

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



July 8, 2018
Fourteenth 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 9	Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm Martha Vanca by Beverly Armour	Brewer	Hos 2:16, 17b-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26	
Tues July 10				Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed July 11	Benedict, Abbot	5:30 pm Ora Adams by Ida Rea	Brewer	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur July 12				Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15	
Fri July 13	Henry	5:30 pm Ann Majikas by the Parish Staff of Immaculate Conception	Brewer	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23	I.C. Night at the Rubber Ducks
Sat July 14	Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	5:30 pm Guy J. Caruso by Family	Morgan	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun July 15	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	8:30 am Baker 11 am Coffey	Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13	

Sanctuary Lamp - Answered Prayers

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.

Seek good & not evil, that you may live; then truly the Lord, the God of hosts will be with you as you claim. Amos 5:14

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, July 1, 2018

74 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering - \$3,601.50

Cap. Imp./Debt. Red. - \$1,016

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.

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: Wednesdays, July 18th & 25th and Fri., July 20th.

SVdP Food Pantry - June report: we provided food for 170 people in 59 households.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

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 are 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 & 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.

Night at the Rubber Ducks - Game is this Friday, July 13th at 7:05 pm. Tickets may be picked up this week between 9 am and 4 pm at the rectory.

Out of town? Find nearby parishes & Mass times at www.masstimes.org. **Visiting another parish?** Stay up to date on what's happening here by reading the bulletin online at www.ickenmore.org. Remember to be a good steward & continue to send in your envelopes.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Abigail & Daniel Brewer**; both achieved 4th Quarter Honor Roll at Hoban High School! Good job!

History of Popes

#97 – **Pope Stephen IV** – Pope from June 22, 816 – death, January 24, 817. Stephen was born in the year 770 and was part of the Roman nobility. He had worked for both Adrian I and St. Leo III and had been ordained a deacon by Leo. His papacy lasted barely 7 months & was in stark contrast to the Church having only seen two pontiffs in the 44 years prior. He obtained the release of exiles sent away during Leo III's reign and granted the pallium (special garment) to Theodore, the bishop of Orleans (France). Stephen IV's most notable action as pope was that immediately after being elected, he demanded that all Romans pledge their allegiance to the new Holy Roman Emperor, Louis the Pious who was Charlemagne's son. He then traveled to France to place the crown -- which apparently belonged to Constantine the Great -- on the emperor's head. Louis showed his thanks by giving the pope numerous gifts and renewing the pact between the Franks and the papacy. On one of Stephen's trips back to Rome, he stopped in the city of Ravenna and reportedly exposed the sandals of Christ for veneration by the faithful. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 816, Formosus was born in Italy. He would become pope at the end of the 9th Century, but has become infamous for being the focus of the "Cadaver Synod" in which his remains were exhumed and put on trial by Pope Stephen VII, then thrown into the Tiber River.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our first reading, the Lord calls Ezekiel to go to the Israelites and try to restore a sense of trust in God after they had been driven into exile. The Israelites were angry and had become "hard of face and obstinate of heart" toward God. Ezekiel's job was not going to be easy, but God was with him and the Spirit was in him. God is with us and the Spirit is in us. To whom is God calling you? Do you know someone who needs to know about our faithful, merciful, loving God? St. Paul writes to the Corinthians about a "thorn in the flesh given to him by an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated." Paul calls upon the grace of the Lord to give him strength to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. Is there something that is keeping you from sharing your faith? Fear, anxiety, inadequate preparation, lack of time, apathy, think it's someone else's responsibility? Whatever you are dealing with, God's grace can help you overcome it. Even Jesus faced ridicule and rejection and was amazed at the people's lack of faith. Let Him not be amazed at our lack of faith, but rejoice in our stewardship to bring others to faith or back to the faith.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name – We will be collecting school supplies to be distributed through the Free Store: pencils, pens, crayons, folders, rulers, paper, scissors, glue, erasers, etc. 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.

Parking Lot Wall – We are ready to paint! We want to form paint crews so let us know what time of day you are available – morning, afternoon, early evening (beginning at 5 pm). Please call the rectory to share your stewardship.

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.

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, enjoy displays, activities and an amazing fireworks display! Visit <http://www.theFEST.us> for more information.
- **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.