

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 24, 2019
Seventh 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 25		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Hamilton	Sir 1:1-10; Mt 9:14-29	
Tues Feb 26				Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 27	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Walter, Christine & Thomas Bandelow by Family	Hamilton	Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40	
Thur Feb 28				Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50	
Fri Mar 1		5:30 pm Tom Kunkel by Alberta Kunkel	Hamilton	Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12	First Friday Communion Calls
Sat Mar 2		5:30 pm Shirley Kissner by Family & Friends	Cole	Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB
Sun Mar 3	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Martha DeVoe by Family 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45	

Sanctuary Lamp - Benjamin Blankenship

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Feb 10	Feb 17
Sunday Offering -	\$3,170.50	\$3,342.00
Daily Offering -	480.00	130.00
Total	\$3,650.50	\$3,472.00
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$939.50)	(\$1,118.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	5.00	-
Capital Improvements -	35.00	50.00
Debt Reduction -	37.00	560.00
El Salvadore, Native American -	5.00	-
Envelopes used of 271 sent	82	77

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 3 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

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Feb. 27th at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

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

The Parish Activities Committee would like to thank our chefs, everyone who helped with the **Chili Cook-off**, and those who came out in support of this event: the Chefs did a fantastic job as always. Congratulations to the three winners, **Beth Langton, Mary Case Amacher and John Osolin**. Keep your eyes open for info on our next event!

Lent - Watch for our Journey Through Lent to Easter informative paper coming out next weekend. **Lenten Fridays:** 5:30 Mass, prayer time, Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Cross & Candle bearers will be needed and you may sign up at the main doors of the church as individuals, a family or as representatives of a ministry. **Lenten Almsgiving Project** - This year we will partner with John Carroll Univ. to provide clean water filters for people in the Honduras; more info coming next week. **Ash Wednesday:** Mar. 6th, Mass will be at 7 pm.

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

History of Popes

#12 - Pope Leo VII - Pope from January 3, 936 - death, July 13, 939. Leo, a Roman, served at the Church of St. Sixtus prior to being pope. He was likely a Benedictine monk. Leo was chosen by Alberic II, the Roman senator, to succeed Pope John XI. Leo, considered a saint by some, and Alberic were both solid men who worked well together. Leo is best known for having worked closely with St. Odo of Cluny, abbot of the great monastery there, in his effort to reform many bad practices in monastic life. Apparently, many monasteries had become family affairs in which the head of a family decided on the next abbot as opposed to the order itself having control. Odo helped Leo when Hugh, the King of Italy, came back to Rome looking to overthrow Alberic, his stepson. The abbot was able to maintain the peace. Leo died July 13, 939, and although nothing is known for certain about the circumstances, many centuries later a bit of legend surfaced that he died of a heart attack while hanging out with a mistress. Since there's no basis whatsoever for its truth, it is considered simply a rumor. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 939, the nation of Vietnam then known as Dai Co Viet, gained its independence from China.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The words of Jesus in today's Gospel are difficult, challenging and countercultural. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." He also commands us to stop judging and condemning and to forgive and share what we have. Why would He command these difficult things from us? Does He not know how it is in our world today? Of course He does and that's the reason for His challenging words. We are his disciples and stewards of the faith and as such we are expected to put these words into action as a means of changing and transforming our world. When we pray for our enemies and treat those who hate us with dignity and respect, we witness to the love of God and to the radical way we, as God's children, are called to live. This kind of love creates endless, positive possibilities. How will you live out these commands in your life?

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.

SVdP Food Pantry – January: we provided food for 151 people in 49 households.

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

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.

Other Events

- **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. Cost is \$25 per person. 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.
- **Good Things Radio:** Radio personality Brooke Taylor has joined the AM 1260 The Rock at 8 am on Wednesdays. This lively show focuses on the good that life has to offer through the joys and trials while striving to be a saint. For a full program schedule, visit am1260therock.com.
- **Lenten Soup Series: Scripture & The Sacred Triduum. Loyola retreat house:** This 3-week series on Wednesday nights March 13th - 27th will offer reflections on the Scripture readings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. For more info or to register, call 330-896-2315 or visit Loyolaretreathouse.com.