

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

September
Month of The Seven
Sorrows of Mary



September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth 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 Sep 21	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	5:30 pm Gary Currans by Karen Currans	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13	
Tues Sep 22			Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB (if Level 2 or below)
Wed Sep 23	Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	5:30 pm No Mass	Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	
Thur Sep 24			Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9	
Fri Sep 25		5:30 pm Shirley Kissner by Family & Friends	Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22	
Sat Sep 26	Cosmas & Damian Martyrs	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45	Kenmore Free Store 9 am - Noon SB(if Level 2 or below)
Sun Sep 27	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Anna Zamesko by Steve & Toni Zamesko 11 am Betty Smith by Fr. Mike	Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Sep 6	Sep 13
Sunday Offering -	\$6,272.00	\$2,391.00
Daily -	\$100.00	\$200.00
Holy Day -	\$5.00	
Total	\$6,377.00	\$2,591.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$2,677.00	(\$1,109.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$165.00	\$65.00
Capital Improvement -	\$580.00	\$60.00
Debt Reduction -	\$110.00	
Other Gifts -		\$165.00
Diocese Designated -	\$10.00	\$70.00
Envs used of 252 sent	121	56

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!

Fr. Mike will be on **vacation** from Sept. 13th through Oct. 2nd. There will be **no 5:30 pm Mass** on Wednesdays, Sept. 23rd & 30th. **No Confessions** on Sat., Sept. 26th.

Adult Faith Enrichment: With social distancing and mask wearing a requirement, we are going to offer our Adult Faith Enrichment session in Oct., Nov., Dec., Mar., Apr., & May. Our first session will be Thursday, Oct. 1st. Registration forms & schedules are available at all doors of the church; the cost is \$10 per person. Forms with payment may be turned in: 1) Mail it in with payment. 2) Drop it off with payment. 3) Put it in the collection with payment. 4) Bring it to the first session. Let us continue to learn, grow in and share our faith! Food will not be served, but you may bring your own snack and beverage; coffee and water will be available.

The Kenmore Free Store 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**.

R.C.I.A. has begun. If you know someone interested in becoming Catholic or if you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, please call the rectory.

The next **take-out Community Meal** will be on Tues., Sept. 29th from 5 - 6:30 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. Come on by for a yummy meal!

History of Popes

#179 –Pope Celestine IV - Pope from Oct. 25, 1241 – death, Nov. 10, 1241. Godfrey Castiglione, though having no known ecclesiastical background, was made chancellor of the Archdiocese of Milan around the year 1219. He was made a cardinal by Pope Gregory IX in 1228 and assigned to the Church of St. Mark. He became cardinal-bishop of Sabina ten years later. The election of Celestine IV was unique for a number of reasons. At Gregory's death, only 12 cardinals were living, two of which were being held prisoner by Emperor Frederick II. The remaining 10 were deeply divided over Gregory's successor, and were confined by Rome's senator, Matteo Orsini, to the Septizodium, a bizarre building with poor living conditions. For example, rumor has it that urine from the roof guards leaked through the ceiling onto the papal electors. Though Celestine IV was finally chosen as pontiff, he died barely two weeks later, having contracted an infection from the abhorrent conditions of the conclave. There is speculation that the cardinals, knowing they'd be released if they settled on a pope, picked the one nearest death to give themselves time to flee Rome before having to pick another. Pope Celestine IV is best known for one of the shortest papacies in Church history. At 16 calendar days in office, he's behind only Urban VII (13 days) and Boniface VI (16 days). Ironically, his papacy was barely a quarter of the length of time it took to elect him (64 days). Although the sede vacante ("vacant seat") was the longest the Church had seen in decades, it was but one-ninth of the length between Celestine and his successor, Innocent IV with that gap, at 592 days. Not 30 years later, over 1,000 days would go by before the College of Cardinals elected Blessed Gregory X on September 1, 1271.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we get a glimpse of the justice, fairness and generosity of God – a generosity that knows no bounds. What we consider unfair, God considers fair and just. We've all complained about things that we don't think are fair in our lives, our communities, our employment or unemployment. We have the parable of the generous landowner who promised each person he hired a just wage and when it came time to be paid, those hired last & late into the day were given the same pay as those who labored all day. As you would expect, the complaints and grumbling began immediately. The landowner explained that it was his decision & no one was cheated as they had all agreed on the usual daily wage. Did it make sense to them? No, and maybe things that happen to us make no sense either. Maybe we shared our stewardship more than others – we gave more in our envelope, we share our talent with the parish more than others, we are wonderful people of prayer. Will God reward us more? No. If we think that is deserved remember what Jesus said, "Thus, the last will be first & the first will be last." Make no sense? Remember the words of Isaiah, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, say the Lord." Let's focus on being our best selves every day and trust God.

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 – Brochures with packing suggestions and instructions for Operation Christmas Child may be found at all doors of the church. Collection week is Nov. 16 – 23. Toiletries for Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Elderly female parishioner needs help in her home 2 hours twice a week - \$10/hour. Home health care experience would be a plus. Please call the rectory for information.

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.

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.

Other Events

- **Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. Monthly Sunday Grief Support:** Sept. 20th, 3 – 4 pm, Holy Cross Cemetary office, Akron. Topic is "Understanding Different Types of Grief". Limited seating for appropriate social distancing. To RSVP or for questions, contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or at 216-930-4866. Masks are required.
- **Rosary for our Nation:** Tuesday evenings (through October) at 6 pm, St. Francis de Sales. Rosary and private prayers specifically for the healing of our country. Social distancing required. Mass following the Rosary.
- **2nd Annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference:** Sat. Oct. 17. Cost for the live-streamed conference is \$25. Register at www.cleatholicwomen.org. Register by Oct. 1 to receive a "conference care package". For info, contact Bernadette Boguski at 216-618-6677 or Jen Ricard at 216-302-8594.
- **Hoban High School News:** 7th & 8th grade students are invited to shadow a current Hoban student for the day on select dates starting in September. 8th grade students wishing to apply to Hoban are required to take the High School Placement Test being offered at Hoban on Oct. 3, Nov. 7 & 14. All families seeking to learn more are encouraged to register to attend the Fall Open House on Sun. Oct. 25 from 1 to 3 pm. Remote options and private tours of the school and facilities are available. To register and learn more visit hoban.org/visit or contact the Office of Admissions at 330-849-2149 and admissions@hoban.org.
- **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 1 pm. Be up to date with Catholic current events!