

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 24, 2019
Third 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 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	5:30 pm Martha Vanca by Beverly Armour	Keegan	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38	
Tues Mar 26				Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 27	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Fr. Al Kunkel by Alberta Kunkel	Keegan	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Mar 28				Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	
Fri Mar 29		5:30 pm Ethel Witzl by I.C. Parish Staff	Keegan	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	Personal Prayer 6 - 6:30 pm CH Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 30		5:30 pm Michael Maurer by Mike & Donna Meyers	Cole	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14	Confessions 9 am -10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - noon SB
Sun Mar 31	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am George & Loretta Hudak Charles & Norma Jackson by Family 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	2nd Scrutiny 11 am Mass

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	Mar 10	Mar 17
Sunday Offering -	\$2,919.42	\$2,811.00
Daily Offering -	915.00	579.50
Total	\$3,834.24	\$3,390.50
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$755.58)	(\$1,199.50)
St. Vincent de Paul -	10.00	80.00
Capital Improvements -	170.00	575.00
Debt Reduction -	30.00	-
Black/Native Americans -	360.00	50.00
Holy Land -	-	7.00
Catholic Home Missions -	-	10.00
Envelopes used of 271 sent	74	76

132 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 5 Holy Hours last week.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the angels to you I sing. Psalm 138:1

APE - Our next session will be Thursday, April 4th. Please read and prepare to discuss Chapter 3 - "In the Light of the Master". **PLEASE BRING CATECHISM.**

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.

FORMED - Check out the possibilities at www.formed.org
Login: cleveland@formed.org
Temporary password: formed19!

SvDP Food Pantry - February: we provided food for 138 people in 45 households.

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

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

Lenten Perspective

In this third week of Lent, the Gospel challenges us to repent. What are you clinging to that is actually destroying you? It could be anger that is eating you up; a jealousy that hardens your heart; or a false pride that blinds you to the goodness of others. These things can destroy us and the relationships that we value. Let us see repentance in a positive light as an opportunity to be embraced by Jesus' great mercy that will set us free.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

How many of us can relate to the fig tree in the Gospel? The tree has failed to bear fruit for 3 years in a row; is it dead, is it exhausted to the point of not being able to bring forth fruit, has it lost its sense of purpose? The gardener pleaded for mercy from the orchard owner to save the tree and give it another chance. How many times have we failed to bear fruit for the Kingdom? How often have we worked to the point of exhaustion so that we can't make it to Mass or give of our stewardship to the parish? Have we lost our sense of purpose, of mission, given to us at Baptism? God is a merciful God and is a God of second, third, 1000 chances but we need to respond to this mercy. We always think we'll have time to turn things around, cooperate with God and get our lives together, but the truth is we just have no idea how much time we have on this earth. In our 2nd reading we hear of the desire for evil things & the grumblings of those given mercy by God. The warning: "whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." How secure in your faith do you feel? Are you in right relationship with God? This is the time for repentance and conversion, to grow in faith and our relationship with Christ; do not delay.

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.

We are in **desperate need** of **Altar Servers!** This ministry is open to students 5th grade and up as well as adults – men and women. Please call the rectory with questions or to share your stewardship.

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.

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.
- **Hope & Healing Beyond Heroin:** Tues., Mar. 26th, 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, as well as recovery & resource information. Counselors available for consultation. Light reception following presentation and prayer.
- **The Crucifixion: Through the Eyes of a Physician:** Sun., Mar. 31st, 2:30 pm, Nativity Hall, Nativity of Jesus Parish. Dr. Edward Parisi, presenter. Main presentation directed at high school age and up; separate activities provided for children of all ages.
- **First Glance Open House:** Sun., Mar. 31st, 12 pm – 3 pm, 943 Kenmore Blvd (Please park in library parking lot and take the alley to First Glance). Lunch provided. Presentations at 12:45. Visit firstglance.org for more info.
- **Open House & Blessing:** Fri., Apr. 5th, 9 – 11 am, St. John the Baptist Community Outreach Center. Bishop Nelson Perez to open the newest recovery facility in Summit County. RSVP by March 29 to 330-724-7481.
- **7 Last Words of Christ:** Sun., Apr. 14, 7:30 pm, St. Sebastian Church. The choirs of St. Sebastian Parish and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will present Theodore Dubois' famous choral work. All are welcome; no cost.
- **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.