

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

September
Month of The Seven
Sorrows of Mary



September 16, 2018
Twenty-Fourth 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 Sep 17	Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Joseph Buhalak by Family	Wilson	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10	
Tues Sep 18				1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Sep 19	Januarius, Bishop & Martyr	No Mass		1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Lk 7:31-35	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Sep 20	Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest; Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs			1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50	
Fri Sep 21	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	5:30 pm Gary Currans by Karen Currans	Wilson	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13	
Sat Sep 22		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15	No Confessions Free Store 9:30 - Noon SB
Sun Sep 23	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Ora Adams by Ida Rea 11 am Martha Vanca by Gerry & Loretta Hamilton	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16 - 4:3; Mk 9:30-37	

Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

Holy Family Candle - Healing

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

And Jesus said, "What is impossible for human beings is possible for God." Luke 18:27

COLLECTION REPORT

Sunday, September 9, 2018 89 of 340 Envelopes used.

Sunday Offering. - \$3,960

Cap Imp./Debt. Red. - \$247

Joyfully Gifted Retreat - Saturday, Oct. 6th from 9 am to 3 pm. You have hobbies and things you enjoy doing, but do you know what God has given you to use in His church and His world? Come, discover, uncover, learn and meet others who share the same charisms or gifts you've been given. It's never too late to learn and grow; God is always calling, will you answer? Join us in Waldeisen Hall on Oct. 6th. There is no fee, but you do need to register so pick up a registration form at the doors of the church. Let's grow as a community.

Fr. Mike will be off the property until Sept. 27th. Please note the following: **No Confessions** Saturday, Sept. 22. **No 5:30 pm Mass** on Wednesdays, Sept. 19 & 26. **No Anointing** of the Sick in September.

Acme Cashback - Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

➤ **Pastoral Council** will meet Tues., Sept. 25th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

➤ **Adult Faith Enrichment** - Registration is now open for a new year of learning and growing in our Catholic faith. This year we will study about how to reach our ultimate goal of sainthood using Bishop Robert Barron's video series: Untold Blessings - 3 Paths to Holiness & how to live a holy life in our world using the Apostolic Exhortation - On The Call To Holiness In Today's World by Pope Francis. The fee is only \$10 per person and we encourage everyone to attend.

➤ **Ministry Fair** - Our parish will follow up the *Joyfully Gifted Retreat* with a Ministry Fair in the church after all Masses Oct. 13th & 14th. New parish handbooks will also be coming out. **All** parish ministries and organizations are to have representatives present to answer questions about their groups so please begin to find people to man your station after Masses. Also ministry boards may need to be updated - boards may be picked up at the rectory between 9-4 on weekdays.

Position Opening: Part-time (c. 18 hrs/week) Maintenance Supervisor. Visit our parish website www.ickenmore.org for job description & application.

Bulletin - all items to be included in the bulletin must be submitted to the rectory by 10 am on Mondays.

History of Popes

#107 – Pope John VIII - Pope from Dec. 14, 872 – death, Dec. 16, 882. John, a Roman born between the years 800 and 825, was archdeacon under two previous popes. As pope, John reformed what we now call the Roman Curia (the Church's department heads) after it had become infected with many "disreputable nobles." John excommunicated a group of them, including Formosus, who surprisingly would become pope just 9 years after John's death as the excommunication was lifted in 878. The pope worked closely with the Church in Spain and England and secured peace with the Eastern emperor and patriarch though it only lasted a short time. John VIII was, by and large, a solid pope & widely renowned as one of the best popes of the 9th Century. Any accounts that called his character into question have been debunked by historians. He is perhaps best known for protecting Rome from the Saracen army while organizing the Western imperial succession following the death of Emperor Louis II. This was important as Louis' initial successor, Charles the Bald, wasn't able to follow through on his promise of protection to the pope. After Charles' death in 876, John travelled, asking any king & prince who would listen to unite and come to Italy's aid against the marauding Muslims. After three years with little success, John chose Charles the Fat as the next Holy Roman Emperor. However, this Charles cared most about his home kingdom of Germany & was indifferent to the plight of Italy, so, the task fell on John to lead an army, build fortifications, and even patrol the region single-handedly in order to fend off the Saracens. John was a supporter of the work of Sts. Cyril & Methodius and of Methodius after Cyril died in 869. It's said that with the pope's help, Methodius overcame all obstacles in his missionary work until his death in 885. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 872, the first hospital in the Muslim world was founded in Cairo, Egypt by the Abassid governor, Ahmad ibn Tulun.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We have a beautiful reminder in our second reading from St. James about the importance of sharing our stewardship; putting our faith in action & witnessing to it in our daily lives. We are called through Baptism to be disciples of Jesus Christ, to share what we have been given with others and to grow the church by sharing our gifts and talents & our zeal for the faith. Keeping our light hidden under a bushel doesn't help bring light to darkness and keeping our faith to ourselves doesn't help a world searching for meaning and held captive by the social & moral ills that have permeated every aspect of life. Share your gifts, share your faith, make Jesus present in all you say & do, give of yourself, give thanks for all your blessings, experience the joy of life lived in Christ & share it. Do something! Don't know what to do or don't know where you fit in? Come to the *Joyfully Gifted Retreat* to discover your charisms, study the new hand book when it comes out & bring all that to the Ministry Fair. Don't be a couch potato, don't be a dud spud – move, grow and become all God is calling you to be.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo is in desperate need to clean-up help on Wednesdays at 2 pm. Duties include: trash removal, sweeping, vacuuming, cleaning glass and cleaning bathrooms. Many hands make light work and this can be done in an hour. Please call the rectory.

