

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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 Dec 31	Vigil for Holy Day	5:30 pm Tom Carlisle by Family	Morgan	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18	
Tues Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation	***10 am*** For the Success of our Five Year Plan by Fr. Mike	Baker Compton	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	Rectory Closed Free Store Closed
Wed Jan 2	Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	5:30 pm Philip Rohr by Lawrence Rohr	Morgan	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Jan 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus			1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34	SVdP 11:30 am HH
Fri Jan 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	5:30 pm Jim McCauley by the Altar & Rosary Society	Morgan	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42	First Friday Communion Calls
Sat Jan 5	John Neumann, Bishop	5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Meyers & Maurer Families by Mike & Donna Meyers	Morgan	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 - noon SB
Sun Jan 6	The Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Amanda Mills by Jim & Mary White	8:30 am Baker 11 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	

Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

Holy Family Candle - Peace, Hope & Love

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.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body and be thankful.

Col 3:15

COLLECTION REPORT *Week Ending*

	<i>December 9</i>	<i>December 16</i>
Sunday Offering	\$3,766.00	\$3,100.00
Daily Offering –	863.00	350.00
Holy Day –	967.00	195.00
Total	\$5,596.00	\$3,645.00
Weekly Budget to meet		
operating costs	\$4,590.00	\$4,590.00
(Shortfall) Over	1,006.00	(\$945.00)
St. Vincent de Paul –	\$40.00	73.00
Capital Improvements –	75.00	30.00
Debt Reduction –	99.00	162.00
Religious Retirement –	283.00	100.00

Envelopes used of 324 sent 82 68
139 households have not used their envelopes in 2018

New Years – January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Rectory will be closed. The Free Store will be closed and will reopen on Sat., Jan. 5th. Mass will be celebrated Dec. 31st at 5:30 pm and Jan. 1st at 10 am. **Liturgical Needs:** New Year's Eve 5:30 pm - Lector: need; EMHCs: need; Servers: L. Morgan, need; M of H: need. New Year's Day 10 am - Lector: V. Lackney; EMHC: R. DeVoe, need; Servers: R. Baker, R. Compton; M of H: need.

• **Adult Faith Enrichment** – There will be no sessions in January or February; our next session will be March 7.

• **Pre-Baptism Class** - The next class will be held Tues., Jan. 29th in the St. Augustine Rectory at 7 pm. This class is required for all parents seeking baptism for their children.

• **Bulletin Deadlines** - Items for the next weekend's bulletin need to be submitted by 10 am on Monday.

• **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.*

Thank you to all who helped decorate and make our church so beautiful for Christmas!

History of Popes

117 – Pope Leo V - Pope from July/August, 903 through September, 903 or until death, February, 904 (explanation below) Leo was a priest in Priapi, a city about 22 miles south of Rome before being elected pope. It's thought that Leo was a compromise candidate chosen to satisfy both supporters and opponents of Pope Formosus. Auxilius, a writer in Rome at that time, called Leo, "a man of God and of praiseworthy life and holiness." Leo was best known as being the first pope in over a century to not be a native of Rome, though he was still Italian by birth. The last non-Roman pope was perhaps St. Gregory III, who reigned from 731-741 and hailed from Syria. Leo was in office barely a month, when a priest named Christopher overthrew him and claimed the title for himself. Christopher was by no means legitimate and thus considered an antipope. Leo was imprisoned for the remainder of his life, eventually dying in February 904. The dispute of when his papacy ended depends on whether or not Leo consented to being deposed by Christopher. Four months after Christopher usurped the papal throne, he himself was removed from office by angry Romans, who then placed Sergius III in the Chair of Peter instead. After being thrown out, Christopher was put in prison with Leo V by Pope Sergius. Though the truth of this is disputed, it's said that Sergius then "took pity" on the two men and had them put to death. If true, it would be just the second time that a pope and antipope died together in prison, the first being Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus nearly 7 centuries earlier (235 AD).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We all know that we get more done when we cooperate and work together. We all know that when we show respect and honor for one another and affirm one another's gifts and talents, more is accomplished than we could imagine. St. Paul reminds us that we are God's chosen ones, God's family, and as such are holy and beloved. We may balk at being called "holy", but that means that we are set apart for God, that we have been given a particular purpose and that is to give glory and praise to God in all we do. As God's family we are to "put on" or take on the attributes of God: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness and most of all, love. We look to the Holy Family as examples of how to do this. Was everything perfect for them? No and we see an example of this in our Gospel. Jesus strays from His parents causing them much anxiety and worry, but anger and violence was not the response. Rather, his parents chose to "put on" many of the attributes mentioned above. As a family of faith here at IC, let us strive to respect, honor, affirm and love one another as we share our stewardship to ensure a future full of hope.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo - Thank you to those who stepped forward to help with clean up. We'd like to have a few more so we can form teams. Please call the rectory.

In His Name – We are collecting warm socks for men, women and children to be distributed to the homeless by Hoban High School through **Project Hope**, also collecting hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, etc. for the Peter Maurin Center and the Free Store; toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Masses - Praying for our loved ones who have passed away and offering a Mass in remembrance of them is important to us as Catholics. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. We are currently scheduling Masses for 2019.

Acme Cashback - The current earning period has ended and it's time to gather all your Acme receipts and place them in the baskets by the doors of the church. Every receipt counts!

Other Events

- **What Would You Ask Our Bishop?** What would you ask Bishop Perez if he was sitting at your kitchen table? The next episode of *Table Talk* featuring Bishop Perez will air on AM 1260 The Rock on Jan. 17th at 5 pm and will be re-broadcast Jan. 19th at 1 pm and Jan. 20th at noon. To be part of *Table Talk*, submit your questions by January 1st to tabletalk@am1260therock.com. For the audio archive of previous episodes, visit www.am1260therock.com.
- **New Year Volunteer Opportunity:** St. Mary School in Akron offers an **After School Tutoring** program. Eighty students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 have asked for tutoring assistance. Additional tutors are needed to help with homework, reading & basic skills on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 pm. As the new year begins, please consider giving your time and talent to make a real difference in the life of a young student. To volunteer or for info, please contact Deb Sesek at 330-328-3821 or debsesek@gmail.com.
- **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.
- **Theology on Tap Akron:** Wed., Jan. 9th, 7 pm, Panini's Bar & Grille, 4200 Steels Pointe, Stow. Come experience faith, fellowship & food with other young adults in their 20's and 30's and listen to Sr. Agnes Therese Davis, T.O.R., Ministry Coordinator at Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery, talk on "The Privilege of Being Poor: St. Francis and the Freedom of Poverty." \$5 admission includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who wish to purchase drinks.
- **A Six-week Bereavement Support Series** will begin Tues, Jan. 15 from 7 to 9 pm at Our Lady of Victory Parish Center, Tallmadge. The evenings will provide insight, understanding and support to those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Grounded in faith and surrounded by those who care and understand, many common issues surrounding grief and healing will be discussed. For more information or to register please call 330-633-3672.