

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 17, 2019
Second 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 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Jerry Hardesty by Family	Wilson	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Mar 19	Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary			2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 20	Diocesan Evening of Confession 5 - 8 pm CH	NO MASS		Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	
Thur Mar 21				Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	
Fri Mar 22		5:30 pm Tom Carlisle by Family	Wilson	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Personal Prayer 6 - 6:30 pm CH Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 23	Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	5:30 pm John, Ann Marie & Beth Ann Kovalchin by Kovalchin Family	Cole	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB
Sun Mar 24	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Chris McDonald by Charles J. Smith	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9	First Scrutiny for R.C.I.A. 11 am CH

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Mar 3	Mar 10
Sunday Offering -	\$5,031.50	\$2,919.42
Daily Offering -	735.00	915.00
Total	\$5,766.50	\$3,834.42
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$1,176.50	(\$755.58)
St. Vincent de Paul -	230.00	10.00
Capital Improvements -	451.00	170.00
Debt Reduction -	50.00	30.00
Black/Native Americans -	31.00	360.00
Holy Land -	5.00	-
Catholic Home Missions -	5.00	-
Envelopes used of 271 sent	98	74

133 households receiving bi-monthly Sunday Offertory envelopes have not used them in 2019

An Evening of Confession will be celebrated in all Catholic Churches in the diocese **this 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 & 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.

A FE - Our next session will be Thursday, April 4th. Please read and prepare to discuss Chapter 3 - "In the Light of the Master".

Pre-Baptism Class - Tues, Apr. 30, 7 pm, Hitch Hall. This class is required for all requesting baptism for their children. Please call the rectory for more information.

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.

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.
*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom
should I fear? Psalm 27:1*

Lenten Perspective

In the Transfiguration, Jesus changed His appearance in front of the apostles and then a mysterious cloud came over them. The apostles "were terrified as they entered the cloud." Every one of us is called to transform and enter into a constantly-unfolding mystery as we deepen our relationship with Christ. We should expect change and we should expect it to be unsettling as it will require us also to change.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

During Lent we often give things up, many of which we will return to after Easter. St. Paul gives us something to think about in the 2nd reading which, if implemented, would put us on a path to greater holiness, help us to be better stewards and witnesses to the faith, allow us to stand firm in faith and grow closer to Jesus. St. Paul warns against conducting ourselves in ways that would negate Christ's sacrifice on the cross by being selfish; not thinking of or acting on behalf of those in need, but boasting about ourselves as if we should be receiving the glory instead of the Lord. These are attitudes and behaviors we can change for we cannot enter the final glory without transformation. Let us not be seduced by the things of this world, but stand firm in faith and listen to and follow the voice of truth, that of our Lord Jesus.

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.

Lenten Season: Pick up a copy of "Journey Through Lent to Easter" which is available at all the doors of the church & contains important Lenten information.

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 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.

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.

FORMED – Did last week's announcement peak your interest? We hope so! If you have a computer, laptop, tablet or phone with internet access you can use FORMED. Here are some of the things you will have available at your fingertips: 1. Movies about the lives of saints like Joan of Arc, John Bosco, Paul VI, John Paul II, Mother Teresa, Mary and many more. 2. Documentaries on St. Francis of Assisi, St. Therese, popes, Rome reports, etc. 3. Catholic Apologetics from Catholic Answers. 4. Explanations of the Faith by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Dr. Edward Sri, Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Robert Barron. 5. Conference talks. 6. Audio dramas. 7. The Brother Francis, The Jesus Stories, Saints, Carlos Caterpillar and Opus Joyful Series for Children. 8. Books on just about everything Catholic for all ages. There is so much it's just amazing. Registration will begin soon, so stay tuned!

Praying for Kenmore/Akron – First Glance is hosting a 24/7 prayer event from March 17 – March 23. Their prayer rooms will be open & you may sign up for 1 hour shifts during the week. If interested in signing up, please call Meliss at the rectory. If you can't come to First Glance, set aside an hour of time to pray for our community & add Kenmore/Akron to your daily prayers.

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. For quicker seating, call ahead for groups of 6 or more. For info, call 330-773-3410.
- **Theology on Tap:** Wed., Mar. 13th, 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. 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.
- **Hope & Healing Beyond Heroin:** Tues., Mar. 26th, 7–8 pm, St. Vincent Church, Akron. Community Prayer Service.