In His Name – 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.

Wall Painting – The 2nd coat is ready to be applied. You may come to paint during the week beginning at 9 am until dark.

Operation Christmas Child – It's time to think about Operation Christmas Child! Materials & brochures will be arriving soon so stay tuned for more info!

EMHCs – Regina Health Center in Richfield is looking for EMHCs to help distribute Communion to their residents during the weekday 11 am Mass. Communion is distributed to all those in the Chapel and all who cannot get to the Chapel, but are watching Mass live in their rooms. If interested, please contact Melissa. We may be able to form a small I.C. team and carpool.

Cookie Elves – We need your gifts and talents to provide desserts for our October 6th Joyfully Gifted Retreat. Your tasty treats will be served with lunch for all our guests. Please drop off all cookies and baked good at the rectory on Friday, October 5th. Thank you for your stewardship.

185th Anniversary Mass – This year we mark the 185th anniversary of the first Catholic priest visiting the Akron area which was still part of the Diocese of Cincinnati. Rev. John Martin Henri, who would later become the Archbishop of Milwaukee, came to say Mass in the log cabin home of James McAllister, a local contractor. To celebrate, all Akron parishes are invited to a special Mass on Thur., Sept. 27th at 7 pm at St. Vincent Parish. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo & Bishop Martin Amos will be there to help celebrate.

Other Events

• **Finding Peace:** An Adult Evening Retreat, Fri., Oct. 5th, 5:15 pm–9:30 pm, St. Augustine, Barb. Speaker: Fr. Robert (Bobby) McWilliams. No cost, but a free will offering will be taken. Free child care provided, but must be registered by Sept. 28th. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church or online at <http://www.staugustinebarberton.org>. For more information, email dre.staugustine@gmail.com or call 330-745-1080.

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

• **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.

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• **Free Community Dinner:** Last Tuesday of each month at Park United Methodist Church from 5 - 7 pm. All welcome.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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. We are currently scheduling Masses for October 2018 through the end of 2019.

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

• **Caregiver Support:** Summit Adult Day Services' support group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 10 am at 812 Biruta St. For info, call 330-762-2000. Free care provided for the older adult while caregivers attend the meetings.

• **Clear Path Hospice** is looking for volunteers to visit patients in Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities in the area. Free Hospice Volunteer Training. Call Terri DeGeorge, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator for more information at 330-784-2162, ext. 1021.

• **Graduates** - If you are a 2018 high school or college graduate, please call the rectory and let us know what your plans are. Are you looking forward to more schooling, full-time employment, travel? We are so proud of you!

• **Adopt-A-Plot** – The following parishioners are on record as having plots to tend: Bostick/Amacher, Morrison, L. Eggert, B. Eggert, Brewer, Mason (2), Gruic, Keegan, C. Wilson, McClellan (2), Berlin, Lecky, Langton (2), Lackney. If you are NOT going to tend your plot, PLEASE call the rectory so that we know your plot is available for adoption. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are still active in the ministry and will be responsible for your plot. Thank you!

