

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Nov 30	Andrew, Apostle	5:30 pm Vicky Franz by Kathy & Pat Franz	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	
Tues Dec 1			Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Dec 2		5:30 pm Ralph & Ina Keegan by Melissa	Is 25:6-10A; Mt 15:29-37	
Thur Dec 3	Francis Xavier, Priest		Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	Adult Faith Enrichment 7 pm WH
Fri Dec 4	John Damascene, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm Rosemary Toth by Dick & Mary Lou Novitsky	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	
Sat Dec 5		5:30 pm Steve Gardner by Gardner Family	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Dec 6	Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8	

Sanctuary Lamp - People of the Parish

Holy Family Candle - People of the Parish

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Nov 15	Nov 22
Sunday Offering -	\$2,979.39	Due to the
Daily -	\$50.00	Thanksgiving
Holy Day -	\$20.00	Holiday, the
Total	\$3,049.39	collection
Weekly Budget		report for
operating costs	\$3,700.00	this week
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$650.61)	will appear in
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$30.00	next week's
Capital Improvement -	\$745.00	bulletin.
Other Gifts -	\$25.00	
KMA Thanksgiving Dinner -	\$20.00	
Envs used of 245 sent	66	

Stewardship of Treasure: With the suspension of Bingo, parish envelopes become even more critical so if you are: Coming to Mass: please bring your envelopes. Not yet coming to Mass: Drop off envelopes at the back door or mail them in. Visiting another parish: PLEASE be sure we get your envelopes by one of the above methods. You've all been doing an amazing job - keep it up!

Thanksgiving Thought - Even in the midst of the pandemic, we have been truly blest by God. Whether in person at Mass or at some time during the day, may we pause to bring to mind and express our gratitude to God.

Stay Informed - We'll continue to update information, post pictures & video at www.ickenmore.org.

AFF - The next session will be this Thurs., Dec. 3rd. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Topic is "Marriage and Holy Orders - The Love that Lasts". Bring your own snack/beverage. If any changes need to be made due to updates to the COVID-19 mandates, all registered participants will be notified by phone.

The Kenmore Free Store is closed and will remain closed until the county drops to Level 2. Donations are not being accepted at this time.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary - Holy Day of Obligation and our parish feast day! Masses will be celebrated on Mon., Dec. 7th & Tues., Dec. 8th at 5:30 pm. Coming to Mass? Wear something blue. Not yet coming to Mass? Wear something blue that day. Let's honor our Blessed Mother, God's plan for her life and her conception free from the stain of original sin in preparation for her role in salvation history as the Mother of the Word made flesh.

Bambinelli Sunday - On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, children & their families gather in St. Peter's Square for a special papal blessing of the Christ Child, "Bambinelli," figure from their Nativity scene. We invite all households to bring their Bambinelli to Mass the weekend of December 13 & 14 for a special blessing.

If you or someone in your household has tested positive for Covid, please notify the rectory so we may pray for you and make necessary adjustments.

