

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 19, 2020
Second 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 Jan 20	Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Sebastian, Martyr	5:30 pm G.J. Caruso by Family	Langton	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22	
Tues Jan 21	Agnes, Virgin & Martyr			1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Jan 22	Vincent, Deacon & Martyr	5:30 pm Craig Rediger by Altar & Rosary Society	Langton	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6	Contemporary Choir 6 :45 pm CH
Thur Jan 23	Marianne Cope, Virgin			1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12	
Fri Jan 24	Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Katy Considine Williams by Jim & Ann Considine	Langton	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19	
Sat Jan 25	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle	5:30 pm People of the Parish	5:30 pm Wilson	Acts 22:3-6 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Jan 26	Third Sunday In Ordinary Time	8:30 am Carl Baker by John & Karen Sboray 11 am Chris McDonald by Paul & Jackie Heilman	8:30 am Cline 11 am Hamilton	Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

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

Start something new in 2020 - Come spend an hour each week reading & reflecting in the presence of our Lord. Please come to the rectory for entry to the church.

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Jan 5	Jan 12
Sunday Offering -	\$2,795.92	\$2,949.00
Daily Offering -	\$220.00	\$200.00
Christmas -	\$2,245.00	
Holy Day -	\$1,252.00	\$5.00
Total	\$6,512.92	\$3,154.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$2,567.92	(\$791.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$285.00	\$18.00
Capital Improvement -	\$340.10	\$210.00
Debt Reduction -		\$40.00
El Salvador, Nat. Amer	\$35.00	\$65.00
Other Gifts -	\$11,000.00	
Envs used of 260 sent	73	74
95 households receiving envelopes have not used them in 2020		

To receive your 2019 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

• **Kenmore Community Meal** is back! After taking Christmas and New Year's Eves off we are back on schedule. The next free meal will be served on Tues., Jan. 28th from 5 - 6:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and join us for a delicious meal.

• **Pre-Baptism Class** - The next class will be held Wed., Jan. 29th in the St. Augustine Rectory at 7 pm. This class is required for all parents seeking baptism for their children.

• **World Marriage Day** is February 9th; please turn your forms in by noon on Thurs., Feb. 6th to participate.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 16th and find your favorite soup and chili recipes because the **Soup & Chili Supper** is coming! Watch the bulletin for more information.

Acme Cashback - Qualifying receipts can be turned in until Jan. 31st. Every receipt helps! Thanks!

Masses - If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. We are currently scheduling for 2020 and many dates have already been filled.

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

History of Popes

#158 – Blessed Pope Victor III - Pope from May 24, 1086 – death, September 16, 1087. Desiderius, Prince of Benevento, was born around the year 1026, the only son of Prince Landulf V. Desiderius, inclined to a life as a hermit and monk successfully avoided two arranged marriages and entered the monastery of Monte Cassino. He succeeded Abbot Frederick when the latter was elected Pope Stephen IX. He became renowned as the greatest abbot the monastery had seen since St. Benedict himself. After the situation with St. Gregory VII, which had caused a division with the Normans and an antipope, Desiderius's status as both Abbot of Monte Cassino & an experienced diplomat made him the obvious choice. Desiderius sought to avoid election as pope, preferring to serve the church out of the spotlight. He first fled to Monte Cassino in the Fall of 1085, making the electors swear to not elect him or he would not return to Rome. He threatened to flee again at Easter 1086. He actually did leave after being forcibly elected & given the name "Victor" nearly a year after Gregory's death. Finally taking office on May 24, 1086, Victor had little time or energy to do much. It's said that Victor was hardly able to make it through an entire Mass during his time as pope due to ill health. He's credited with authoring a work on the miracles of St. Benedict and other saints. Upon his death he was buried in the abbey he called home for nearly 30 years. It took nearly eight centuries for him to be declared a "Blessed." Pope Leo XIII, in a ceremony on July 23, 1887, beatified the holy abbot and pontiff almost 800 years after his death. What else was going on in the world at the time? The Normans were able to recapture Sicily from the Muslim army after conquering Syracuse, the final Islamic stronghold there, in 1086.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Last week we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord and gave us the opportunity to reflect on our own baptisms. Today we read about people called by God. The servant in the reading from Isaiah writes about being formed by God in the womb as His servant. St. Paul also writes about being called by God - both have chosen to dedicate their lives to God and abide by God's will. What about you? At baptism, you were called by God and given unique and individual spiritual gifts to be used to build up the Body of Christ. How are you using them to do God's work in your life? Like John the Baptist, we are called to make Jesus known in our world – the world of family and neighborhood, school and work. The refrain from the Psalm reads, "Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will." Let us reflect this week about our call, our gifts and willingness to share our stewardship with the Church and then say to God – Here I am! I am willing to do your will and share my time, talent and treasures to further the mission of Jesus and build up the Body of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Adventures in Home Safety! After some adjustments and excluding contributions you have already made toward funding these projects, here is the list of maintenance project for the beginning of this year: Exit signs at doors of the church nave, replacement of light fixture over baptismal font by J.W. DiDado Electric - \$5426.00. Repairs to furnace in school building by "K" Company - \$2080.00. Replacing phone system on the parish property by RayTec - \$3455.00. Replacement parts for furnace in the church by Temperature Control - \$3035.00. Estimated total to date is \$13,996.00 Please make use of your "Capital Improvements" envelopes to help meet these expenses. With thanks for your most generous support - **Fr. Mike**

Church Housekeeping – We are in need of 2 more people to clean the church once a month. Please call 330-825-5949 to help.

Snow Removal – We need able-bodied men, women and students to help with snow removal when needed. Call the rectory to let us know when you are available – early morning, morning, afternoon, early evening. Thank you!

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.

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

Other Events

- **Human Trafficking Happens Here Too:** A presentation by the Summit County Collaborative Against HT on Sat., Jan. 25th at the Akron Public Library from 9 am to 2 pm. Free parking, admission and refreshments.
- **News from AM 1260 The Rock:** 5th Anniversary Open House – Thurs., Jan. 30th from 4-7 pm. Light refreshments will be served & expect a few surprises. Also **AM 1260 The Rock is hiring!** We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team as a Community Outreach Coordinator. More info and application details for this part-time position can be found at www.am1260therock.com
- **2020 (2nd Annual) Young Catholic Men's Conference:** Feb. 1st, Center for Pastoral Leadership. Bishop Nelson Perez & former NFL Superbowl quarterback Elvis Grbak will speak. Teens will choose breakout sessions on a variety of topics to help them grow in Catholic manhood. There will also be presentations specifically for dads/mentors. Included are meals; Mass, Confession and a variety of sports/activities. For info, visit <https://www.ycmc.us>.
- **32nd Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction and Raffle:** Thurs., Mar. 5th, Guy's Party Centre. Cost is \$25. Reservations due by Feb. 14th. Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC and mail to Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave, Munroe Falls OH 44262. Include your name, address & phone number. For more info, visit ccdocle.org/summit-county/womens-board/luncheon. Proceeds benefit the programs of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County.