• **SVdP Food Pantry** – August report: we provided food for 215 people in 71

households.

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Holy Family Candle - St. Therese of Lisieux

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

• **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*.

• Archbishop Hoban High School is excited to have several students from China for the 2018-19 academic year and is looking for great families to welcome these students into their home for the school year. Families receive a \$900 monthly stipend to help with the cost of hosting the student. Host families are only required to provide their visiting student with their own room, all meals outside school lunches, and transportation to/from school (the school bus is ok). Otherwise, host families are asked simply to welcome their exchange student as part of the family and help them experience American culture! For info, please contact Kileigh Su at hostfamily@iperc.org or 330-703-1643.

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Our Parish Lending Library in the basement of Hitch Hall is full of books about saints, church history, sacraments, scripture and more? 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.

Do you love Catholic radio? Have you ever wanted to evangelize through the air waves? Volunteer at AM 1260 The Rock! There are a variety of opportunities; we're sure there will be something to interest you! Opportunities include distributing literature at parishes and events, performing day to day office work at

our studios, voicework, answering phones during our upcoming Spirit Drive (April 18th-20th), and so much more! Download the volunteer application here at am1260therock.com/contact! We want to hear from you!

Lending Library - Please feel free to browse through the books on the shelves on the back wall in Hitch Hall.

You may borrow any books that interest you & return them once you have finished with them.

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Calendar Time - Once again, we ask all ministries & groups to submit the dates, times & hall information for upcoming events from July 2017 – June 2018. Those who submit their requests early will get preference.

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.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., July 25th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Adopt-a-Plot – Now that it looks as though winter may be done, we encourage you to begin to tend your plots by weeding, picking up debris, etc.

CareCards – To participate, purchase a card of encouragement or use one from the basket in the back of the church, add a short note and sign your name. Put the card into the envelope (don't seal the envelope) & place into the basket for completed cards. Please keep them coming! Those who have received the cards have told us how nice it has been to receive the cards and know they are being thought of and prayed for.

Hall Rental Change – The Diocese has informed us that all hall rentals for non-parish events must be covered by the diocesan special event insurance at a cost of \$100; no personal coverage from a homeowner's policy or private insurance. Therefore we are forced to charge \$100 for each non-parish use of the hall (showers, parties, etc.). The parish will not retain any of the rental money, but will continue to cover expenses such as paper products & utilities. We will honor all current contracts as written but the new policy is effective immediately.

Let's Be Intentional! Healthwise – 1) Use the hand sanitizer that has been placed at all doors of the church. 2) If you're not feeling well, do not drink from the cup. 3) Cough or sneeze into your elbow – not your hands. 4) During this flu season, wave or nod rather than shake hands. Let's show care and concern for one another.

Worship – 1) Move around, sit in a different spot, meet more people, form stronger community. 2) Pick up the hymnal, sing & respond with enthusiasm. 3) Read the scriptures before Mass (listed in the bulletin). 4) Be open

to what God will reveal in the prayers, readings and homily. **Family Life** – 1) Pray together, 2) Say grace at meals, 3) Parents bless children as they leave the house, 4) Spouses bless one another, 5) Talk about the homily after Mass, 6) Read scripture together, 7) Show respect for one another, 8) Recount the blessings of the day, 9) Encourage and affirm one another, 10) Find a common ministry.

• **Adopt-A-Plot** – Plot holders, take a little time to enjoy this pleasant weather and do a little cleanup and maintenance on your plot. Clean out dead foliage, pick up trash, start planning!

Generations of Faith

Due to the unpredictable nature of our Ohio winters, Generations does not meet in January and February. Our next session will be March 1st.

Bingo & Bingo Kitchen is in need of help. Can you spare a Wednesday morning once or twice a month?

Acme Cashback - The current earning period has ended. Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Every receipt counts!

begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th. Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm; no 5:30 pm Mass.

The 3 pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

Prayer – Pick up a copy of Word Among Us (available at the doors of the church), check out the online sites listed in the bulletin, attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour here or at St. Augustine (doors open during daylight hours, after dark call 330-690-9661, go to confession, make Fridays special by coming to 5:30 pm Mass, staying for private prayer time & then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners and for the sharing of your stewardship. **Fasting** - **Ash Wednesday** & **Good Friday** are days of fast & abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all between 18 & 59 years old, allowing a person to eat one full meal, two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal with no in-between meal snacks. **Abstinence** (from meat and meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. **Fridays in Lent** are days of complete abstinence.

