

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 10, 2019  
First Sunday of Lent

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 11		5:30 pm <b>Al &amp; Rose Rauckhorst</b> by Family	Compton	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	
Tues Mar 12				Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 13		5:30 pm <b>Ivan Morber</b> by Fr. Mike	Compton	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6:45 pm CH
Thur Mar 14				Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12	
Fri Mar 15		5:30 pm <b>Fr. John Waldeisen</b> by Fr. Mike	Compton	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	<b>Personal Prayer</b> 6 - 6:30 pm CH <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 16		5:30 pm <b>Lynn Molnar</b> by Greg Molnar	Cole	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	<b>Confessions</b> 9 am -10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - noon SB
Sun Mar 17	Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 am <b>People of the Parish</b> 11 am <b>Deceased Family Members of Bob &amp; Kathy Doerr</b>	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36	

## Sanctuary Lamp - Devotee Family Members

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Feb 24	Mar 3
Sunday Offering -	\$3,066.75	\$5,031.50
Daily Offering -	510.00	735.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,576.75</b>	<b>\$5,766.50</b>
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$1,013.25)</b>	<b>(\$1,176.50)</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -	40.00	230.00
Capital Improvements -	35.00	451.00
Debt Reduction -	70.00	50.00
Black/Native Americans -		31.00
Holy Land -		5.00
Catholic Home Missions -		5.00
Envelopes used of 271 sent	69	98

136 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.

Say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2

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

**Rite of Election** - Please keep our Catechumen Phyllis Stock and our Candidate Kim Kreeger in your prayers as they go forth for the Rite of Election this afternoon (Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>) with Bishop Perez at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. May they and all who will be coming into the Catholic Church in our diocese and around the world come to know Jesus, grow in the faith and feel the support of our prayers as they continue on their journey.

**FORMED** - The Diocese of Cleveland, with Rooted in Faith monies, is giving every parish in the diocese the gift of FORMED free for one year - a \$1850.00 value. What is FORMED? It has been described as a Catholic Netflix - it is the Catholic faith on demand. FORMED is an online platform that gives every Catholic household, that has internet service, the opportunity to access audio talks, movies, ebooks & study series from groups like the Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, Catholic Answers, Knights of Columbus, St. Paul Center, Sophia Press & more. There are materials for adults, teens & children so there's something for everyone! We will use FORMED for our 2019-2020 AFE sessions and we are thinking about movie nights, a couples event and more. Stay tuned for more information on what is available & how you can access this wonderful gift. We are excited!

### Lenten Perspective

Jesus "was led by the Spirit into the wilderness." What is a wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships which you have avoided? In the forty days of Lent, it is not a matter of us working on things but God working in us. Open your heart, trust the Spirit and spend this Lent in "your wilderness" and let God work in you.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we enter the Lenten season we begin the process of deeper conversion as we unite ourselves with the mystery of Jesus in the desert. The Catechism teaches us that "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice." The Gospel read on Ash Wednesday reminds us of our call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving as penitential acts during Lent. As stewards of the faith, let us accept these acts with humility; let us acknowledge our sinfulness before God, seek reconciliation, remember that we have a God who understands temptation and seek to follow the example of Jesus in the desert by finding strength in our faith and in the love of God

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**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 – Lenten Almsgiving** - This year we are partnering with John Carroll University to provide clean water filters for Honduras. Collection boxes with a ministry description for which our alms will be used 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. 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. Toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** –Join us in Waldeisen Hall on Sat., Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**An Evening of Confession** will be celebrated in all Catholic Churches in the diocese on Wed., Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 8 pm. Do you know someone who has been away from the church and is seeking to come home? Invite & 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. Due to the number of people coming back to the church this night, we suggest parishioners come to Confession on Saturdays, 9 -10 am during Lent.

**Lenten Season:** 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** – 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, stay for private prayer time & then pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners and for the sharing of your stewardship.

**Fasting & Abstinence** - Good Friday is a day of fasting (for those 60 years old & under) & abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence from meat & meat products (beginning at age 14).

**Lenten Fridays:** 5:30 Mass, prayer time, Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Cross and Candle bearers are needed and you may sign up at the main doors of the church as individuals, a family or as representatives of a ministry.

*To receive your 2018 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Mon. – Fri., 9 am – 4 pm.*

### Other Events

- **K of C Lenten Fish Fry:** 4:30 pm – 7 pm, every Friday through April 19, K of C Hall, 2055 Glenmount Ave, Akron. Adult prices range from \$8 to \$11; children prices range from \$4 to \$9. Call ahead seating available for groups of 6 or more. For info, call 330-773-3410.
- **Divorced, Separated, and Widowed Catholics:** Mon., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **Theology on Tap:** Wed., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Mustard Seed Market & Café, Montrose. Fr. Marty Miller, Catholic priest of Opus Dei, will speak on "True Confessions: A Short History of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Catholic Church." Admission is \$5 and includes appetizers. The bar will be open for those who'd like to purchase beverages.
- **Answer the Call Men's Conference:** Sat., Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](http://www.cmfneo.com) for more information.
- **Hope & Healing Beyond Heroin:** Tues., Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 pm, St. Vincent Church, Akron. Community Prayer Service includes music, prayer, scripture, testimony, talks by Rev. Norm Douglas & Andy Davis, LPCC-S, Clinical Supervisor, Catholic Charities, and recovery and resource information. Counselors available for consultation. Light reception following presentation and prayer.