

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

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 Dec 2		5:30 pm Ralph & Ina Keegan by Melissa Keegan	Morgan	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11	
Tues Dec 3	Francis Xavier, Priest			Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Dec 4	John Damascene, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm Chris McDonald by Kelly, Jerome & Bert	Morgan	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	Contemporary Choir 6:45 pm CH
Thur Dec 5				Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	Adult Faith Enrichment 7 - 9 pm WH
Fri Dec 6	Nicholas, Bishop	5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Morgan	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	
Sat Dec 7	Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm People of the Parish	5:30 pm Ortscheid Ortscheid	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 - Noon SB
	Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Joseph Buhalak by Family	8:30 am Baker	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9;	
Sun Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of Mary (Our Feast Day) Holy Day Mass on Dec. 9	11 am Vicky Franz by Franz Family	11 am Wilson	Mt 3:1-12	

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.

So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. Mt 24: 44

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>Nov 17</i>	
Sunday Offering -	\$2,880.42	Due to the
Daily Offering -	\$60.00	Thanksgiving
Holy Day -	\$15.00	Holiday the
Total	\$2,955.42	collection
Weekly Budget for operating costs	\$3,945.00	report for this week will
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$989.58)	appear in
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$45.00	next week's
Capital Improvement -	\$31.00	bulletin.
Envs used of 260 sent	72	
96 households receiving envelopes have not used them in 2019.		

Giant THANKS to all who helped with the KMA Community Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you to our turkey cookers, those who pitched in to work a shift and those who donated desserts. Your efforts made hundreds of people feel special and cared about. Thank you for being Christ to others.

➤ **AFE - This Thurs., Dec. 5th.** Topic: Faith of our Fathers: In Search of the English Martyrs. All are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

➤ **Holiday on the Blvd - Sat., Dec. 7th, 11 am - 3 pm,** Waldeisen Hall. Come share the Advent spirit while building up our Kenmore community. Bring family and friends to enjoy snacks, games & activities. If you'd like to lend a hand, see Stewardship Opportunities on the next page. IC Spirit - catch it!

➤ **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,** our parish feast day, falls on a Sunday this year so the holy day of obligation has been dispensed. We will observe this special day at the 5:30 pm Mass on Mon., Dec. 9th and we invite you all to come, wear blue to honor Mary and give thanks to our Blessed Mother for her intercession on behalf of her children at I.C.

➤ **Altar & Rosary Society Dinner - Tues., Dec. 10th,** 6 pm, Hitch Hall. Menu: broccoli cheese soup, turkey & swiss sandwiches, salad, Gardner pies. RSVP to Lorie at 330-322-7414 by Dec. 8th. Please bring bar soap & toothpaste for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

➤ **O Come All Ye Faithful** to decorate our church for Christmas on Tues., Dec. 17th at 6:30 pm.

For all things Advent - be sure to pick up a copy of **Journey Through Advent** at the doors of the church.

History of Popes

#155 – Pope Nicholas II - Pope from Jan. 24, 1059 – death, July 27, 1061. Gerhard of Burgundy was born in Chevron, a town in southeast France, before the turn of the century. Gerhard was well-established as the Bishop of Florence by the time he was chosen to succeed Stephen by the Church's reform leaders - Hildebrand (St. Gregory VII), Humbert, and St. Peter Damian who had fled to Florence to avoid the ambitious Roman nobility who had broken a promise to Stephen IX and surreptitiously elected an antipope, Benedict X. With a new alliance with Norman princes, Gerhard was able to overthrow Benedict X and his supporters once and for all, taking the name Nicholas. As pope, he was best known for holding a landmark council in the Lateran Palace to thwart the Roman nobility's power during papal elections going forward. The council was successful thanks to a decade of reforming popes who placed worthy men in high offices. The election decree and its subsequent papal bull *In Nomine Domini* ("In the Name of the Lord") basically said that cardinal-bishops alone could nominate and elect a pope. Though the Roman clergy, other cardinals, and the emperor still had rights of confirmation -- allowing them to veto any bad choices -- this reform successfully kept the selection of popes within the confines of the Church from then on. This decision to make only the cardinal-bishops able to elect a pope (freezing out the cardinal-priests and cardinal-deacons) was a unique one that wouldn't last long. By the year 1100, all three levels of the cardinalate were able to elect popes once again, effectively forming the College of Cardinals that still elects popes to this day. Upon his death, he was buried at St. Reparata in Florence. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 1060, the great St. Anselm entered a Benedictine monastery as a novice.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Happy New Year of Grace! This weekend we enter the season of Advent, a time of waiting which has a two-fold character as defined by *The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*: "a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation." We have a new year to witness to our faith, invite the lost home, do something that will help us grow in faith, change behaviors and attitudes that are not of God, make our worship more sincere and our prayer life more alive, share our stewardship of time, talent and treasure joyfully and do it all for the glory of God! What will you do?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday on the Blvd - Sat., Dec. 7th, Waldeisen Hall. Needed: help with the various activities, help in the kitchen, Cookie Elves & Snack Pack treats. Cookies & treats may be dropped off in Waldeisen that day after 10 am. The event lasts from 11 am – 3 pm so come & lend a hand for all or part of the day – we need you.

Free Store – 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, convent & 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 main doors of the church and the door nearest the parking lot to help cover this unanticipated maintenance expense. Please be generous.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for all Christmas liturgies. Please see Melissa or call the rectory to share your stewardship. We will also need liturgical ministers on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st when we observe the Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day.

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

Bambinelli Sunday - On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & their families gather in St. Peter's Square for a special papal blessing of the Christ Child, "Bambinelli," figure from their Nativity scene. We invite all households to bring their Bambinelli to Mass the weekend of December 14 & 15 for a special blessing.

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.

*Due to Christmas and New Year's, the **Anointing of the Sick** for December will be on Mon., Dec. 23rd at the 5:30 pm Mass.*

SVdP Food Pantry – November report: we provided food for 195 people in 58 households.

Advent Reading – Stop by our library in Hitch Hall during the week, before or after Mass or see books available for check-out on the tables by the main doors.

Other Events

• **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 for more information and to register for these retreats.

• **Right to Life Open House**: Thurs., Dec. 5th, 4 – 8 pm, Right to Life of Northeast Ohio 572 W. Market St. Ste 2. Please bring a pack of diapers or a can of formula. Donations of new or used clothing up to size 4T are always appreciated.

• **Grief Support Group**: Sun., Dec. 15th 3 - 4 pm; Holy Cross Cemetery main office. The topic for December is: Emmanuel/God With Us: You are Not Alone. If you are interested in participating in our Grief Support Groups, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866. A reservation is not required, but is appreciated.