Almsgiving –

• **A Lent To Remember:** Sts. Peter & Paul, 169 W. Clinton St, Doylestown, Tuesdays thru Mar. 20th, 7 pm in the school. Presentation on the transforming power of mercy sponsored by Formed.org Adult Education.

Lenten Prayer Resources

Print: **The Word Among Us**, daily Mass readings and reflections for the Lenten season, will be available at the doors of the church. One per household please. Pick up a copy of **Perfectly Yourself** by Matthew Kelly which goes with the bestlentever program below.

Online: Visit bestlentever.com/parishsignup to sign up to receive daily reflections from Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic. Text LENT to 22828 or sign up at LentReflections.com to receive daily messages from Bishop Barron and Word on Fire.

In His Name – We are collecting warm socks at the main doors of the church for Hoban's **Project Hope** which serves the homeless. We continue to accept donations for the **Peter Maurin Center** which also serves the poor and the homeless in Akron. Please drop your donations in the designated basket by the main doors of the church.

Mission Dresses – If you would like to help in any way with this Corporal Work of Mercy, clothing the naked, please contact the rectory.

Did you know our website www.ickenmore.org has links to Daily Mass Readings, reflections and articles from other Catholic websites as well as our parish news and bulletins? Take a moment to check it out and find something new every time you visit.

Kenmore Free Store – As of Sept. 30, 2017 the store has registered 1616 families representing 4,220 members & has 3,600 followers on Facebook. In the last quarter 10,491 total items were “purchased” in the store, not including items that do not count against monthly totals. Thank you for your donations – we are in real need of help to sort through the wonderful donations we receive. Please call the rectory to offer your stewardship.

Bulletin – Due to the high volume of packages UPS handles this time of year and short holiday office hours, items for the upcoming bulletins **must be submitted at least 10 days** before they are to appear.

Funeral Dinner Ministry – We are in need of people willing to provide a dish for a funeral meal and men and women willing to serve meals. You're only called into service when we have funeral dinners & we rotate teams and meal providers. Call the rectory for more info or to share your stewardship.

CareCards are a wonderful way to let members of our parish who are unable to join us due to health issues know they are remembered & cared for. **Christmas is coming**, so please take a few moments to sign a Christmas card for someone who is shut-in. Cards will be delivered with First Friday Communion on **Dec. 1**. Unsigned cards are available at the table at the main doors of the church. Please sign a card, add a cheery note, do not seal the envelope & drop in the basket on the table.

Kenmore Free Store – Looking for a meaningful way to use your stewardship to serve & minister to others? Call the rectory or stop by the school basement on Tuesdays 4:30 – 7 pm or Saturdays 9:30 – noon.

Parish Registration Records - Help us keep our records accurate. Please contact the rectory with any updates to your parish record, such as disconnected landline numbers, new cell numbers, children moving out, emergency contact names and numbers, etc.

• **LEAF Ministry:** Listening, Encouraging and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated. Confidential meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish, 2425 Myersville Rd. There is no cost to attend; all are welcome, including children.

Giving Tree – During Advent, donations of scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, etc. can be placed on the Giving Tree near the altar. Items will be given to those in need who are serviced by our SVDP Food Pantry

oReminder: Take items out of the original packing as that trash will compound problems for receiving communities & you'll be able to get more items in your box. Also, soap should be taken out of the box and placed in a plastic baggie. If you wish to help with shipping costs, please make checks out to Samaritan's Purse with OCC on the memo line.

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• **Catholic Charities Hot Meals for the Homeless:**

Volunteers requested: **Visitation of Mary**, 55 Broad St. **Tuesdays:** need 1 or 2 people at 12:30 or 1 pm for two hours. **Blessed Trinity**, 300 E. Tallmadge Ave. **Wednesdays:** need 1 or 2 people at 8 or 8:30 am for two hours. For info, email Ken at kgzehenni@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

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• **Community Pregnancy Center** in Barberton is looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with clients. Training is provided. For more information, please contact Peggy at 330-825-1900 or peggy@communitypregnancycenter.org. (Community Pregnancy Center is a Christian outreach ministry faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.)

