

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August
Month of
The Blessed
Sacrament

August 9, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall
SB - School Basement
R - Rectory CH - Church
WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Aug 10	Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr	5:30 pm Ray Durant by Friends	2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26	
Tues Aug 11	Clare, Virgin		Ez 2:8 – 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Aug 12	Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	5:30 pm Rita Jane Franz by Kathy & Pat Franz	Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20	
Thur Aug 13	Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs		Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 – 19:1	
Fri Aug 14	Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	5:30 pm Steven Lauro by Mary Jane Andrews	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Mt 19:3-12	
Sat Aug 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)	5:30 pm William Gardner by Gardner Family	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56	Confessions 9 - 10 am CH Kenmore Free Store 9 am - Noon SB
Sun Aug 16	The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Carol Schimmoeller by Sandy Mason	Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-39; Mt 15:21-28	

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	July 26	Aug 2
Sunday Offering -	\$2,386.00	\$4,334.00
Daily -	\$20.00	\$100.00
Holy Day -	5.00	\$5.00
Total	\$2,411.00	\$4,439.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,289.00)	\$739.00
St. Vincent de Paul -		\$145.00
Capital Improvement -	\$50.00	\$165.00
Debt Reduction -	\$10.00	\$230.00
Diocese Designated -	\$20.00	
Other Gifts -		
Envs used of 252 sent	65	74

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for your continued faithfulness. Coming to Mass: please bring your envelopes (follow guidelines). Not yet coming to Mass: Drop off envelopes at the back door or mail in your envelopes. Going to an air-conditioned parish: PLEASE be sure we get your envelopes by following one of the above methods. You've all been doing an amazing job – keep up the good work!

The next **Kenmore Community Meal** will be available for take-out Tue., Aug. 25th in front of Waldeisen Hall.

R.C.I.A.:

If you need to complete your sacraments of initiation, want to become Catholic or know someone who has shown interest in becoming Catholic, please contact the rectory – we'd love to speak with you!

Bingo: Door opens at 9:30 am; games begin at 11 am. Because of social distancing, the **capacity** for Bingo will be **46** players. **Mask must be worn**. Enter through door on 16th St. only. Pots reduced due to fewer players. Only snacks & drinks available; you may bring your own food.

Assumption of Mary – Because this Feast falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation for the Holy Day has been dispensed.

The Kenmore Free Store is open and will be open as long as the county is at level 2 or lower. You **must wear a mask/face covering**. We are allowing five shoppers in at a time in 20 minute intervals. Because of this, 30 minutes have been added to shopping hours: Tuesday, 4 – 7 pm and Saturday, 9 am – noon. **Donations**: The bin will remain closed, but donations will be accepted in front of the school on 16th St. SW **during store hours only**.

The **Acme Cashback** program is in full swing! Place all your Acme receipts in the baskets by the doors of the church. Check the list of needed items for the community meal & help both the meal and the parish.

