

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February  
Month of  
The Holy  
Family



February 9, 2020  
Fifth 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 Feb 10	Scholastica, Virgin	5:30 pm <b>Roger Caseday</b> by Altar & Rosary Society	Cline	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56	
Tues Feb 11	Our Lady of Lourdes			1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13	<b>Free Store</b> 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Feb 12		5:30 pm <b>Mona McLaughlin</b> by Jim McLaughlin	Cline	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23	<b>Contemporary Choir</b> 6 :45 pm CH
Thur Feb 13				1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30	
Fri Feb 14	Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop	5:30 pm <b>Carol Schimmoeller</b> by Sandy Mason	Cline	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12-19; Mk 7:31-37	
Sat Feb 15		5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	5:30 pm Morgan	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH <b>Free Store</b> 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Feb 16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>Carl Baker</b> by Joe & Beth Langton 11 am <b>Chris McDonald</b> by Betty Geddes	8:30 am Brown 11 am Compton	Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37	<b>Soup for the Soul</b> Noon - 2 pm WH

## 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 26	Feb 2
Sunday Offering -	\$2,659.00	\$3,800.00
Daily Offering -	\$498.00	\$212.00
Holy Day -	\$10.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,167.00</b>	<b>\$4,012.00</b>

Weekly Budget		
<b>operating costs</b>	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$778.00)</b>	<b>67.00</b>

St. Vincent de Paul -	\$30.00	\$230.00
Capital Improvement -	\$685.00	\$150.00
Debt Reduction -	\$15.00	\$325.00
El Salvador, Nat. Amer	\$67.00	
Other Gifts -	\$50.00	\$50.00
Envs used of 257 sent	66	80

149 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.

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

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

•**Soup for the Soul** - Be sure to join us next Sunday from 12 - 2 pm for this family-friendly, free, fun event. If you'd like to bring a dessert, bread or crackers to share with others that would be wonderful! The opportunity to help through a Free Will Offering will be available. We have great cooks and bakers in the parish so don't miss out!

•**Ash Wednesday** - Lent begins on February 26<sup>th</sup> and this year we will have 2 Masses at which ashes will be distributed: 9:30 am & 5:30 pm. Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers will be needed so call the rectory to share your stewardship.

•**Kenmore Community Meal** - Our next meal will be served on Tues., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and will have a Mardi Gras theme as it's the day before Ash Wednesday! If you missed January's meal - it was delicious so make plans to join us to celebrate Mardi Gras.

**Visiting another parish or bad weather keeping you home?** Stay up to date on what's happening here by reading the bulletin online at [www.ickenmore.org](http://www.ickenmore.org). Please remember: be a good steward and continue to send in your envelopes.

## Family News Corner

Congratulations to Danny & Abby Brewer on making the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll at Hoban High School! Great job!

## History of Popes

**#161 – Pope Gelasius II** - Pope from January 24, 1118 – death, January 29, 1119. John of Gaeta was born in Gaeta, Italy. He served as a monk at Monte Cassino and was brought to Rome as a subdeacon by Blessed Pope Urban II. He was ordained a deacon in 1088 and was appointed the chancellor of the Holy Roman Church in 1089. He was supposedly jailed with Pope Paschal II and defended him against charges of heresy. He was unanimously chosen to succeed Paschal and it's thought that he chose his name Gelasius to make a statement as St. Gelasius I, six centuries earlier, had proposed a theory known as *Duo sunt* ("two swords") where 'royal power' lay with the emperor and 'priestly power' was a right of the pope. The emperor's supporter Cencius II Frangipani immediately seized him, but his Roman compatriots rallied and he was liberated soon thereafter. As pope, Gelasius was best known for enduring what's been called "one long martyrdom" in the Church's effort to put the Investiture Controversy -- where kings wanted to appoint bishops without Church interference -- to an end once and for all. Emperor Henry V was still disgruntled that Pope Paschal II had revoked his permission to invest new bishops. Threatened by the emperor, Gelasius fled to his hometown of Gaeta, and not only ignored Henry's demands that he come back to Rome, but also excommunicated him when the emperor elevated an antipope (Gregory VIII) in retaliation. Eric John writes that Gelasius' service was the "last sacrifice in the struggle against lay investiture". What else was going on in the world at the time? The great St. Thomas Becket, English martyr and Archbishop of Canterbury, was born December 21, 1118. He was elevated to the archbishop's chair in 1162 and was martyred by associates of King Henry II, four days after Christmas, in 1170.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our readings, we have powerful images of what the life of a disciple/steward should look like. Jesus reminds us that we are the salt of the earth – we can flavor our world by the things we do and how we do them. We don't have to do huge, gigantic things, we can do smaller things with love; it's just important that we do them. Jesus reminds us we are the light of the world – the things we do with love bring joy, hope and light to people and situations that, for whatever reason, are filled with despair and hopelessness and when we all act as light, it can be seen far and wide – like a city on a hill. Some examples of how we do this at IC are the Kenmore Free Store, the Kenmore Community Meal, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, In His Name collections & the Kenmore Community Garden. Each of these brings light and hope to others and helps to fulfill what is laid out for us in the first reading: "share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked when you see them and do not turn your back on your own." How well are you living this out? It's not about you – never has been, never will be. It's all about serving God and others by living Gospel values. Jesus tells us, "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let's take off the lampshades, share our stewardship, make Kenmore a city on a hill that gives glory & honor to God.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**Kenmore Free Store 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report** – Volunteer hours – 1,719 (5,926 for 2019). New households for the quarter – 92 representing 237 people. Total households who shopped in the quarter – 692 representing 6,193 people. Total items "purchased" in the quarters – 14,596 along with hundreds of Christmas items. Break down: clothing – 8,750; shoes – 494; coats – 746; furniture – 9; toys – 879; kitchen items – 634; household – 896; specials – 2,188. The store makes a huge, positive impact on the lives of our friends and neighbors – please consider joining the team!

**Masses** – We're currently scheduling for 2020 & many dates have already been filled. Please call the rectory if you'd like to schedule a Mass. the stipend is \$10. ***If you are paying for a Mass through the collection, please place the payment in a clearly marked envelope to ensure it is properly credited.***

## Other Events

- **Divorced, Separated & Widowed Catholics:** Mon., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building. The speaker is Ebenezer Appiagyei, an Immigration Staff Attorney at the International Institute of Akron. He will give an overview of the services they offer. For more information call Marlene at 330-607-6284.
- **How to Be Open to the Work of the Holy Spirit:** Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, St. Sebastian, Akron. Presentation by Fr. Jacques Philippe followed by a meet & greet in Zwislser Hall.
- **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, Tangier - Bistro Bar, Akron. \$10 admission includes appetizers at 7 pm. Cash bar. Speaker begins at 7:30. Fr. Anthony Simone will address "Righteous Anger: Is it Possible... For Us?" Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish.
- **Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference:** Fri. & Sat., Mar. 6 & 7, CPL, Wickliffe. Hosted by the Catholic Renewal Ministries. Discounted registration ends Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration closes Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Call CRM at 440-944-9445, or email [CRMUnboundConference@gmail.com](mailto:CRMUnboundConference@gmail.com) or visit [crmweb.org](http://crmweb.org) for more info.