

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 May 20	Bernardine of Siena, Priest	5:30 pm Karen Hardesty by Family	Hamilton	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26	
Tues May 21	Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs			Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed May 22	Rita of Cascia, Religious	5:30 pm Shirley Kissner by Family & Friends	Hamilton	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur May 23				Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11	
Fri May 24		5:30 pm Mary Schimmoeller by Mary Jane Andrews	Hamilton	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17	
Sat May 25	Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor; Gregory VII, Pope; Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Morgan	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun May 26	Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:30 am Ora Adams by Bill & Nancy Mangieri 11 am Martha Vanca by Mary Jo Bailey and Janet Brown	8:30 am Baker 11 am Wilson	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	May 5	May 12
Sunday Offering -	\$4,517.00	3,442.00
Daily Offering -	368.00	370.00
Total	\$4,885.00	\$3,812.00
Weekly Budget to meet operating costs	\$4,590.00	\$4,590.00
(Shortfall) Overage	295.00	(778.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	190.00	100.00
Capital Improvements -	460.00	71.00
Debt Reduction -	15.00	
Catholic Home Missions -	2.00	
Envelopes used of 269 sent	90	84

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am; there will be no 5:30 pm Mass. Veterans and their families are invited to Hitch Hall for coffee and pastries after Mass. Lector is needed. The rectory will be closed and there will be no Holy Hours.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tues., May 28th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. Council Nominations are due by Monday, May 27th.

Happy Anniversary to Fr. Sam! On Friday, May 31st Fr Sam will mark his **50th year** of priestly ordination and we invite you to celebrate this wonderful event by attending the 5:30 pm Mass followed by a reception in Waldeisen Hall to ensure we have enough food, please RSVP to the rectory by Mon., May 27th. **Cookie Elves:** your dessert items are needed & appreciated!

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations are now open. Please consider stepping up to serve on this important leadership council. The term of service is 3 years with the opportunity to serve a second term. Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month, August - October & January - May. Nomination forms may be found in the pews & must be returned to the rectory by Mon., May 27th.

Our **5-Year Plan** includes better use of our parish library. Watch next week's bulletin for exciting news.

114 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 3 Holy Hours last week.

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Rom 13:8

Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Sam - May 31, 1969 Fr. Mike - June 8, 1974

Birthdays: Fr. Sam - May 30 Fr. Mike - June 7

Easter Reflection from Bishop Robert Barron

Friends, maybe you've seen informal evangelists at football or baseball games holding up a sign: "John 3:16." Did you ever wonder what that means? Well, we hear this verse from the Gospel of John: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." I think it's good that those people hold up that sign, because in many ways that is the whole Gospel, and even the whole Christian tradition, in miniature. Every cathedral, every church, every poem, every drama, the life of every saint – that's what they're all about. Christianity does not announce, primarily, our virtue; it doesn't sing our praises; it doesn't exult in human civilization. What it primarily does is announce that message: that even in our sin – you might say, especially in our sin – God loved us. And so what did he do? He broke open his own heart and he sent his own self into our humanity to heal us and offer us eternal life.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

One of the things a faithful steward & disciple needs is perseverance. We see it in the first reading as Paul and Barnabas criss cross and revisit cities where they have shared the Good News. Why? Because people have a tendency to experience let down after an exciting event and revert back to how things were before. Paul and Barnabas knew that and so they went back to encourage, affirm and uplift so that people would be moved to persevere in the faith. What about us? We come to Mass on Sunday and are fed by Word and Sacrament, are surrounded by fellow believers, join in prayer and leave uplifted. Then comes Monday and work and chores and suddenly our faith life begins to take a back seat to the other events of our daily lives. We need to persevere: to pray daily, to witness by our lives, to read Sacred Scripture, attend daily Mass, invite the fallen away. Let us strive to persevere in faith like Paul and Barnabas.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kenmore Community Meal - The partnership between I.C. & Park United Methodist has expanded to include a free community meal which will be served in Waldeisen Hall on the last Tuesday of the month from 5 – 6:30 pm. The first meal will be served on June 25th and is open to everyone so come enjoy a free meal and enjoy fellowship with neighbors. **Ways to help:** There are many ways you can support this new ministry besides coming to have a meal: help in the kitchen (all food will be prepared onsite), be a greeter or a server and help keep costs down by placing requested items in the basket at the front entrance of the church. Requested items: jars of spaghetti sauce, Italian or ranch salad dressing, canned chicken, cream of chicken soup, chicken and beef broth or stock, boxes of jello or pudding, cake mixes, canned fruit and veggies, boxes of rice, coffee, creamer, sugar. This new ministry can make a huge impact for Christ in our neighborhood so let's get behind this by calling the rectory to sign up and donating needed items. IC Pride – Catch It!

Adopt A Plot - If you have a plot, but are unable to tend to it, please call the rectory so we can release it to someone else. As the weather continues to improve, we encourage you to weed & prepare to plant.

We are in **desperate need** of **Altar Servers** which is open to students 5th grade and up as well as men and women. Please call the rectory.

Step Up! Our 5-Year Plan calls for us to "Personally invite fallen away or inactive Catholics to participate in the life of the parish." Fr. Mike has instituted the Step Up! program to address this part of our plan. He is asking parishioners to step up to be part of a team of missionary disciples who will go in teams to visit our brothers & sisters who have become inactive Catholics. Training will be provided and practice sessions will be offered before our teams go out. Please pray about your participation in this most important ministry and its impact on our parish future. Please call the rectory to sign-up and join with other dedicated parishioners. Flyers may be found at the doors of the church.

FORMED – Registration is open! Please share this info with friends and family so that they too may use the resources to grow in their Catholic faith. It's easy – here's what you do:

1. Go to your web browser and type in: www.ickenmore.formed.org
2. Click on "Register Now"
3. Fill in the information requested
4. Create and confirm a password for yourself
5. Check the box accepting the "Terms of Service"
6. Click "Create Account"

Click away, get registered & enjoy all that FORMED has to offer; you can also download it on Google Play or the AppStore! If you are having trouble registering, please call the rectory.

Other Events

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Monday, May 20th, 7:30 pm., D'Agnesé's at White Pond. Fr. Chris Zerucha, Pastor at St. Bernard and St. Mary Parishes will present "Clerics In Outer Space: 5 Epic Non-fiction Tales From The Vatican Observatory". Doors open at 7 pm. \$10 admission fee includes appetizers – cash bar available.

• **Divorced, Separated, and Widowed Catholics** is an ongoing support group to help those dealing with the loss of a spouse through death or separation/divorce. An open-ended meeting facilitated by a counseling professional takes place at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg., Cuy. Falls, on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. There is also a general meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month (not in summer) which usually includes a speaker. For more info call Marlene at 330-607-6284.