

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August
Month of
The Blessed
Sacrament

August 25, 2019
Twenty-First 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 26		5:30 pm Fr. Edward Maher by Fr. Mike	Langton	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22	
Tues Aug 27	Monica			1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26	Free Store 4:30 pm - 7 pm SB Community Dinner 5 - 6:30 pm WH Parish Pastoral Council 7 pm HH
Wed Aug 28	Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Langton	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32	
Thur Aug 29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist			1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29	
Fri Aug 30		5:30 pm Martha Vanca by Lucy Redick	Langton	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13	
Sat Aug 31		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Burkhart	1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store Closed
Sun Sep 1	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Joseph & Ruth Buhalak by Family 11 am Chris McDonald by Irene & Norman Stubbs	8:30 am Brown Cline 11 am Ortscheid Ortscheid	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - 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.
*For as the heavens tower over the earth, so his mercy
towers over those who fear him. Psalm 103:12*

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

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

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending

	Aug 11	Aug 18
Sunday Offering -	\$4,000.00	3,504.00
Holy Day -	100.00	758.00
Daily Offering -	585.00	110.00
Total	\$4,685.00	\$4,372.00
Weekly Budget to operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	740.00	427.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	45.00	25.00
Capital Improvements -	10.00	
Debt Reduction -	251.00	93.00
Other Gifts -	90.00	
Envelopes used of 269 sent	87	67
104 households receiving bi-monthly Sunday Offertory envelopes have not used them in 2019		

AFE - Adult Faith Enrichment - Watch for information for our next exciting year of faith formation.

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.

Labor Day - Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am; Lector needed. 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

#139 – Pope Sylvester II - Pope from April 2, 999 – death, May 13, 1003. Sylvester was born Gerbert of Aurillac between 940 and 950 AD in the French region of Auvergne. Starting from a young age, he was well-known in both church and imperial circles for his education and intellect. He entered a French Benedictine monastery as a boy then went on to Spain where he intensely studied both mathematics & the natural sciences. He traveled to Rome with the pope's theological advisor, Bishop Hatto of Vich and gained the attention of Emperor Otto I. He was sent to Rheims where he would serve as a teacher at the cathedral school. He eventually assisted popes & emperors as a teacher, abbot, and bishop. He became Archbishop of Rheims in 991, but was removed from office over the deposition of his predecessor. Four years later, Pope Gregory V appointed him Archbishop of Ravenna. As pope, he took the name Sylvester II since he had been an advisor to Emperor Otto III just as Pope St. Sylvester I had been Constantine's advisor. He was a worthy pope who stressed things like making sure every bishop lived a holy life and that clergy were held responsible for the sins of simony and keeping concubines. Two of his key acts as pope included creating archbishoprics in Poland (Gnesen) and Hungary (Gran). A Roman uprising forced both Otto III & Sylvester to flee to Ravenna for a time, but the pope was able to return to Rome before his death. Sylvester II is credited with introducing the abacus, decimal system & Arabic numerals (the ones we still use today) into the Latin world, as well as bringing a richer understanding of Aristotle's philosophy to the West. While in Rheims, Sylvester apparently built a hydraulic-powered organ with brass pipes and made significant advances for the Christian world in the field of astronomy. He was the first French pope in history; to date there have been 17 French popes, including seven in a row during what's known as the "Avignon Papacy" (when the pope lived in Avignon, France instead of Rome). What else was going on in the world at the time? Around the year 1000, the oldest-known wine business that's still in operation was founded at France's Chateau de Goulaine. It is believed to be the third-oldest commercial operation in existence & the oldest European-owned family business in history.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We are faced with division, in our families, communities, nation & the world. In our first reading, Isaiah writes, "Thus says Lord: I know their works & their thoughts and I come to gather nations of every language: they shall come and see my glory." God calls all people to himself, but are we listening? Do we worship the God of the universe or the gods of money, material things and relativism? Is our worship sincere or are we just going through the motions? Jesus makes it clear that just going through the motions isn't going to cut it, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." As stewards of the faith we need to be setting an example for others. We need to share stories of our faith, what Jesus means to us and the importance of the role of the Church in our lives. We can not afford to compromise our faith for if we do the picture is not pleasant, "...there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" if we find ourselves on the outside looking in. Let us pray for greater faith & the courage to share it for it is the way to peace, harmony, unity and love, the source of which is God.

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!

The **Acme Cashback** program is in full swing! Place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Check the list of needed items for the community meal & help both the meal and the parish.

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.

Bishop Robert Barron has written a book addressing the abuse crisis in the Church, titled Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis and copies are available on the table at the back of the church. 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

- **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. For information call Marlene at 330-607-6284.
- **Married Couples Get-Away Weekend:** How would you like to learn more about your spouse and God on the same weekend? A Marriage Encounter Weekend can do that for you! The fall weekend is just around the corner, so make plans now to attend; October 11-13 at the Homewood Suites in Solon. Call Jack and Fran at 330-305-9963 or visit GreatMarriagesOhio.org for info or to sign up.