

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 15, 2020
Third 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 16		5:30 pm Edward McLaughlin by Jim McLaughlin	Cline	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30	
Tues Mar 17	Patrick, Bishop			Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Free Store 4:30 - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Al & Rose Rauckhorst by Family	Cline	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	
Thur Mar 19	Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary			2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	
Fri Mar 20		5:30 pm Alfredo Abutal by Marietta & Vicente Abutal	Cline	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 21		5:30 pm Steve Vargo by the Altar & Rosary Society	5:30 pm Burkhart	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store 9:30 am - Noon SB
Sun Mar 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Carl Baker by Tom Hafler 11 am People of the Parish	8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41	

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	Mar 1	Mar 8
Sunday Offering -	\$3,717.00	\$2,645.25
Daily Offering -	\$467.00	\$130.00
Total	\$4,184.00	\$2,775.25
Weekly Budget operating costs	\$3,945.00	\$3,945.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$239.00	(\$1,169.75)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$205.00	
Capital Improvement -	\$420.00	\$150.00
Debt Reduction -	\$50.00	\$100.00
Other Gifts -	\$789.00	\$23.40
Black/Native Americans -	\$165.00	

Envs used of 257 sent 65 67
128 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

Parish Pastoral Council - Tues., March 24th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Pre-Baptism Class - Tues., Apr. 21st at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. This class is required for all parents wishing to have their children baptized.

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.

Let's Be Intentional! Healthwise - 1) Use the hand sanitizer that has been placed at all doors of the church. 2) If you're not feeling well, do not drink from the cup. 3) Cough or sneeze into your elbow - not your hands. 4) During this flu & virus season, wave or nod rather than shake hands. Let's show care & concern for one another. **Worship** - 1) Move around, sit in a different spot, meet more people, form stronger community. 2) Pick up the hymnal, sing and respond with enthusiasm. 3) Read the scriptures before Mass (listed in the bulletin). 4) Be open to what God will reveal in the prayers, readings and homily. **Family Life** - 1) Pray together, 2) Say grace at meals, 3) Parents bless children as they leave the house, 4) Spouses bless one another, 5) Talk about the homily after Mass, 6) Read scripture together, 7) Show respect for one another, 8) Recount the blessings of the day, 9) Encourage and affirm one another, 10) Find a common ministry.

Family Perspective

In Jesus' time, men and women did not converse; Samaritans and Jews hated each other. In today's Gospel, Jesus was able to change the life of the woman at the well because he was willing to break down the barriers of hatred and misunderstanding. Whenever we break the barriers of misunderstanding and mend tattered relationships in our own families, we too discover the "gift of God" in our midst.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As you make your way through Lent, how are you spending your time? The stewardship of time centers on the time you spend in prayer, worship, spiritual reading, faith formation and so forth. How is your daily prayer life? How much time daily do you spend in prayer? What is the quality of that prayer – are you focused or easily distracted? Does your prayer cover all areas of prayer equally – ACTS – Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving and Supplication or is your prayer based mostly in supplication or asking? Have you considered coming to pray the Stations of the Cross and reflecting on what Jesus did for you? Do you enter fully into the prayers, gestures and ritual of Mass, giving the Lord your full attention or are you just fulfilling your obligation? In our first reading, the Hebrews were grumbling and complaining about their circumstances and wondering whether God was in their midst. God is with us every moment of every day, blessing, teaching, consoling, disciplining and leading us. During Lent, let us, like the woman in the Gospel, tell others about Jesus and grow the Body of Christ. May we, like the Samaritans in the town, invite Jesus to come and stay with us.

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.

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

Community Meal Needs: potato flakes, canned chicken and baked beans.

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 on Good Friday 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

• **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).

• **Theology on the Rocks:** Mon., Mar. 16th at 7:30 pm, the Tangier Bistro Bar, 532 W. Market St. Mr. Tom Arth, Head Football Coach, U. of Akron, will present "Faith in Coaching". Doors open at 7 pm. \$10 admission includes appetizers – cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish.

• **Solemn Eucharistic Devotions:** Queen of Heaven Parish. Tue., Mar. 17, 9 am - 9 pm, Wed., Mar. 18, 9 am - 9 pm & Thurs., Mar. 19, 9 am - 6 pm. The 40 hours of devotions offers the faithful a time to enter deeply into prayer & reflections in front of the Blessed Sacrament and reminds us of the gift of worshipping the Lord in the form of the Eucharist. We will close our Eucharistic Devotions on the Feast Day of St. Joseph with a Mass at 6 pm followed by a free appreciation pasta dinner at 7 pm. Reservations are required for the dinner; call 330-896-2345. For more info, visit <https://queenofheavenparish.org/prayer-devotions>.

• **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*. For info & to register, visit stfparish.com & click on the Women's Retreat link.

Lenten Mission: "Revive Us!" is theme of the 3-day parish mission to be presented at St. Sebastian Church from Sun., Mar. 22 – Tues., Mar. 24. Keith Johnson, Parish Catechetical Leader at St. Sebastian will speak on the following topics: Sunday: The Need for Revival; Monday: The Way of Revival; Tuesday: The Results of Revival. The mission begins at 7 pm each night in the Church.