

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August
Month of
The Blessed
Sacrament

August 5, 2018
Eighteenth 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 Aug 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord	5:30 pm Ralph & Matilda Velloney by Family	Coffey	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10	
Tues Aug 7	Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; Cajetan, Priest			Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:29-36	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Aug 8	Dominic, Priest	5:30 pm Ray & Jane Bonham by Melissa	Coffey	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28	
Thur Aug 9	Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr			Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23	
Fri Aug 10	Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	5:30 pm Barbara & Richard Fogle 50th Anniversary by Nancy Boito	Coffey	2 Cor 2:6-10; Jn 12:24-26	
Sat Aug 11	Clare, Virgin	5:30 pm George & Mike Pifer by Mary Pifer	Burkhart	Hb 1:12 - 2:4; Mt 17:14-20	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Aug 12	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Bob & Kathy Doerr 50th Anniversary	8:30 am Brown 11 am Hamilton	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-52; Jn 6:41-51	

Sanctuary Lamp - Rita Blankenship

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 6 Holy Hours last week.

**Thoroughly wash away my guilt and from my sin
cleanse me.** Psalm 51:4

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, July 29, 2018

78 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering. - \$2,817

Cap Imp./Debt. Red. - \$120

Hot Stuff - I'm sure you've noticed that our Sunday Offertory Collection has declined due to vacation season & sultry temperatures. Please remember that your stewardship should not take a vacation in the summer. The Parish depends on your good stewardship all year long. Thanks for your kind support.

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. Available dates in August are: Mondays, Aug. 13th, 20th & 27th, Tuesday, Aug. 14th (Holy Day Vigil), Wednesdays Aug. 15th, (Holy Day) & Aug. 29th (Anointing) and Fridays, Aug. 17th & 24th.

Parish Lending Library

Did you know that we have a huge library in the basement of Hitch Hall full of books about saints, church history, sacraments, scripture and more? Part of our 5-year plan references more effective use of our parish library so check it out before or after Mass or during the week during rectory hours. Feel free to sign out a book or two and do something for yourself and your faith life.

Holy Day of Obligation

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption a doctrine of the faith on Nov. 1, 1950. This dogma states that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven after completing her earthly life (her dormition or falling asleep in the Lord). Because of her Immaculate Conception, the belief was that she should not suffer the consequences of original sin. Although not officially promulgated until 1950, the feast was celebrated by Christians as early as the 7th century. Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Aug. 14th at 5:30 pm and Mass will be celebrated on Aug. 15th at 7 pm. Liturgical Ministers are needed for both Masses; please call the rectory to share your stewardship.

History of Popes

#101 – Pope Gregory IV - Pope from March 828 – death, January 25, 844. Born in Rome late in the 8th century, Gregory was known for his love of learning & his rugged good looks prior to being pope. After ordination as a priest, Gregory served as cardinal & pastor of the Basilica of St. Mark, which he adorned with mosaics still seen today. Rome's nobility pretty much controlled papal elections at that time & unanimously elected him pope despite a lot of protest from Gregory himself as he prayed in the Basilica of Sts. Cosmas & Damian. Elected in October of 827, he wasn't able to lead the Church in earnest until the emperor gave his approval in spring 828. St. Ansgar continued to make great strides evangelizing Sweden & the surrounding area. This prompted Gregory to name him First Bishop of Hamburg & the pope's official representative among the Northern European population. His time as pope was defined by widespread unrest. In 817, the Holy Roman Emperor Louis the Pious had made an agreement which divided the empire among his three sons from his first wife. In 829, persuaded by his second wife, he reneged and assigned a kingdom to his youngest son, Charles the Bald. Louis was first imprisoned by the older sons, then released & restored to power when the brothers warred amongst themselves. Louis continued to favor Charles, at which point the oldest son Lothair persuaded the pope to intervene as peacekeeper. Gregory's choice to accompany Lothair's army over the Alps was misconstrued as Gregory being on the eldest son's side. With mistrust on all sides, and despite Gregory's best intentions and efforts, the empire basically crumbled as a result of this great quarrel. When Muslims captured Sicily in 831, it was expected that Rome would soon be attacked. In response, Gregory IV built a fortress at Ostia, the mouth of the Tiber River, to hold off the Muslim army. The fortress was named "Gregoriopolis." What else was going on in the world at the time? Around the mid-830s, the Vikings began to move south into Europe as the Norse ruler, Ragnar Lodbrok, rose to power.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We work hard each day to put food on the table, keep a roof over our heads, clothes on our backs and pay our bills. Oftentimes we work too hard and fall to the ills of anxiety and exhaustion with little time for family, friends or relaxation. How hard do we work for things of heaven? Jesus tells us to work "for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." How do we receive this food? How do we accomplish the works of God? Jesus answers: "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." He further states: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst." How faithful are we to our prayer life, to reading and studying the Word of God, to receiving the sacraments and worshiping at Mass on a regular basis? St. Paul tells us to "put away the old self of your former way of life ... and be renewed in the spirit of your minds and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." Take some time this week to reflect on your relationship with Jesus and on the practice of your faith. Are you working hard at it or hardly working?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name – We are collecting **school supplies & new socks & underwear for school age children** 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.

Wall Painting – Painting on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays beginning at 4:30 pm. Please call the rectory to let us know you are coming or if you'd like to come at another time.

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

Is Your Parish Registration Record & Emergency Contact Information Up to Date? If you haven't updated your records particularly personal contact and emergency phone numbers, please contact the rectory at 330-753-8429 or email your information to ickenmore@yahoo.com.

Going out of town?

Find 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. Please remember: be a good steward and *continue to send in your envelopes*.

Other Events

• **Mass Honoring Nurses:** Thurs., Aug. 9th, 7 pm, Queen of Heaven Church. Celebrant will be Rev. William A. Smith, a nurse & pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hinckley. Fr. Dave Durkee will concelebrate. Music will be lead by Peace Together Choir. A social will follow. For more info, call Louise at 330-603-0385 or Jo at 330-896-1039

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Aug. 20th, D'Agnesse's at White Pond, 7 pm appetizers, 7:30 pm speaker. Fr. Peter Kovacina, Parochial Vicar, St. Anthony of Padua, Parma, will speak on "Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI: Last Testament". \$10 admission includes appetizers – Cash bar

• **Retrouvaille:** Sept. 14 – 16. A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required. For more info or to register, please visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230.