

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



**November 24, 2019**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

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 Nov 25		5:30 pm <b>Thomas B. Smith</b> by Fr. Mike	Keegan	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4	
Tues Nov 26				Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11	<b>Free Store Closed</b> <b>KMA Thanksgiving Dinner</b> 5 - 7 pm <b>Community Center</b>
Wed Nov 27	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm <b>Vicky Franz</b> by Franz Family	Keegan	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19	
Thur Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day	9:30 am <b>Dick &amp; Ann Blondin</b> by M/M Joe Langton	Keegan	Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28	<b>Blessing of Food</b> <b>Rectory Closed</b> <b>No Food Pantry</b>
Fri Nov 29		5:30 pm <b>Clifford Paul Wincki</b> by Fr. Mike	Keegan	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33	<b>Rectory Closed</b>
Sat Nov 30	Andrew, Apostle	5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	5:30 pm Cline	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am <b>CH</b> <b>Free Store Closed</b>
Sun Dec 1	First Sunday of Advent	8:30 am <b>Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Altar &amp; Rosary Society</b> 11 am <b>Chris McDonald</b> by Irene & Norman Stubbs	8:30 am Baker 11 am Wilson	Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44	

## 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.  
 May the Lord give might to his people; may the Lord bless  
 his people with peace! Psalm 29:11

## COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Nov 10	Nov 17
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$3,524.00	\$2,880.42
<b>Daily Offering -</b>	\$304.00	\$60.00
<b>Holy Day -</b>	\$20.00	\$15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,848.00</b>	<b>\$2,955.42</b>
<b>Weekly Budget for operating costs</b>	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$97.00)</b>	<b>(\$989.58)</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul -</b>	\$20.00	\$45.00
<b>Capital Improvement -</b>	\$1,310.00	\$31.00
<b>Other Gifts -</b>	\$5,100.00	
Envs used of 260 sent	91	72
96 households receiving envelopes have not used them in 2019.		

**Thank you!** Due to your generosity our parish exceeded its goal for the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal! If you didn't have a chance to participate or would like to give more, go to [www.catholiccommunity.org/2019appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2019appeal) or call 800-869-6525, ext. 1910.

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

- **KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner** - Kenmore Community Center, Tues., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 pm. Invite friends, family & neighbors. Take-out available so pick up a meal for someone shut-in or unable to come.
- **Kenmore Free Store** will be closed Tues., Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and Sat., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- **Thanksgiving Day** – Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am & will include the blessing of food. Come, give thanks for all God has done for you and bring something from your meal to be blessed thereby blessing your meal and those who gather at your table. The rectory and the food pantry will be closed. The rectory will also be closed on Friday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **AFE** – Thurs., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Topic: Faith of our Fathers: In Search of the English Martyrs. All are welcome.
- **Altar & Rosary Society Dinner** – Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Menu: broccoli cheese soup, turkey & swiss sandwiches, salad, Gardner pies. RSVP to Lorie at 330-322-7414 by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring bar soap and toothpaste for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.
- **O Come All Ye Faithful** to decorate our church for Christmas on Tues., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass. Next month, due to Christmas, the Anointing of the Sick will be on Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass.**