Parish Finance Council – Experience with finance, investing, accounting, real estate, financial planning, no felony convictions? We need more members. You need not be a registered parishioner of IC, but should be a registered parishioner in the area.

Sunday Collection Counters - We need more Counters to create rotating teams. If you're good with figures & haven't been convicted of a felony, this is for you!

In His Name - We are collecting school supplies to be distributed through the Free Store, food pantry & the Kenmore After-School Program. We're also collecting NEW underwear & socks for school-aged children. Please place donations in the basket by the main doors. The Peter Maurin Center collection is ongoing. Eugene.

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• **Adopt-A-Plot** – If you'd like to adopt a plot, please call the rectory.

•**Contemporary Choir** has begun its “every other week” practice schedule. If you are interested in joining us to make beautiful music, call the rectory to get the correct schedule.

In His Name – The Peter Maurin Center which serves the poor & the homeless in Akron is in desperate need of travel-size toiletries. Please drop your donations in the designated baskets by the main doors of the church.

Bingo – Thank you to those who have stepped forward, but there’s still need for more help. We hope to establish a rotating schedule so we can avoid cancelling games due to illness or absence of a bingo manager. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship.

Doors open at 8:30 am, game at 11 am every Wednesday. If you are available to help with floor sales of Instant Bingo, to serve as callers or checkers, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429.

CareCards is designed to send notes of cheer and encouragement to our shut-ins. *Simply make or purchase cards, write personal notes inside, sign your name & put them (unsealed) in the CareCards basket* by the main doors of the church. The cards will be sent to parishioners in nursing care facilities, hospitals and will be delivered to shut-ins during First Friday communion calls. This is a great activity for the whole family! Thank you for thinking of & encouraging others.

•**MAGIC Mentors Program:** Catholic Charities Social Services is looking for individuals to volunteer 4-6 hours a month to become Mentors to at-risk kids in the Barberton area. Please contact Ginger Malcolm at 330-762-2961 ext. 248 for more information.

•**Calling A Few Good Men:** First & Ten men’s ministry (a service of Community Pregnancy Center, Barberton) is looking for a few good men to mentor young fathers into strong dads! If you’re interested in finding out more, call 330-825-1900 or email firstandten@communitypregnancycenter.org!

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•**Shut-in Ministry** - Do you know a fellow parishioner who has become homebound due to illness or accident or is in the hospital or a nursing care facility? If so, contact the rectory; we’d like to offer them the opportunity to receive the Eucharist and pastoral care. They are valued members of our parish family and we want to ensure them of our prayers and commitment.

- We know the Holy Spirit by many titles including: Paraclete, Consoler, Spirit of the promise, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of adoption, Spirit of Christ, Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of God and Spirit of glory. Symbols of the Holy Spirit are water (in which we were baptized), Anointing (which happens at Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and

Anointing of the Sick), Fire (Pentecost & other occasions) Cloud & Light (throughout the Old Testament & the Transfiguration) The Seal (the effect of the anointing) The Hand (laying on of hands, imposition of hands) The Finger (by the finger of God Jesus casts out demons, the writing of the 10 commandments on the stone tables) The Dove (after the flood, at Jesus’ baptism).

•**Are you ready for The Challenge?** Coming soon to Living Bread Catholic Radio, AM1060 - teams will compete by testing their knowledge of the faith and try to win prize money for their favorite Catholic non-profit organization. Listen 24/7 on the radio, online at livingbreadradio.com or download the app.

Adopt-A-Plot –Take some time to enjoy the beautiful weather to remove any weeds, trash or debris & think about any plantings and red mulch you may want to add. Thank you for your stewardship. If you would like to adopt an available plot, please call the rectory.

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During May & June, we collected \$3,406 from your Debt Reduction contributions and the sale of preschool equipment. We have paid out \$3,929 toward reducing the parish’s debt. The unpaid balance has been reduced

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•**Church Housekeeping** – we need 2 stewards to help clean the church. Call Cherylyn at 330-825-5949.

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•**Church Candles** – The Sanctuary Lamp over the Tabernacle is a 14 day candle. The donation for this candle is \$10 & the candle will burn for two weeks for your intention. The Holy Family Candle can be lit for one week for \$5. Envelopes can be found in front of the votive lights. Please clearly mark your intention & which candle you are requesting.

