

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 22, 2019
Fourth 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 23	John of Kanty, Priest Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Jerry Hardesty by Family	Keegan	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66	
Tues Dec 24	Christmas Eve	5:30 pm Frank C. Smith by Fr. Mike 10 pm Charles Wilson by the Wilson Family		Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14	
Wed Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord	***10 am*** Vicky Franz by the Franz Family		Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20	
Thur Dec 26	Stephen, The First Martyr			Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22	Rectory Closed No Food Pantry
Fri Dec 27	John, Apostle & Evangelist	5:30 pm Thomas Kreeger by the Kreeger Family	Keegan	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8;	
Sat Dec 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	5:30 pm People of the Parish	5:30 pm Ortscheid Ortscheid	1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18	Confessions 9 – 10 am CH Free Store Closed
Sun Dec 29	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:30 am Karen Hardesty by Family 11 am Chris McDonald by Irene & Norman Stubbs	8:30 am Baker 11 am Wilson	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	

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.
*Let them praise your great & awesome name:
Holy is he. Ps 99:5*

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Dec 8	Dec 15
Sunday Offering -	\$3,199.00	\$3,789.00
Daily Offering -	\$412.00	\$1,120.00
Christmas -	--	\$535.00
Holy Day -	\$877.00	\$74.00
Total	\$4,488.00	\$5,518.00

Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$543.00	\$1,573.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$55.00	\$5.00
Capital Improvement -	\$10.00	\$245.53
Debt Reduction -	\$162.00	\$125.00
Religious Retirement	\$204.00	\$80.00
Other Gifts -	\$569.34	\$2,245.53
Envs used of 260 sent	70	75
95 households receiving envelopes have not used them in 2019.		

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

- The **Free Store** will be closed Tues., Dec. 24th, Sat., Dec. 28th and Tues, Dec. 31st.
- The **Rectory** will close at noon on Tues., Dec. 24th and Tues., Dec. 31st and will be closed Dec. 25th & 26th as well as Jan. 1st.
- **Christmas Morning** – 10 am Mass – The choir will begin pre-Mass music at 9:45 am.
- The **Food Pantry** will be closed Thursdays, Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd.
- **Holy Day** - Jan. 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Masses will be celebrated on Tues., Dec. 31st at 5:30 pm and Wed., Jan. 1st at 10 am. Wear something blue to honor our Blessed Mother.

Huge Thanks from the Altar & Rosary Society to all who helped make last month's bake sale a success!

Early Bulletin Deadlines - Items for the bulletin need to be submitted at least 10 days before the bulletin is to be distributed. Items for the Jan. 5th bulletin must be submitted to the rectory before Thurs., Dec. 26th.

*Due to Christmas & New Year's Day, the **Anointing of the Sick** for December will be **this Mon., Dec. 23^d** at the 5:30 pm Mass.*

Advent Reflection

Today's reflection is from *Everyday Stewardship Advent Reflections for the 2016 Season*. "The name Emmanuel means, 'God is with us.' This is a title we use for Jesus frequently during the Advent & Christmas season, but its impact should stay with us throughout the year. The Incarnation, God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ, broke into our world in a profound manner that means that God is not only with, God is us. The relationship offered to us by God is now more intimate & meaningful because of the birth of Jesus Christ. God is truly with us & our goal is to be truly present to him throughout our day. To be prayerful, a characteristic of an Everyday Steward, means more than reciting prayers and setting aside ten minutes a day. Our goal is to experience the presence of God throughout the day in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of living. When we begin to sense God's presence at all times & we realize that being with God does not mean one of us has to be talking all the time, then we can truly attest to our reality in a quiet voice at any time, 'Emmanuel, God is with us'."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The Christ has come, Alleluia! We joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, the Word made flesh, the second person of the Holy Trinity, our Redeemer and Savior, the greatest Gift ever given, the greatest Gift ever received. How do we show our gratitude for this precious Gift; "Thank you" seems so inadequate. This Gift came to earth to save us from our sin, to teach us about the Father and to show us the Father's love. The Gift, Jesus loved us so much that He went to the cross for us that we might have life everlasting; "Thank you" seems so lacking, insufficient and impersonal. Jesus gave of himself and the best way to show our gratitude is to give of ourselves to God and to others. We do this by freely sharing our time in prayer, worship at Mass, spiritual reading and reflection; talent by using the gifts and talents God gave us to help our parish, the Church, our community; treasure by giving of our first-fruits to help the parish continue ministry, helping those in need both monetarily and through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Kenmore Free Store, Catholic Charities and more. As we open our Christmas presents, let us remember and re-dedicate our lives to The Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Free Store – Consider helping others by sorting items for the store. Your stewardship is 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.

In His Name – We are collecting new warm socks for the homeless through **Project Hope** at Hoban High School. Toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Acme Cashback – All receipts **MUST** be turned in by December 28th so be sure to drop them in the baskets by the church doors.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for all Christmas liturgies. Please see Melissa or call the rectory to share your stewardship:

Christmas Eve 5:30 pm – Lector: Cole, EMHC: M. & C. Gruic, **need**; Servers: **need**; Mins. of Hosp.: **need**.

Christmas Eve 10 pm – Lector: Langton; EMHC: J. & C. Eggert, J. & J. Osolin, **need**; Servers: Morgan, Keegan, Langton; Mins. of Hosp. Eggert, J. & P. January, **need**.

Christmas Day 10 am – Lector: Lackney; EMHC: Compton, DeVoe, **need**; Servers: Baker, **need**; Mins. of Hosp.: **need**.

Holy Day – Mother of God: - Dec. 31 5:30 pm & Jan. 1 10 am – **need everything**.

Please do not presume someone else will do the ministry – step forward.

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. Please turn in cards for the next visit by the end of this month.

Is the weather keeping you home? Please remember: you can stay updated on what's going by viewing the bulletin at ickenmore.org. Also, be a good steward & continue to send in your envelopes.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our parish and hope to see you again!

Additional Christmas Greeting

Peace & Christmas blessings to your Family – Tom & Eileen Clark

Other Events

Caring and Sharing for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Mon., Dec. 23rd from 7:30-9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg. For information, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

RETROUVAILLE: Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Already separated or divorced, but both of you want to try again? Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, may help. The program consists of a weekend experience for couples & six follow up sessions; it is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. A registration fee of \$150 is required.

For info or to register, please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.