History of Popes

#173 –Pope Gregory VIII - Pope from Oct. 21, 1187 – death, Dec. 17, 1187. Alberto di Morra, born in Benevento, Italy around 1100, was of noble descent. He joined the Norbertine order in his 20s, went on to become a canon law professor in Bologna before being elevated to cardinal by Pope Adrian IV. Alberto was both smart and holy, so Pope Alexander III utilized him as a papal legate. By the time of his election, Alberto had been sent to Portugal to crown King Alfonso II; to Germany to offer reconciliation to the excommunicated Barbarossa in 1163; and to England to investigate the murder of St. Thomas Becket. For the decade prior to his election, Alberto was chancellor of the Roman Church. He was elected pope the day after Pope Urban III's death & took the name Gregory VIII. His crowning achievement was coming to the aid of defeated Christians in Jerusalem by calling the Third Crusade. Responding to the Christian defeat by Saladin, the notorious Muslim sultan, Gregory issued the papal bull *Audita tremendi* barely a week after his election. In it, Gregory paints the bleak picture of Saladin's triumph while encouraging Christians to take heart that God had not abandoned them; that victory through penance was possible. The pope made apparent that a crusade was not a gratuitous battle against an innocent people, but rather was an act of reparation for sins toward the goal of recovering the land where Christ himself once walked. On God's mercy, Gregory wrote: *His anger is not quick, but he puts off the punishment, and gives time for repentance. [He] does not lose his judgment in mercy, but exercises his protection for the punishment of sinners and for the surety of those to be saved.*" During his 57 days in office, he traveled to Pisa to help the locals make peace with Genoa and visited Lucca on his way back to remove the remains of Antipope Victor IV from the church.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our readings this week address faith and doubt, courage and fear. As disciples of Jesus we know in our hearts that He is with us every moment of every day – we know this. But, in our humanity and all that comes at us in waves, we grow tired and weary and instead of calling upon our faith, seeking courage in the strength of the Lord, we often fall into doubt, anxiety, fear. Just when we should be clinging to Jesus, we get angry and we question. Instead of trusting our Lord we fall into despair and give up. We see it happen to Peter who followed Jesus' command to walk towards him on the water. When he trusted Jesus, he walked on water, but when he allowed outside forces to grow stronger than his faith, he faltered only to be rescued by his Savior. These are difficult times, we grow weary and anxious under the weight of the pandemic, civil unrest, news that is unreliable and all that we don't know. Paul speaks to this in the second reading as he anguishes over the disbelief of his people. Let us NEVER forget that our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is with us always. Let us place our trust in God and remember that God is on the throne and has won the ultimate battle. Let us live by Gospel values, share our stewardship of time, talent and treasure with others, set our sights on things of heaven and call upon the gift of faith we've already been given. We don't need to ask for faith, we already have it – we just need to remember that and use it. God has given us all we need.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Community Meal Needs: canned fruit, stewed tomatoes, tomato juice, cream of chicken soup, canned frosting. Donations should be placed in the basket under the offertory table behind the last pew.

Adopt A Plot – Thank you to all who have been out to weed, plant & tend their plots - the property is shaping up! If you had a plot & can not tend it, please call the rectory.

In His Name– School supplies to be distributed to families in the Free Store and Food Pantry. Please place your items in the basket by the main doors! Toiletries for Peter Maurin Center (ongoing).

SVdP Food Pantry – July report: we provided food for 46 people in 14 households.

Catholic Charities Appeal – The Annual Appeal Team will be conducting a summer Phone-a-thon through August. If you haven't yet made a gift yet, call Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x1910 to give by phone or make a secure online gift at www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate.

Stay Informed – We'll continue to update information, post pictures & video for those who are not yet coming to Mass – we care about you! Visit www.ickenmore.org.

FORMED: We encourage you to check out all the amazing articles, series, movies, etc. that can be found at www.formed.org to help you grow in your Catholic faith. We no longer have an account but you can sign up under St. Augustine, Barberton. During this pandemic, it is critical to seek out the Good News and the hope our Lord offers.

Confessions: 9 - 10 am on Saturdays. You **MUST** wear a mask, enter & exit church by the main doors, sanitize your hands (sanitizer bottles in holy water fonts) as you enter and leave; watch the red/green light and sit where there's a sticker. For the integrity of the sacrament & the health, safety & comfort of others, please be prepared to make a good confession then feel free to stay & pray in the church afterwards. If you want to chat with the priest or you need to seek greater counsel, please call the rectory for an appointment.

Other Events

•**The FEST at Home:** Today, Sun., Aug. 9. 9 Christian bands, raffles, prizes, activities, Mass and fireworks will come to your home livestreamed through our website www.theFEST.us.

•**News from AM 1260 The Rock!** Tune in every Saturday to hear discussion on what is happening within the Church and world. "The Church Alive" featuring Dr. Matthew Bunson, Brian Patrick, and Fr. Thomas Petri, OP airs twice at 7 am and 1pm. Be up to date with Catholic current events!