

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August  
Month of  
The Blessed  
Sacrament

August 26, 2018  
Twenty-First 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 27	Monica	5:30 pm M/M Maurice Durbin, Jr. by Fran Herre	Compton	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22	
Tues Aug 28	Augustine, Bishop & Doctor			2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Aug 29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist	5:30 pm Francis & Jenny Ryan & Shearer Families by Gene Ryan	Compton	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29	
Thur Aug 30				1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51	
Fri Aug 31		5:30 pm JoAnn & Thomas Morgan by Linda Morgan	Compton	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13	
Sat Sep 1		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30	Confessions 9-10 am CH Free Store Closed
Sun Sep 2	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Joseph & Ruth Buhalak by Family 11 am Ronald Eggert by Larry & Joyce Eggert	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	

## Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 5 Holy Hours last week.

**For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light for light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness & truth.** Eph 5:8-9

## COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, August 19, 2018

81 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering. - \$3,014.17

Cap Imp./Debt. Red. - \$580

**Labor Day** - Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am; Lector is needed. There will be NO 5:30 pm Mass. The rectory will be closed and there will be no Holy Hours. The Free Store will be closed Saturday, Sept. 1.

**R.C.I.A.** - If you weren't able to attend the Inquiry Night, but are interested or know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or being fully initiated in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429.

Fr. Mike will be off the property from Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. Please note the following changes: **No Confessions** Saturdays, Sept. 8, 15 & 22. **No 5:30 pm Mass** on Wednesdays, Sept. 12, 19 & 26. **No Anointing** of the Sick in September.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

There will be a meeting of the **Parish Activities Committee** & the **Funeral Dinner Ministry Team** on Tues., Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. All are welcome.

You are **Joyfully Gifted!** Did you know that when you were born you were given spiritual gifts to be used to serve God by serving others? Do you wonder what they are? Come and discover 20 of the most common spiritual gifts. Discover which ones you are presently using and which ones God has waiting for you. Join us in Waldeisen Hall from 9 am to 3 pm to discover something new, connect spiritually with others in the parish and region and with the Holy Spirit as well. There is no charge to come, but we ask that you call the rectory at 330-753-8429 to register so that we have enough materials and food. Check-in and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 and lunch is included.

**PSR** - All public school students in grades 1-8, are required to attend PSR (Religion) classes. Classes are held from 9 - 10:15 am at St. Augustine and begin Sun., Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be found on the book rack. Call 330-745-1080 for updated fees & info.

Watch for exciting news about **Generations of Faith** in next week's bulletin.

## History of Popes

**#104 – Pope Benedict III** - Pope from Sept. 29, 855 – death, April 17, 858. It was around this time that the fictitious Pope Joan was said to have reigned as the only female pope, having supposedly been Benedict III's immediate predecessor. This is nothing but a tall tale as a coin from the reign of Benedict III himself proves beyond doubt that there was no pope between him and Leo IV. Benedict, a Roman, was cardinal and pastor of the church of St. Calixtus at the time of his election. Wishing to receive permission from Lothair & Louis II, the Holy Roman Emperors, before being consecrated, Benedict sent messengers to inform them of his election. En route, the messengers were bribed to say that Anastasius, an ambitious and unruly bishop excommunicated by Leo IV, was elected pope instead. Benedict was imprisoned for a time, however he had enough support in Rome that it didn't take long for the rightfully chosen pope to be consecrated. As pope, Benedict wrote to the Frankish bishops, whose territory was falling into disrepair & encouraged them to be more like their flocks, since they'd been living a particularly decadent life. Benedict also received a rare call for help from the East, where the Patriarch of Constantinople was seeking to depose the archbishop of Syracuse. Benedict, with characteristic papal prudence, refused to let the deposition move forward before letting the archbishop first state his case. He continued repairing churches damaged in the Muslim raids a decade earlier, and was a strong-willed pontiff unafraid to uphold orthodoxy or remove bishops performing their jobs unworthily. Upon death, he was buried in St. Peter's Basilica. What else was going on in the world at the time? In November 856, an earthquake in Greece claimed roughly 45,000 lives. A month later in modern-day Iran another earthquake was estimated to have killed 200,000.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The words from Joshua are challenging: "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." How about you? Whom do you serve? Do you work for the things of heaven or earth? Do you cherish your loved ones or take them for granted? Do you reach out to help the less fortunate or share what you have? Do you support the parish with your stewardship of treasure or leave it up to others? Do you share your stewardship of talent with the parish and community or figure someone else will do it? Do you use your stewardship of time in prayer, scripture study and Mass attendance or have you fallen away from the practice of the faith or become lukewarm. Being a disciple is challenging & sometimes difficult – not for the faint of heart! In the Gospel, many who heard Jesus speak could not accept many of the things He was saying and rather than follow Him, they walked away from salvation, redemption and eternal life and returned to their former ways of life. Hear and reflect on these words from Jesus, "Do you also want to leave?"

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**In His Name** – New collection – We are collecting packaged cracker snacks, breakfast bars, snack bars, etc. for families sitting vigil at the Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service on Ridgewood Rd. Please place your donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing – 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 3:30 pm. Please call the rectory to let us know if you'd like to come at another time.

**Glass Block Removal** – John needs help with the removal and disposal of old glass block in Waldeisen Hall on Mon., Wed & Fri. beginning at 3:30 pm.

**Upcoming Stewardship Projects** – We will need stewards to oil chairs in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for project dates.

**Adopt-A-Plot** – We'd like to remind plot-holders to weed their plots as things are getting a bit "weedy." Thank you for your diligence.

**Visiting another parish?** Stay up to date on what's happening here by reading the bulletin online at [www.ickenmore.org](http://www.ickenmore.org). Please remember: be a good steward and *continue to send in your envelopes*.

**A New Parish Handbook** is being created which will include parishioner names, addresses and phone numbers (like the old one). Please contact the rectory at 330-753-8429 or email your contact information to [ickenmore@yahoo.com](mailto:ickenmore@yahoo.com).

The **Acme Cashback** program is in full swing! Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Please purchase the qualifying Acme brands to maximize your savings and the cashback contribution to IC.

### Other Events

• **Caring & Sharing** session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Mon., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. For information call Marlene 330-607-6284.

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

• **Marriage Encounter**: Many spouses seem to be "married" to their career, TV, phones, sports, or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and your priorities at our next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Streetsboro at the Wingate Inn on Nov 9-11. For info, call 330-305-9963 or visit [www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org](http://www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org).