History of Popes

#189 – Pope Martin IV - Pope from Feb. 22, 1281 – death, Mar. 28, 1285. Simon de Brie was born sometime between 1210 & 1220 at the Castle of Montpensier in the French province of Touraine. He became a priest early on, then served as treasurer of the Church of St. Martin of Tours before being named Chancellor of France by King St. Louis IX in 1260. Pope Urban IV named him a cardinal two years later. Simon was a papal legate to France, working to stop the abuses that had begun to infect the French Church. Six months after Nicholas III's death, Simon was unanimously elected pope, taking the name of Martin IV. As, at the time, there had only been one Pope Martin before him, he sought to avoid confusion as Popes Marinus I (882-884) & Marinus II (941-946) were also known by that name. Martin appointed new cardinals as soon as he could, heavily favoring Frenchmen. One of the new cardinals, Benedetto Gaetano, would later become the notorious Pope Boniface VIII. Pope Martin, despite personal piety & goodwill, was sadly little more than a pawn of Charles of Anjou. This directly led to the official regress of East/West unity when Martin excommunicated Patriarch Michael Paleologus of Constantinople for opposing Charles' plans for a renewed Latin Empire. Martin gave Charles back his Roman senatorship & punished the Sicilians for deposing Charles and crowning Peter III of Aragon in his place. Peter was also excommunicated and the pair would die within three months of each other in 1285. After Easter Sunday Mass at Perugia in 1285, Martin fell suddenly ill after lunch and died the following Wednesday. He was buried in the Cathedral of San Lorenzo. Martin is also included in Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*. We see this pope sojourning in Purgatory while atoning for a penchant toward gluttony, specifically his love for Lake Bolsena eels and Vernaccia wine. What else was going on in the world at the time? The well-known Habsburg Dynasty begins to form outside of Germany in the year 1282, when Holy Roman Emperor Rudolph I assigns his sons, Albert I of Germany and Rudolph II of Austria, as dukes and co-rulers over Austria and Styria.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Happy Advent and welcome to the beginning of a new year of grace! Today we begin a new cycle of readings in the Church – Cycle B. Cycle A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew & Cycle C, the Gospel of Luke. During this new year of grace we will hear from the Gospel of Mark. Mark is actually the earliest of the 4 Evangelists writing between 65 and 70 AD. This is shortly after Nero's persecution of Christians including the likes of Peter & Paul. Scripture scholars associate "Mark" with the "John Mark" that we find 3 times in Acts who was a cousin to Barnabas, a companion to Paul and who traveled to Rome with Peter – pretty good company! Mark gives us the most human picture of Jesus – full of emotion and always on the move. Let us reflect on and pray with Mark as we hear and learn more about Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical Ministers are needed for Holy Day Vigil, Dec. 7 & Holy Day, Dec. 8 Masses. Vigil: Lector needed; EMHCs needed; M of H needed. Holy Day: EMHC needed; M of H needed. Christmas Eve 5:30 pm: M of H needed. Christmas Eve 10 pm – Lector, EMHCs & M of H needed. Christmas Day – Lector, EMHC, M of H needed. Please call Melissa at the rectory to share your stewardship. It's not too early to sign up!

In His Name – Donations of hats, gloves & scarves for the Giving Tree may be placed in the basket by the main doors of the church. Thank you! Toiletries for Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

Coat Giveaway – A drive-thru coat giveaway will be held on Tues., Dec. 8th from 3:30 – 5 pm. Drive up to the main entrance of the store (off parking lot) and tell us what size you need. You will receive a coat, possibly some other things and then you drive off. If the coat doesn't fit – give it away, we will not take any returns.

Diocesan Advent/Christmas Webpage - The season of Advent is a very meaningful time in the Church. With this in mind, the diocese has prepared a special resource page on its website, dioceseofcleveland.org, to offer a variety of user-friendly material to help make the Advent and Christmas seasons more meaningful in the midst of all we are going through and to remind us that our hope is in Jesus. There will also be information about how to connect with live-streamed & on-demand Masses. Check it out!

TV Mass Change – The change from 6 am to 5 am by Fox 8 for the televised Mass produced by the diocese was the beginning of the end. The time was inconvenient and upsetting to homebound Catholics across the area SO the Sunday television Mass is now available at 10 am on WUAB, Channel 43, the CW. For those with cable or satellite, check your local system listings. Spectrum is Channel 6; Cox Communications is Channel 45 at 11:30 am on Sundays. It will continue to be produced by the Diocese of Cleveland.

Advent Reading – Stop by our library in Hitch Hall during the week, before or after Mass or see books available for check-out on the tables by the main doors.

Acme Cashback – Purchasing brands that are included in the Acme Cashback program will help the parish financially so please consider those brands when shopping and place your receipts in the baskets at all doors of the church.

Christmas Cards for First Responders are available in the back of the church. Use your own pen and sign cards for the fire and police offers protecting Kenmore.

Other Events

• **Grief Support Meeting**: 3 – 4 pm Dec. 15th, Holy Cross Cemetery office, Akron. Topic: "The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone". Limited seating. Please RSVP so we can plan for appropriate social distancing.