

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 17, 2019
Sixth 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 18		5:30 pm Nancy Smith Stockdale by Fr. Mike	Morgan	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13	
Tues Feb 19				Gn 6:5-8, 7-15, 10; Mk 8:14-21	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 20		5:30 pm Ethel Witzl by Altar & Rosary Society	Morgan	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Feb 21	Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor			Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33	
Fri Feb 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	5:30 pm Mary Ann Duhon by Martha J. Klein	Morgan	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	
Sat Feb 23	Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Witzl Family	Burkhart	Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB
Sun Feb 24	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	8:30 am Brown 11 am Wilson Compton	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38	

Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Feb 3	Feb 10
Sunday Offering -	\$5,386.00	\$3,170.50
Daily Offering -	770.00	480.00
Total	\$6,156.00	\$3,650.50
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$1,566.00	(\$939.50)
St. Vincent de Paul -	315.00	5.00
Capital Improvements -	20.00	35.00
Debt Reduction -	1,272.00	37.00
El Salvadore, Native American -	55.00	5.00
Envelopes used of 271 sent	95	82

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.

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

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 4 Holy Hours last week.

But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you. Luke 6:27-28a

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

•**AFE** - Our next session will be March 7th. Doors open at 6:30 pm. To prepare for our session please read chapters 1-2 of Pope Francis' Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). The session will consist of small and large group conversation as well as individual work. Bring a snack to share!

•**Altar & Rosary Society** will not meet in February or March. The next meeting will be held Tues., Apr. 9th.

Lent is not far away! Watch for our Journey Through Lent to Easter informative paper coming in a few weeks and think about signing up to help with Stations of the Cross as Cross and Candlebearers - sign-ups begin next weekend.

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.

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.

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

History of Popes

#125 – **Pope John XI** - Pope from March, 931 – death, December, 935. John, a Roman by birth, was the son of Marouzia, essentially the ruler of Rome at the time. It's unclear whether John's father was Alberic I, Marouzia's first husband, or Pope Sergius III, who some believe had an affair with John's mother years before. By all accounts, John XI was placed in office as a pawn of Marouzia's to further extend her own ambitions. John sanctioned an unpopular -- and, by the day's standards, incestuous -- marriage between his mother and Hugh, her brother-in-law and king of Italy. The marriage sparked a war between Hugh and John's younger half-brother, Alberic II, which ended with Alberic throwing his mother in prison and banishing Hugh from Rome. When St. Odo, abbot of the great Benedictine monastery at Cluny, wished to reform nearby abbeys in France and Italy, it was Pope John XI who gave the go-ahead. Thus John was best known, perhaps ironically, for laying the groundwork of monastic reform that would eventually cleanse the very papacy itself. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 935, "Good King Wenceslaus" was murdered by his ambitious and cruel brother, Boleslav. For his martyrdom and virtue, he's now recognized as St. Wenceslaus.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The prophet Jeremiah has some difficult words for us, "cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush in the desert..." He reminds us that our hope lies not in mankind, but in God, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted besides the waters... in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit." We live in a time of turmoil and unrest, division, doubt & mistrust. It is easy to just want to withdraw from everything, but as disciples of Christ and stewards of the faith, we are called to stand firm in our faith, to speak on behalf of the poor and vulnerable, to work for justice and to share our time, talent and treasure to serve others and build up the Body of Christ. Jesus' words are also difficult and challenging. We see the status quo being reversed. Those who are the downtrodden and forgotten in this world will be lifted up and will rejoice on the day of Resurrection. Christ comes to transform the world and to transform each of us. How open are we to cooperating with this transforming grace? Are we willing to allow God to use us to better our world, to be less focused on ourselves and more aware of the needs of others? Is our trust and hope in the Lord or in the things of this world?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Church Housekeeping – We need 1 more steward for church cleaning one Monday each month. If you can help, please call 330-825-5949.

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.

A Dialogue on Local Gun Violence: Toward Healing, Safety & Common Ground - The St. Vincent-St. Sebastian Social Justice Commission & the Catholic Commission of Summit County will hold this panel event on Tues., Feb. 26th from 7 – 8:45 pm at St. Vincent's Parish Hall in Akron. Dialogue panel includes: Erin Dickinson, Leader of Mom's Demand Action, Akron Chapter & Sgt. Jamie Donahue, APD. Join in dialogue on reducing local gun violence, finding common ground on healing, safety, & common sense, and praying for families affected by gun violence. No cost. Call Jeff Campbell at 330-535-2787, ext. 10 for more info.

Other Events

- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Feb. 18th, 7:30 pm, D'Agnes'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.
- **Pot of Gold Shrove Tuesday Card Party:** March 5, Social Activities Center, St. Augustine School. Tickets (pre-sale only) cost \$9 and are available at the St. Augustine rectory through Feb. 25th. Ticket includes dinner w/ dessert, door prize chances and table prizes. For info, call 330-745-0011.
- **Fat Tuesday Dinner & Lenten Reflection:** Tues., Mar. 5th, Loyola Retreat House. Enjoy a delicious Fat Tuesday dinner followed by a Lenten Reflection in our Chapel. For information or to register for this event, call 330-896-2315 or visit our website at Loyolaretreathouse.com.
- **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.
- **Answer the Call Men's Conference:** Sat., Mar. 23rd, Holiday Inn, Rockside Rd, Independence. The theme is "Developing Your Relationship with Christ"; key speakers will be Bishop Nelson Perez, Jon Leonetti and Pete Burak. Visit www.cmfneo.com for more information.