's Largest Grill, celebrate Mass with Bishop Perez, enjoys displays, activities & an amazing fireworks display! Visit <http://www.theFEST.us> for more information.