

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 3, 2019
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 Feb 4		5:30 pm Rose Rauckhorst & Regina Jenkins by Family	Brewer	Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20	
Tues Feb 5	Agatha, Virgin & Martyr			Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 6	Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm Louis A. Dirker II by Fr. Mike	Brewer	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6	
Thur Feb 7				Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13	SVdP 11:30 am HH
Fri Feb 8	Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	5:30 pm Lawrence & Mary Katherine Rohr by Lawrence Rohr	Brewer	Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29	
Sat Feb 9		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Burkhart	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34	Confessions 9 am - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB
Sun Feb 10	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Tom & Eileen Clark 10 th Wedding Anniversary	8:30 am Brown 11 am Wilson Compton	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11	

Sanctuary Lamp - Rita Blankenship

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Jan 20	Jan 27
Sunday Offering -	\$1,381.00	\$3,127.50
Daily Offering -	193.00	275.00
Holy Day -	-	35.00
Total	\$1,574.00	\$3,437.50
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$3,016.00)	(\$1,152.50)
St. Vincent de Paul -	10.00	15.00
Capital Improvements -	5.00	10.00
Debt Reduction -	5.00	-
El Salvadore, Native American -	15.00	88.00
Envelopes used of 324 sent	31	72

135 households receiving bi-monthly Sunday Offertory
Envelopes did not use them in 2018. Of these households,
52 have no documented activity between 2003 and 2013 and
have been deleted from the mailing list.

Visiting Another Parish Or Bad Weather Kept You Home? 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.

- **Chili Cook-off** - Noon - 2 pm, Sun, Feb. 17th in Waldeisen Hall. Tickets are \$5 / person (kids 5 & under are free) and can be purchased after Masses at main entrance of the church or at the door on the day of the event. Flyers are available at the doors of the church. There is a sign-up board at the main doors of the church for anyone wanting to participate as a **Chef**.
- **World Marriage Day** is February 10th. To participate, please return your completed form to the rectory with payment by this Wed., Feb. 6th. Extra forms are available at the doors of the church.
- **AFE** - Our next session will be March 7th. The reading assignment for Rejoice and Be Glad will be given in two weeks.
- **HELP** - We need help with snow removal. Yes, we have contracted with a snow plow company, but the plow can't clear steps, certain sidewalks & entrances. If you are an able-bodied man, woman or student, we **NEED** you. Your snow removal crew is and has been Fr. Mike, Ray and Melissa and we're not getting any younger! Please call the rectory to be added to the crew and let us know your availability as there are things going on here everyday. Thank you.

To receive your 2018 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.

History of Popes

#123 – **Pope Leo VI** - Pope from June, 928 – death, February, 929. Leo, a Roman by birth, was the son of Christopher, Pope John VIII's prime minister. After Pope John X's death, Leo was placed in office by Marouzia, the Roman noblewoman basically running the city. Leo's chief accomplishment was finishing the organization of the Church in Dalmatia. A papal bull from Leo VI still exists, giving the pallium to John, Bishop of Salona, and ordering all other bishops in the region to obey their archbishop. Leo also advised several bishops to work only within the confines of their dioceses, and put out a plea for help to help protect the Church from Muslim invasions, writing, "Whoever died faithful in this struggle will not see himself refused entry into the heavenly kingdom."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Have you ever faced ridicule or rejection for witnessing to or sharing your Catholic faith? Have you ever been made fun of because you are Catholic? If so, take heart in our readings. Jeremiah told the people of Judah that they needed to repent of their infidelity and they threatened to put him to death. Has anyone ever gotten mad or cut off a relationship with you because you called them out or challenged them for choices they made or for attitudes and behaviors that were not loving? Jesus was driven out of town and threatened with death for proclaiming the truth. The trouble is people don't want to hear the truth, they don't want to hear anything that challenges them. As stewards of the faith, we cannot back down or compromise – we must continue to stand firm in faith. We are called to witness. Jeremiah was called to witness and so was Jesus. God will give us the strength to persevere! Remember we speak truth out of love – love for others and for God as our 2nd reading reminds us. When we feel discouraged in our witness let us remember the words of the Psalm "Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress."

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.

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.

When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me. Jer 29:12-13a

This Sunday we celebrate **World Day for Consecrated Life**. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God & the Church through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Please pray for all those who have made these commitments and be sure to thank them on their special day.

The 2019 **Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. This year's appeal theme is *Walk in Faith. Give in Joy*. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities & companionship to those who are most vulnerable. Hear from people whose lives have been transformed by you at www.catholiccommunity.org/videos. For more info about the Appeal & how your gifts will be used, visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2019Appeal or contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 X 1910 or kjoyce@catholiccommunity.org.

Bulletin Deadline - Items for next weekend's bulletin need to be submitted by 10 am on Monday.

Other Events

- **Men's Conference:** Sat., Feb. 9th, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, St. Matthew Parish Father Silva Center, 2580 Berne St. Inspiring talks by guest speakers Peter Herbeck & Pete Burak, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration & an opportunity for confession. Cost is \$10 and includes a light breakfast & lunch. Reservations can be made by calling 330-733-9944.
- **Building Racial Harmony Series:** The Dominican Sisters of Peace & Assoc. invite you to the next event "Identifying & Dismantling Systemic Racism in Our Community" on Sun. Feb. 10th at 3 pm at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 1230 W. Market. St. Cary W. Dabney, Dir., Office of Ministry to African American Catholics, Dio. of Cleve., will help us identify systemic racism, challenge us to explore how we contribute to it and sharpen our focus on ways to support, promote and develop racial equity.
- **Theology on Tap:** Panini's Bar & Grille in Stow, Wed., Feb. 13th, 7 pm. Theology on Tap invites all adults in their 20s & 30s to come listen to Jason & Julia Solomon, Pre-Cana Speakers, talk on "Marriage: Our Path to Holiness." \$5 admission includes appetizers. Bar will be open for beverage purchases.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Feb. 18th, 7:30 pm, D'Agneses's, 566 White Pond Dr. Guest speaker Therese Holderbaum, from St. Francis De Sales Parish, will present a talk entitled "Angels 101". Doors open at 7 pm. \$10 admission includes appetizers – cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.
- **Choosing Christ: A Lenten retreat for adults in their 20's & 30's:** Fri, Mar. 8, 7 pm - Sun., Mar. 10th, 2 pm, Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon. The cost is \$55. For info or to register, email Sr. Kate Hine, SND at khine@ndec.org or visit charis.org/choosingchrist_2019_cleveland.