

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

December 13, 2020  
Third 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<br>Dec 14  | John of the Cross,<br>Priest & Doctor | 5:30 pm<br><b>Candi Caruso</b><br>by Caruso Family   | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;<br>Mt 21:23-27                          |  |
| Tues<br>Dec 15 |                                       |  | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;<br>Mt 21:28-32                            | <b>Kenmore Free Store Closed<br/>Until Covid Level 2 or below</b>                                  |
| Wed<br>Dec 16  |                                       | 5:30 pm<br><b>Wm. Manning Smith</b><br>by Family   | Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25;<br>Lk 7:18b-23                     |  |
| Thur<br>Dec 17 |                                       |  | Gn 49:2, 8-10;<br>Mt 1:1-17                                |  |
| Fri<br>Dec 18  |                                       | 5:30 pm<br><b>Virginia Rister</b><br>by Dennis & Ginny Smith   | Jer 23:5-8;<br>Mt 1:18-25                                  |  |
| Sat<br>Dec 19  |                                       | 5:30 pm<br><b>People of the Parish</b>   | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;<br>Lk 1:5-25                           | <b>Kenmore Free Store Closed<br/>Until Covid Level 2 or below<br/>Confessions<br/>9 - 10 am CH</b> |
| Sun<br>Dec 20  | Fourth Sunday<br>of Advent            | 8:30 am<br><b>Don White, Sr.</b><br>by Stan & Annette Carlisle<br>11 am<br><b>Charles Wilson</b><br>by Wilson Family | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;<br>Rom 16:25-27;<br>Lk 1:26-38 |                |

**Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention**

**Holy Family Candle - Special Intention**

## COLLECTION REPORT

| Week Ending                | Nov 29              | Dec 6             |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Offering -          | \$2,003.00          | \$4,449.00        |
| Christmas -                |                     | \$130.00          |
| Holy Day -                 | \$5.00              | \$105.00          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$2,003.00</b>   | <b>\$4,684.00</b> |
| <b>Weekly Budget</b>       |                     |                   |
| <b>operating costs</b>     | \$3,700.00          | \$3,700.00        |
| <b>(Shortfall) Overage</b> | <b>(\$1,697.00)</b> | <b>984.00</b>     |
| St. Vincent de Paul -      |                     | \$140.00          |
| Capital Improvement -      | \$25.00             | \$250.00          |
| Debt Reduction -           |                     | \$220.00          |
| Other Gifts -              |                     | \$175.00          |
| Envs used of 244 sent      | 58                  | 67                |

**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!

**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.**

**Christmas Across the Pews** - Because of COVID, we will not hold this event as usual. Instead, send Christmas Greetings to your fellow parishioners by emailing your greeting to [ickenmore@yahoo.com](mailto:ickenmore@yahoo.com) or dropping them in the collection or at the rectory and we will put them up on our website! Directions: write a CHRISTmas message - not a holiday message - maximum 100 characters - make sure you "sign it" and then send it to us. Let's make an effort to reach out across the pews this Christmas and let others know you care.

**First Responders Christmas Cards** are available in the back of the church. Use your own pen & sign cards for the fire and police offers protecting Kenmore. Feel free to sign cards at home & drop them off at the rectory.

**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.

**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. The current earning period ends Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

### Advent Reflection

*Today's reflection is excerpted from Sunday Connection by Loyola Press and can be found at [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com). The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel. Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus & John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine. The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The commentary in the missalette is so good this week that we are reproducing it here: *This is "a year of favor from the Lord" (Isaiah 61:2). No, not 2020. Not this century or even this new millennium. But now and for the last two thousand years as well as for every year into the future. You see, a year of favor was a jubilee year when slaves were freed, prisoners were released, and all debts were wiped out. All land & property reverted to their original owner, God, who redistributed it equitably & generously. Both people & land were liberated. Isaiah used it to describe the Chosen People's return to Jerusalem after years in exile. Significantly, this is the passage Jesus read in the synagogue, after which he proclaimed, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). Jesus is the fulfillment of this year of favor from the Lord. He frees us from the bondage of original sin. He wipes out all our debts. He returns us to God's grace from the centuries of exile that began with humanity's fall. He redeems us today & every day, opening to all of us his arms of salvation. So, on this Gaudete Sunday we rejoice, for we know the Lord is come and the year of favor is here, now & forever. What can you do to make this year of favor a reality in your life? So let us follow the words of St. Paul to rejoice always, pray without ceasing & give thanks regardless of the circumstances, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul & body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.*

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**In His Name** – St. Vincent de Paul is not putting up the Giving Tree this year, but we will accept all donations of hats, gloves & scarves. Please place them in the basket by the main doors of the church. Donations will be taken to the Maurin Center to be given to the homeless. Thank you! Toiletries for Peter Maurin Center is ongoing.

**Stay Informed** – We'll continue to update information, post pictures & video at [www.ickenmore.org](http://www.ickenmore.org).

### Liturgical Ministers

**Christmas Eve 5:30 pm:** Lector – B. Langton; EMHC – J. Langton, 1 Gruic; M of H – S. Mason, NEED.

**Christmas Eve 10 pm:** Lector – NEED, M of H – NEED, EMHC – J. & J. Osolin.

**Christmas Day 10 am:** Lector – NEED, EMHC – R. DeVoe, NEED, M of H – R. Baker, NEED. Please call Melissa at the rectory to share your stewardship.

**New Year's Eve 5:30 pm (Holy Day Vigil):** Lector – B. Langton; EMHC – J. Langton; M of H – NEED.

**New Year's Day 10 am (Holy Day):** Lector - NEED, EMHC: NEED; M of H – R. Baker, R. DeVoe.

**Church Housekeeping:** We are in desperate need of two more people to help one Monday or one Friday a month. Call Cherylyn at 330-825-5959 for information. Schedules for 2021 are available at the main doors of the church. All stewards are requested to send their email address to [cherylyn.gruic@gmail.com](mailto:cherylyn.gruic@gmail.com) to facilitate communications.

**SVdP Food Pantry – November report:** we provided food for 62 people in 22 households.

**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](http://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 is 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 continues to be produced by the Diocese of Cleveland.