

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 22, 2020
Fourth 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 23 | Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop | 5:30 pm Jerry Hardesty by Family | Keegan | Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 | |
| Tues Mar 24 | Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr | | | Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16 | Free Store Closed Parish Pastoral Council 7 pm HH |
| Wed Mar 25 | The Annunciation of the Lord | 5:30 pm Mary Ann Steele by Altar & Rosary Society | Keegan | Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 | |
| Thur Mar 26 | | | | Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47 | |
| Fri Mar 27 | | 5:30 pm Fr. Albert Kunkel by Alberta Kunkel | Keegan | Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 | Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH |
| Sat Mar 28 | | 5:30 pm Katy Considine Williams by Ann & Jim Considine | 5:30 pm Burkhart | Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 | Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Free Store Closed |
| Sun Mar 29 | Fifth Sunday of Lent | 8:30 am Michael & Corrine Bralek by the Bralek Family 11 am People of the Parish | 8:30 am Baker 11 am Hamilton | Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 | |

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - 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 8 | Mar 15 |
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| Sunday Offering - | \$2,645.25 | \$1,733.00 |
| Daily Offering - | \$130.00 | \$365.00 |
| Total | \$2,775.25 | \$2,098.00 |
| Weekly Budget operating costs | \$3,945.00 | \$3,945.00 |
| (Shortfall) Overage | (\$1,169.75) | (\$1,847.00) |
| St. Vincent de Paul - | | \$50.00 |
| Capital Improvement - | \$150.00 | \$790.00 |
| Debt Reduction - | \$100.00 | |
| Other Gifts - | \$23.40 | |
| Black/Native Americans - | | \$30.00 |
| Black/Native Americans - | | \$2.00 |
| Envs used of 257 sent | 67 | 41 |

126 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!

• **Parish Pastoral Council** – This Tues., March 24th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

• **Kenmore Community Meal** – The next meal will be served on Tues., March 31st, but for the safety of our diners and the staff, will be TAKE-OUT ONLY. Meals will be boxed and will be ready for pick-up from 5 – 6:30 pm at the front doors of Waldeisen Hall. On the menu: chicken pot pie. Stop by and pick up a delicious meal!

• **The Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale** will take place the weekend of Apr. 4th & 5th after all Masses. We need everyone's help to make this a success, so please participate as you are able: purchase raffle tickets, donate prizes or baked goods and purchase baked goods. To donate, please drop off your baked goods in Hitch Hall after 4 pm on April 4th or before Masses on April 5th.

• **Kenmore Free Store** is CLOSED until further notice. We are NOT ACCEPTING donations as well until further notice.

• **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.

Family Perspective

In the Gospel today, Jesus cures a man born blind, using mud and dirt as a sign of His healing. Even the most ordinary things in our family can be sources of healing and signs of God's presence if we open our eyes and use them for the sake of others.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the light of the world and then heals a man born blind. Blindness can take many forms. Of course, one can be physically blind, but there is also spiritual blindness that keeps us from seeing the God present to us in the Eucharist, the scriptures and in one another. There is social justice blindness that keeps us from seeing and reacting in positive ways to the challenges of those living in poverty and addiction, those living with abuse and those facing abandonment, those who have no voice & are powerless such as the elderly, the handicapped and the unborn. There is also the blindness of apathy and self-worth which causes us to think only about ourselves which is contradictory to Gospel values. St. Paul urges us to live as children of the light and he reminds us that light produces every kind of goodness, righteousness and truth. In this difficult time, let us strive to be light for others by thinking of them in this difficult time. Let not the blindness of apathy and self-worth take hold by making us think that our needs and wants are more important than those of others. Pray, wash hands, help others and practice social separation – just might make us appreciate one another more!

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.

Holy Week Liturgical Needs

Palm Sunday - extra Lector for Speaker part – all Masses
Holy Thursday – Lector: B. Langton; Servers: R. Baker, J. Brown, J. Langton, NEED; M of H: NEED; People for washing of the feet: NEED.

Good Friday – Narrator: J. Brown; Speaker: B. Langton; Servers: R. Baker, J. Langton, NEED; M of H: NEED.

Holy Saturday – Lectors: B. Langton, NEED; Servers: M. Keegan, J. Brown, J. Langton, NEED; M of H: NEED.

Both Priests will be available to distribute the Body of Christ; No cup will be offered.

What is happening at I.C. as of 3/16/2020

- Weekday & weekend Masses are being celebrated as scheduled.
- The diocese has suspended the obligation to attend Mass on the weekend. Those who may be comprised are encouraged to stay home.
- Mass will be celebrated; it is your choice.
- Please sit six feet away from anyone not in your immediate family.
- Wave and smile at others during the Sign of Peace.
- Holy water fonts have been emptied (per diocese)
- The reception of the Precious Blood from the cup has been suspended (per diocese).
- Use hand sanitizer when you enter the church.
- Please** honor stewardship of treasure to the parish by bringing, dropping off or mailing in your envelopes. Bills still have to be paid, staff needs to be paid; we need your help.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:30 pm on Fridays.
- Bingo – please call the rectory for updated information.
- SVdP Food Pantry – please call the rectory for updated information.

Do not panic, trust God, pray for those affected and use common sense. Think of elderly, comprised and/or handicapped neighbors and offer to pick up supplies for them. Be gentle, be kind, be patient and offer up your struggles. Follow guidelines, obey restrictions and **WASH YOUR HANDS!**

Important Updates – 3/19/2020

Masses – On March 16, 2020, the Roman Catholic Bishops of Ohio issued a letter suspending all publicly celebrated Masses/Liturgies at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. There will be no Daily or Sunday Masses during that time. If you have a Mass scheduled for this time period, your intention will be said in a private Mass with only the celebrating priest in attendance.

Other Liturgical Events – Stations of the Cross have been cancelled as well as Holy Week liturgies.

Non-Liturgical Events – Bingo, SVdP Food Pantry, Adult Faith Enrichment (AFE), all 12-step meetings, Altar & Rosary Society meetings are suspended and the Palm Sunday Bake has been cancelled.

Confessions – Saturday morning confessions have been cancelled. Please call the rectory if other arrangements need to be made.

Bulletins – will not be printed, but all pertinent information will be available at www.ickenmore.org.

Office Hours – The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 am – noon until further notice

Stewardship of Treasure – Please remember that the Sunday offerings and Bingo are our only sources of income for the parish. Please continue to use your envelopes and either mail them to the rectory (Immaculate Conception, 2101 17th St SW, Akron, OH 44314) or drop them off in the mail slot in the back door of the rectory. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and needed.

Palms – The palms have been ordered and paid for and will be delivered a few days before Palm Sunday, April 5. Palms will be made available for pick up near the parking lot.