

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 3, 2019

Eighth 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 Mar 4	Casimir	5:30 pm Steve Kertesz by Jim Mossmore	Morgan	Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27	
Tues Mar 5				Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 6	Ash Wednesday	7 pm Thomas B. Smith by Fr. Mike	Morgan	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thur Mar 7	Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs			Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25	Adult Faith Enrichment 7 pm WH
Fri Mar 8	John of God, Religious	5:30 pm John, Ann Marie & Beth Ann Kovalchin by Family	Morgan	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15	Personal Prayer 6 - 6:30 pm CH Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 9	Frances of Rome, Religious	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Cole	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB
		8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society			Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sun Mar 10	First Sunday of Lent	11 am Amanda Mills by Jim & Mary White	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13	

Sanctuary Lamp - Devote Family Members

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Feb 17	Feb 24
Sunday Offering -	\$3,342.00	\$3,066.75
Daily Offering -	130.00	510.00
Total	\$3472.00	\$3,576.75
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,118.00)	(\$1,013.25)
St. Vincent de Paul -	-	40.00
Capital Improvements -	50.00	35.00
Debt Reduction -	560.00	70.00
Envelopes used of 271 sent	77	69
140 households receiving bi-monthly Sunday Offertory envelopes have not used them in 2019.		

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.

Those who fear the Lord prepare their hearts and humble themselves before Him. Sir 2:17

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

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

AFE - Our next session is **this** Thursday, 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!

An Evening of Confession will be celebrated in all Catholic Churches in the diocese on Wed., Mar. 20th from 5 - 8 pm. Do you know someone who has been away from the church and is seeking to come home? Invite and come with them to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and experience the healing power of God. There will be no 5:30 pm Mass that evening. Suggestion - parishioners try to come to Confession on Saturdays, 9 -10 am during Lent.

Life in the Spirit Seminar - Join us in Waldeisen Hall on Sat., Apr. 6th & Sun., Apr. 7th for inspiring talks (speakers include Fr. Pete Colletti, Fr. Jacob Bearer, Fr. Mike, & Melissa Keegan), praise & worship, dinner, Mass, Healing Service & more. Reservation forms can be found at the doors of the church. Call the rectory for more information.

History of Popes

#127- **Pope Stephen VIII** - Pope from July 14, 939 – death, October, 942. A Roman by birth, Stephen served as priest under Sts. Sylvester and Martin prior to being pope. He was elevated to the Chair of Peter by Rome's senator, Alberic II. Like his two predecessors, Stephen supported the monastic reform headed by St. Odo of Cluny. Little is known about his life or papacy other than he spent time dealing with discord in what's now Western France. Many dukes were rebelling against the king, Louis IV. Louis sought the pope's help, which resulted in Stephen sending representatives twice to the nobility with a threat of excommunication. Louis received the support & unity he desired. What else was going on in the world at the time? The oldest-known King of Denmark, Gorm the Old, began his reign around the year 940. His nickname "the Old" wasn't due to his age but instead came from his being the ancestral head of Denmark's royal lineage.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good..." These words from Jesus in the Gospel are important for us because they explain what we as stewards of the faith & disciples of Jesus are to be all about. As Christ displayed the fruits of his ministry by his care for others, we are called to do the same – if we don't, we can become contradictions to the Gospel we proclaim. The more we give of our time, talent and treasure, the more opportunity we have to witness to the Gospel and affect change in our communities. God gave us our unique gifts and talents, not to hoard them, but to give them away. What gifts and talents will you be sharing this week?

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.

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.

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 Season begins on Ash Wednesday, Mar 6th.

Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm; no 5:30 pm Mass. Pick up a copy of "Journey Through Lent to Easter" which is available at all the doors of the church. The 3 pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

Prayer – Pick up a copy of The Word Among Us (available at the doors of the church), 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 – This year we are partnering with John Carroll University to provide clean water filters for Honduras. Collection boxes along with a ministry description for which our alms will be donated may be found at the main doors of the church. Put in daily change, eat a simple meal & put the money saved into your container; be creative! Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent and we ask you to be generous as you help the people of the Honduras to receive filters that will give them the clean water we take for granted. Spring cleaning? Remember the Free Store.

Other Events

• **Fat Tuesday Dinner & Lenten Reflection:** Tues., Mar. 5th, Loyola Retreat House. Cost is \$25/person. Enjoy a delicious Fat Tuesday dinner followed by a Lenten Reflection in the Chapel. For information to register, call 330-896-2315 or visit 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.

• **Divorced, Separated, and Widowed Catholics:** Mon., Mar. 11th, at 7:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg. Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer, Summit County Probate Court, will give an overview about probate court and answer questions. For info, call Sue at 330-554-5626.