## History of Popes

**#154 – Pope Stephen IX** - Pope from Aug. 13, 1057 – death, Mar. 29, 1058. Born around 1020, Frederick of Lorraine was a member of the nobility and brother to the powerful and feared Duke Godfrey of Lower Lorraine. Frederick had been appointed abbot of the Monte Cassino Monastery by St. Leo IX. Frederick became Pope Stephen IX as a result of both his family ties and status within the Church. Though nepotism seemed to be a factor, he was dedicated to reform of the Church and was actually a pretty solid pope. He elevated St. Peter Damian, a doctor of the Church and reforming Benedictine monk, to the rank of cardinal-bishop, assigning him to serve in Ostia. Peter was reportedly so moved by the importance of his new office that he wrote a letter to his brother bishops & cardinals exhorting them to be pillars of integrity & holiness. Pope Stephen was a key part in pushing reforms to papal elections, even in death. One of the acts in his papacy was sending Hildebrand, a key advisor and the future Pope Gregory VII, to visit the empress & have his election reform ratified by the imperial court. As part of this, Stephen made the Romans swear that no papal election would be held until Hildebrand returned. The Romans failed to honor their promise after Stephen's death, which is why the man they elected, Benedict X, is considered an antipope. Stephen was buried in the Church of St. Reparata, the former cathedral of Florence, Italy. What else was going on in the world at the time? 1058 is most likely the year in which Godfrey de Bouillon, a Frankish knight and a key leader in the First Crusade, was born.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This King was born in a food trough & learned the carpenter trade. He healed the sick, spoke Truth into people's hearts, forgave sins, worked miracles, fed thousands, walked on water, was betrayed, falsely accused, brutally beaten, ridiculed and crucified. Three days after His death, He rose and opened the gates of heaven for all believers. The question we need to ask ourselves is: Who is my King? It might be money, drugs, work, ambition, secularism, alcohol, ego, power, peer pressure. Jesus, King of the Universe, suffered torture and death out of love for us. He is the only king we, as Christians acknowledge. The next question each of us should ask ourselves is: Do I give as much attention to the King of the Universe as I do the things of this world? Thirdly: Who do I serve, worldly possessions or Jesus, my King? As our readings have been reminding us, we do not know the day or hour we'll be called home. Let us long to hear these words from Jesus, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner** –The dinner will be held this Tues., Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at the Kenmore Community Center. **Turkeys** – Cline (2), Swain; **Desserts** – Vanca, Sboray, Osolin, Kovalchin, Keegan, need more; **Shifts** - 2:30 – 4:30 pm: Baker, 4:30 – 5:30 pm: Brown, Osolins, 5:30 – 6:30 pm: Roegers, L. Wilson, S. Wilson, Lanays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm: open and 7 pm and beyond: open. To donate or sign up for a shift, please call the rectory – all shifts are open.

**Holiday on the Blvd** - Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, Waldeisen Hall. Needed: help with the various activities, help in the kitchen, Cookie Elves and Snack Pack treats. The event lasts from 11 am – 3 pm so come and lend a hand for all or part of the day – we need you.

**Free Store** – We are so grateful for all the donations, but we are also overwhelmed! Won't you consider joining with other parishioners and friends to help sort items? Your stewardship will be greatly appreciated.

**Adventures in Home Safety!** The Fire Marshall has completed inspection of our church, rectory, covent & school buildings. We are required to install illuminated "EXIT" signs at the doors of the church, create dedicated electrical lines for the rectory copy room and in the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry storage room. "Wishing Well" contribution baskets are at the doors of the church to help cover this unanticipated maintenance expense. Please be generous.

**CareCards** – Please keep them coming! To participate, purchase cards of encouragement or use one from the basket in the back of the church, add a short note and sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket for completed cards. Please turn in cards for the December visits by the end of November.

**Liturgical Ministers** are needed for the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Mass and for all Christmas Masses. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship.

**Acme Cashback** - Please place all Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church.

### Catholic Faith Network debuts on Spectrum

**Cable** - Subscribers to Spectrum Cable are able to view a new channel, Catholic Faith Network. CFN will be located on Spectrum channels 381 and 1381.

**Thank you to Charlie Wilson & Parish Activities**  
for hosting a fun Game Night!

### Other Events

• **Caring and Sharing Session** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Mon., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building. Bob Bender, deacon at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Akron, will facilitate. This free event is open to people of all faiths. For info call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

• **Advent Retreats For Women:** An Advent Day of Reflection on Dec. 9 and an Advent Evening of Reflection on Dec. 17. Join us for a simple supper, spiritual fellowship & sharing as we spend time in quiet prayer with scripture in the spirit of St. Ignatius, as the Creator deals with each of us. Call 330-896-2315 or visit [www.loyolaretreathouse.com](http://www.loyolaretreathouse.com) for more information and to register for these retreats.