

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



August  
Month of  
The Blessed  
Sacrament

August 30, 2020  
Twenty-Second 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 31		5:30 pm <b>Joseph &amp; Ruth Buhalak</b> by Family	1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30	
Tues Sep 1			1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37	<b>Kenmore Free Store</b> 4 - 7 pm <b>SB</b>
Wed Sep 2		5:30 pm <b>Frank J. Powell</b> by Jim Caruso	1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44	<b>R.C.I.A. Info Night</b> 7 pm <b>HH</b>
Thur Sep 3	Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor		1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11	
Fri Sep 4		5:30 pm <b>Linda DeVoe</b> by Family	1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39	
Sat Sep 5	Teresa of Calcutta	5:30 pm <b>People of the Parish</b>	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5	<b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am <b>CH</b> <b>Kenmore Free Store</b> 9 am - Noon <b>SB</b>
Sun Sep 6	The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>Michael &amp; Corrine Bralek</b> by Bralek Family 11 am <b>George Pifer</b> by Mary Pifer	Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20	

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

### COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>Aug 16</i>	<i>Aug 23</i>
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$5,110.00	\$2,363.00
<b>Daily -</b>	\$60.00	\$242.00
<b>Holy Day -</b>	\$570.00	\$15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,740.00</b>	<b>\$2,620.50</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>		
<b>operating costs</b>	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>\$2,040.00</b>	<b>(\$1,079.50)</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul -</b>	\$26.00	\$20.00
<b>Capital Improvement -</b>	\$565.00	\$510.00
<b>Debt Reduction -</b>	\$115.00	\$140.00
<b>Diocese Designated -</b>	\$130.00	
Envs used of 252 sent	67	62

**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 them in. 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!

**R.C.I.A. Information Night:** This Wed., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall (under the church). Bring your questions & find out about the process the Catholic Church uses to bring people into the Catholic faith. Please wear a mask.

**Bingo Suspended:** The Bingo Gaming staff, Fr. Mike & parish accountant, Ray Compton, met Tues., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> to evaluate how bingo has performed since resuming socially distanced play on Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is clear that reducing seating to 46 patrons and reducing the jackpots due to fewer patrons has not worked to our advantage. With payouts to winners, purchase of gaming & kitchen supplies and the cost of security personnel, profit to the parish has been a meager \$720.00 as of Tues., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. It was unanimously decided to suspend Bingo Gaming operations after Wed., Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> until Wed., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Thank you for your faithfulness of stewardship of treasure during this pandemic. With the loss, once again of Bingo income, it is imperative that you continue to support the parish with your offertory envelopes - you have been amazing! Also, please consider sharing your stewardship of time and talent to join the bingo staff in January.

**Adult Faith Enrichment:** Waldeisen Hall has already been marked for social distancing so we are going to offer AFE for the 2020-2021 year. Sessions will be held on the first Thursday of the month in October, November, December, March, April & May. Masks must be worn and for the foreseeable future, only beverages will be available - no food. Watch for more info.

**The Altar & Rosary Society** will not be meeting until further notice.

### History of Popes

**#176 –Pope Innocent III** - Pope from Jan. 8, 1198 – death, July 16, 1216. Lotario de Conti was born around the year 1160. His uncle was Pope Clement III and he was distantly related to popes Gregory IX, Alexander IV & Innocent XIII. Lotario was well-educated, having studied theology in Paris & jurisprudence in Bologna. He was known as one of the greatest legal scholars of his era. Lotario served in different capacities under the four popes prior to Celestine, his predecessor, and had retired to live a life of contemplation. Just 37 years old, he was reluctantly consecrated pope on Jan. 8, 1198, taking the name Innocent III. He is remembered as one of the most influential and powerful popes in Church history. His incredible knowledge of the law enabled him to begin restoring papal supremacy in Rome and throughout Europe with few problems. Germany was the exception. The nation had been split by rival claimants to the throne there, Otto IV and Philip of Swabia; while the rightful heir was four-year-old Frederick II. It would take more than a decade to resolve the issue. His most controversial acts as pope were initiating crusades to Spain and the Holy Land. The former worked out alright, but the latter went terribly wrong and soured the Western Church's relationship with the East even further despite Innocent's best efforts. Pope Innocent was best known for being a reformer. He convened the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 which issued 70 decrees. Among them was the infallible declaration and detailed description of transubstantiation (Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist). He welcomed St. Francis of Assisi to the Vatican, where the young monk fulfilled a vision Innocent had received depicting a poor man holding up the crumbling Lateran Basilica. He also hosted St. Dominic and approved the creation of both the Dominican and Franciscan orders to fight the perpetual scourges of luxury and laziness which had infected both clergy & laity. The pope died suddenly on July 16, 1216 and was buried at Perugia until being moved to the Lateran by Pope Leo XIII in 1891. The world hadn't see the last of Innocent III as soon after his death, he appeared to St. Lutgardis of Aywières of Belgium, a saint known for her mystical visions and remarkable holiness. In the apparition, Innocent thanked Lutgardis for her prayers during his lifetime, but exhorted her to continue. He was in purgatory and needed prayers to be purified from three specific faults committed during his lifetime. What else was going on in the world at the time? The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, which still stands to this day, was completed in 1211 and consecrated by King Alfonso IX of Leon.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” Jesus says these words to his disciples and they sound fairly straightforward and simple, at least while things are peaceful & calm, but what about when things get very difficult like now? Religious statues are being defaced & beheaded, including one at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. Catholic Churches are being targeted as are Right to Life groups. If the violence comes to us here, what will our response be? Will we, will you deny yourself for the sake of others and the church, will we, will you take up the cross and follow Jesus or stay silent and hidden? These are difficult questions that we think we can answer with strength and courage, but when the time comes.....? Let us stand firm in our faith, share our stewardship to help others and share with them the beauty of the faith. Let us take up our crosses, in whatever form they may come, and follow our Lord Jesus.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Community Meal Needs:** potato flakes, creamed soups, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta. Donations should be placed in the basket under the offertory table behind the last pew.

**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).

*Dear Friends in Christ, a special thank you to Fr. Mike, Fr. Sam, the parish staff, Melissa, Mother Mary's Music Makers & the entire parish as we deeply appreciate the prayers, cards, phone calls & good will during & after my recent surgery. God bless you all. Kathy & Bob Doerr*

**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](http://www.ickenmore.org).

**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 16<sup>th</sup> St. SW **during store hours**.

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

**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*

•**Rosary for our Nation:** For nine Tuesday evenings beginning Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm, St. Francis de Sales will have a public recitation of the Rosary & private prayers specifically for the healing of our country. Social distancing requirements are in place. 6:30 pm Mass following the Rosary.