

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August
Month of
The Blessed
Sacrament

August 18, 2019
Twentieth 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 Aug 19	John Eudes, Priest	5:30 pm Dennis Kearns by the Altar & Rosary Society	Cline	Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22	
Tues Aug 20	Bernard, Abbott & Doctor			Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB
Wed Aug 21	Pius X, Pope	5:30 pm Chris McDonald by the Altar & Rosary Society	Cline	Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-6	
Thur Aug 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary			Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14	
Fri Aug 23	Rose of Lima, Virgin	5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Cline	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40	
Sat Aug 24	Bartholomew, Apostle	5:30 pm Jeanne Kovac by mother, Bea Clauss	Burkhart	Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Aug 25	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Amanda Mills by Barb. Medical Records Dept.	8:30 am Baker 11 am Compton	Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am - 5 pm.

Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

There were 3 Holy Hours made last week.

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:4

COLLECTION REPORT	Week Ending	
	July 28	Aug 4
Sunday Offering -	\$3,041.00	\$4,000.00
Holy Day -	55.00	100.00
Daily Offering -	414.00	585.00
Total	\$3,510.00	\$4,685.00
Weekly Budget to operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(435.00)	740.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	190.00	45.00
Capital Improvements -	25.00	10.00
Debt Reduction -	500.00	251.00
Other Gifts -	200.00	90.00
Envelopes used of 269 sent	67	87
104 households receiving bi-monthly Sunday Offertory envelopes have not used them in 2019		

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

Parish Pastoral Council - next Tuesday, Aug. 27th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Kenmore Community Meal - Our next meal will be served in Waldeisen Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 27th from 5 - 6:30 pm. Menu: Summer pasta (subject to change). Come enjoy, share fellowship. All are welcome.

The **Kenmore Free Store** will be closed Saturday, Aug. 31st for the Labor Day weekend. It will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

PSR - All public school students in grades 1-8, are required to attend PSR (Religion) classes. Classes are held at St. Augustine, Barberton. Call 330-745-1080 for updated fees & information.

Is Your Information Up to Date? If you haven't updated your records, particularly personal contact and emergency phone numbers, please contact the rectory at 330-753-8429 or email your information to ickenmore@yahoo.com.

Labor Day - The office will be closed Mon., Sept. 2nd; there will be no Holy Hours. Due to the shortened week, items for the Sept. 7/8 bulletin need to be submitted by Thurs., Aug. 29th.

History of Popes

#138 - Pope Gregory V - Pope from May 3, 996 – death, February 18, 999. Gregory V, born Bruno of Carinthia and the cousin of Emperor Otto III (himself just 16 years old at the time), was elected at the age of 23. He picked the name Gregory, probably to honor St. Gregory the Great and to hide his German birth name as he was the first of seven German-born popes in Church history. Otto was eager to restore the empire's greatness in Rome & was bitter about how Crescentius, the leader of Rome at the time, had mistreated Pope John XV. When Otto had to take a trip to Germany and left Gregory in charge, Crescentius took advantage of his absence, forced Gregory to flee to Lombardy and tried to elect his own pope. Otto rushed back as soon as he heard and had Crescentius publicly beheaded and his antipope, John, severely maimed (John lost his nose, ears, tongue & eyes). There's speculation that Gregory's untimely death in 999 was retaliation at the hands of Otto's opponents. Barely 25 years old at his death, Gregory was buried near the sacristy in St. Peter's Basilica, near Pope Pelagius. Despite his young age & short reign, he was known for being a well-educated, respectable man and a worthy pontiff who took his role seriously even while in exile in Lombardy. He held a council to help resolve disputes among Italian dioceses, excommunicated Crescentius & his antipope, and spoke out against the King of France for wishing to marry his own relative. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 998, St. Vladimir the Great, Grand Prince of Kiev, after exploring and researching the religions of the world, settled on Christianity as the official religion of Rus (which would become parts of Russia, Belarus & Ukraine). Apparently, Vladimir rejected Islam because of its prohibition on alcohol and pork having said about alcohol, "Drinking is the joy of all Rus. We cannot exist without that pleasure."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As the baptized we are disciples of Christ & stewards of the faith. There are so many false prophets out there who are trying to lure us away from our faith; people who are peddling philosophies and ideologies that conflict with the tenets of our faith and the Truth as given us by God. We must be vigilant and we must be willing to stand up for our faith. The Great Deceiver loves it when we compromise our beliefs, when we become lax in our prayer life & our worship. Might this cause conflict with family members and friends? Yes and Jesus tells us that in our Gospel. At baptism we were given a share in the joys of the resurrection and heaven, but we were also baptized into Christ's suffering and death. The cross is part of our life and we should rejoice in carrying it through difficult times. Lift high the cross, stand up for the Catholic faith, share it as faithful stewards and be vigilant against all that tries to destroy it.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kenmore Community Meal - A free community meal served in Waldeisen Hall on the last Tuesday of the month from 5 – 6:30 pm. **Ways to help:** in the kitchen, as a greeter or a server. Help keep costs down by donating requested items in the basket at the front entrance of the church. Requested items: creamed soups, canned tomatoes, dessert mixes, canned fruit, canned chicken, vegetables, beef broth/stock. Thank you!

In His Name – School supplies to be distributed to families in the Free Store and Food Pantry. Please place your items in the basket by the main doors!

OCC – The Operation Christmas Child collection isn't until November, but this is the perfect time to get school supplies for your boxes.

Masses - If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. There are only 14 Mass intentions available through the end of 2019.

The **Acme Cashback** program is in full swing! Be sure to place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

Bishop Robert Barron has written a book which addresses the abuse crisis in the Church, titled Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis and St. Augustine has shared some copies with us; they are available on the table at the back of the church. If we run out we will order more if needed. In conjunction with the book, Fr. David Majikas, Pastor, St. Augustine will lead a discussion group on Tues., Sept. 17th at 7 pm in the cafeteria. Pick up a copy, read it and share it with others. If you are going to the discussion group, please read the book prior to the meeting.

CareCards – Please keep them coming – they are greatly appreciated! To participate, purchase a card of encouragement or use one from the basket in the back of the church, add a short note and sign your name. Put the card into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket for completed cards. Please turn in cards for the September visits before Fri., Sept. 6th.

Other Events

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Aug. 19th, Tangier-Bistro Bar. Doors open at 7; speaker at 7:30. Fr. Matt Jordan will speak on "Apology to Millennials: How to Evangelize Teens and Young Adults". \$10 admission includes appetizers. Cash bar.

• **Caring and Sharing** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., Aug. 26th from 7:30-9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

• **Come & See Weekend Retreat:** All single Catholic women ages 18 to 45 are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Peace at the Motherhouse in Kentucky to learn more about contemporary religious life. Retreat begins at 5:30 pm on Fri., Sept. 13th & concludes at 1 pm on Sun., Sept. 14th. Call or text 440-248-7027 or email mdnguyen@oppeace.org.