•As we pray for others here on earth, we’re encouraged by the Church to pray for the deceased and those souls in purgatory.

Clothes Recycling – If you have items to donate, please consider the Free Store rather than the city collection. If you have the green city recycling bags/labels please donate them as well, that way your donations directly impact those in the Kenmore Community.

• **Job opportunities** are available with Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union. visit www.ohiocatholicfcu.com/careers or send an email to hr@ohiocatholicfcu.com for more info.

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Adult Volunteers Needed – for the Peter Maurin Center Dining Hall, 1096 S. Main St., Akron. If interested, call Jim Orega at 330-414-5639 or email jporenga@gmail.com. Visit petermaurincenter.org for greater insight into their ministry.

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Check out our website www.ickenmore.org for pictures from the Holiday on the Boulevard event and church decorating.

• **Attention Young Adults** – Find information about the N.E. Ohio Catholic Young Adults Meetup Group at <http://www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults/>. The group is free to join & the interactive calendar is easy to use! For info, please contact Jennifer Sullivan at groundsforfaith@yahoo.com or 330-217-1064. *What* 453)

• **Catholic Moms Meetup Group:** This group has events for just moms, moms with their kids & the whole family. To sign up, visit <http://www.meetup.com//Catholic-Moms-of-Northeast-Ohio/events/calendar/>

• **Bishop's Corner:** Tune in Wednesdays at 11 am to Living Bread Radio AM1060 & FM89.5. Call in your questions to 1-888-966-2903. Visit livingbreadradio.com for topics and dates. You can also listen live on our website or download an app to listen on your Android or iPhone.

Free Store: Ministry Partners (*workers*) are most welcome. Join others from our parish & community in serving our neighbors. Call the rectory for info or stop by on a Saturday morning in Maher Hall or the 3rd floor of Waldeisen and check it out. Household items may be brought to the front doors of Waldeisen on Saturdays between 9 am & noon. Someone will come out to get them from your car. Clothing only **donations** may be placed in the shed anytime. Thank you for your support.

Requested item for this month: **shampoo**. Please place donated items in the basket behind the last pew in the church.

Lenten Almsgiving – See above for instructions to turn in your rice bowl.

• **In His Name** – School supplies. All donated items may be placed in the basket at the main doors of the church & will go to our SVdP Food Pantry & the Free Store.

• Check out our website www.ickenmore.org for new stories as well as pictures from the Holiday on the Boulevard event and church decorating.

Website Updates & Online Calendar

Magazine & Literature Rack

We are happy to provide a variety of informative & entertaining reading material; the majority of which is offered free. However, we do receive a bill at the end of each month for the national Catholic magazines. We have affixed a price tag to these magazines. We are only required to pay for the magazines that are missing from the bookrack at the end of the month. In recent months, there have been multiple occasions where these magazines have been ‘borrowed’ and not returned until after the parish has paid for them. Please feel free to look through the reading material, take any of the free pamphlets that interest you, but in the spirit of good stewardship of parish finances, either return the priced magazines to the book rack before leaving the property or enclose payment in the provided envelopes and drop in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the back door of the rectory. Thank you.

In His Name: warm socks for the homeless in support of Hoban High School’s Project Hope. All sizes, toddler - adult, are welcome & appreciated. No dress or ankle socks. Place donations in the basket on the table at the main doors of the church.

DONATE THAT OLD CAR TO THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Donate your used car, van or pickup truck to the SVDP Car Donation Program, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Diocese of Cleveland in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering. You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. To donate your vehicle and have it picked up within 24 hours, call 1-800-322-8284 or visit www.svdpusacars.com .

Our October collection will benefit Hoban High School’s Project Hope which serves the homeless in Akron. We will be collecting warm socks (no dress socks) for men women & children. Please place your donations in the basket on the table by the main doors of the church.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR - We are in great need of someone who is tech savvy and able to maintain our parish website. Please call the rectory to offer your time and talents to this endeavor.

Children's Stewardship - Children's envelopes have been placed at all doors of the church. We encourage parents to pick up a box for each child & use them as tools to teach the principles of responsible and faith-filled stewardship to their children. We give in gratitude and in response to all we have been given. Count your blessings as a family each week & pray over your offering as you place your contribution in your envelope. Also seeking volunteers to pack food 1 week a month on Monday and/or Thursday.