

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

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 Mar 9	Frances of Rome, Religious	5:30 pm Rosemary Toth by Altar & Rosary Society	Compton	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Mar 10				Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH
Wed Mar 11		5 - 8 pm Evening of Confession No Mass		Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	
Thur Mar 12				Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	
Fri Mar 13		5:30 pm Shirley Kissner by Family & Friends	Compton	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 14		5:30 pm People of the Parish	5:30 pm Burkhart	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Mar 15	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Don White, Sr. by the Novitsky Family 11 am Sr. Justine Sendelbach by the McDonald Family	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Hours: Mon. & Tues. 9 am – 5 pm.

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	Feb 23	Mar 1
Sunday Offering -	\$2,805.00	\$3,717.00
Daily Offering -	\$119.00	\$467.00
Total	\$2,924.00	\$4,184.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,021.00)	\$239.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$10.00	\$205.00
Capital Improvement -	\$65.00	\$420.00
Debt Reduction -	\$215.00	\$50.00
Other Gifts -	\$420.00	\$789.00
Holy Land -	\$5.00	
Black/Native Americans -		\$165.00
Envs used of 257 sent	72	65
131 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

Altar & Rosary Society – Meeting this Tues., Mar. 10th at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Please bring toothpaste and bar soap for SVdP.

Evening of Confession - All Catholic Churches in our diocese will be open for confessions from 5 – 8 pm THIS Wed., Mar. 11th. If you know someone who has been away from the Church & desires to come home, please give them this information and come with them to the Sacrament. We encourage parishioners to come on Saturday mornings from 9 – 10 am or come to one of the many Communal Penance Services which can be found on the “Journey Through Lent to Easter” flyer.

SVdP Food Pantry – February report: we provided food for 199 people in 64 households.

Holy Week Liturgical Needs – It’s not too early to share your stewardship for Holy Week as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers and Ministers of Hospitality. Call the Rectory to help.

The **SVdP Food Pantry** would like to thank the **Altar & Rosary Society** for the numerous donations they have given to help provide assistance for those in our community that are in need.

Family Perspective

God wants to bless our families. Are we too busy and stressed to notice and accept these blessings? God is present, waiting to meet and bless us in our families, but needs our time and attention. We need to take time together as families to have fun, to talk, to work together, to eat and pray. Schedule some "family times" in the calendar and see Jesus in the transfiguration of your family members and relationships.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The beginning of the reflection in the missalette that precedes the readings asks this question, "Can our faith transform us into someone new?" We see Abram's obedience to the Lord's call in our first reading and because of it both his & his wife's lives are transformed. St. Paul urges us to bear any hardships we might face because of our faith for Jesus saved us and calls us to a holy life – a life that can indeed transform us. In the Gospel we read of the Transfiguration of Jesus which was witnessed by Peter, James and John – an event which, at the time, certainly impacted them but which transformed them after the Resurrection once they connected all the dots. What about you? Has your faith transformed you? Is your faith transforming you? God can do amazing things with, through and in us, but we have to be willing to cooperate with His grace. Are you willing? How are you living out the pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Have you picked up a Rice Bowl? What is keeping you from coming to Stations of the Cross; making a Holy Hour? Have you signed out a spiritual book from our parish library to read? What about fasting? It's more than just giving up something; it's about becoming poor in spirit and recognizing that God and God alone is the source of our life. These things will help us open ourselves to the transforming grace of God.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Candle & Cross Bearers are needed for Stations of the Cross during Lent. You may sign up at the main doors of the church.

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 – Operation Rice Bowl – Lenten Almsgiving Project. Toiletries for the Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Community Meal Needs: potato flakes & canned chicken.

The **3 pillars of Lent** are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

Prayer – Read the daily Mass readings (on calendar) check out the online sites listed on the Journey through Lent, attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour, go to confession, **make Fridays special** by coming to 5:30 Mass, staying for private prayer time & then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners & for the sharing of your stewardship.

Fasting & Abstinence - *Fasting* is obligatory for all between 18 & 59 years old, allowing a person to eat one full meal, two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal with no in-between meal snacks. *Abstinence* (from meat & meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. *Fridays in Lent* are days of complete abstinence.

Almsgiving – This year we will partner with Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. Rice Bowls with information are available on the table by the main doors of the church. Put in spare change, eat a simple meal & put in what you save and the cost of what you are giving up for Lent. Your alms will help those in our world who are in dire need. It's not about you – never has been; never will be, so do something that may literally save another's life.

Other Events

• **Divorced, Separated & Widowed Catholics:** Mon., Mar. 9th, 7:30 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Bldg. A representative from the Summa Health Speakers Bureau will be talking about *Diabetes Awareness and Prevention*. Refreshments at 7:15 pm. For more info, call 330-607-6284.

• **Loyola Retreat House Lenten Retreats:** *Lenten Day of Reflection*, Wed., Mar. 18, 3:30 - 6:30 pm; *Lenten Evening of Reflection*. Thurs., Mar. 26, 6 - 9 pm; 700 Killinger Rd. Each session will cover different People of the Passion along with prayer, song, scriptures, & reflections. Light meal included. Cost: \$15 per session; come for one or both. For more info or to register for these events, please call 330-896-2315 or visit www.loyolaretreathouse.com.

• **RETROUVAILLE, A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages:** March 27-29. Has your marriage become unloving, uncaring, your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated or divorced but both of you want to try again? Then Retrouvaille may help. Supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, this program consists of a weekend experience for couples & six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required. For more info concerning the program, or to register, call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.helpourmarriage.org. All are welcome.

• **Diocesan-Wide Retreat Day For Women:** Sat., Mar. 28th, 9:30 - 3 pm, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron. This year's theme is *Friendship and the Saints*. Speakers include Mother Jeanette of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and Mother Theodora of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery. For info and to register, visit stfparish.com & click on the Women's Retreat link.

• **K of C Fish Fry:** Every Friday through April 10th from 4:30 - 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Council 3410 Hall, 2055 Glenmount Ave (between Waterloo & Swartz Roads).