

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 20, 2020
Fourth 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 Dec 21	Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm Jerry Hardesty by Family	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45	
Tues Dec 22			1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Dec 23	John of Kanty, Priest	5:30 pm Sr. Francesca Rauckhorst by Family	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66	
Thur Dec 24		5:30 pm Wally & Helen Langton by Joe & Beth Langton	Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25	
		10 pm Frank C. Smith by Fr. Mike	Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14	
Fri Dec 25	The Nativity of the Lord	10 am Stephen & Anna Zamesko by Steve & Toni Zamesko	Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18	
Sat Dec 26	Stephen, The First Martyr	5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Witzl Family	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22	
Sun Dec 27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:30 am Karen Hardesty by Family 11 am People of the Parish	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Dec 6	Dec 13
Sunday Offering -	\$4,449.00	\$2,066.00
Daily Offering -		\$694.00
Christmas -	\$130.00	\$400.00
Holy Day -	\$105.00	\$460.00
Total	\$4,684.00	\$3,620.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$984.00	(\$80.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$140.00	\$54.00
Capital Improvement -	\$250.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$220.00	\$60.00
Other Gifts -	\$175.00	\$115.00
Diocese Designated -		\$340.00
Envs used of 244 sent	67	44

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!

Christmas Across the Pews - Send Christmas Greetings to your fellow parishioners and let them know you care & are thinking of them. 1.) Email your greeting to ickenmore@yahoo.com; 2.) Drop them in the collection; 3.) Drop them off at the rectory. We are family!

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 - The current earning period ends Dec. 26th. Please place your receipts in the baskets at all doors of the church.

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.

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.

Advent Reflection

Today's reflection is from Sunday Connection by Loyola Press and can be found at www.loyolapress.com. This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us. We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God. The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we grow closer to the celebration of Christmas, we hear the Gospel story of the coming of the angel Gabriel to Mary in the town of Nazareth in the region of Galilee. Gabriel is the angel of annunciation, heavenly mercy, resurrection and revelation. His appearance to Mary understandably left her shaken, as it would any of us and, like us, she wondered what this meant & what was coming next. What came next was the announcement the God had chosen her to conceive and bear a son whose name would be Jesus – "God saves". His very name tells us his identity – God and His mission – to save or bring salvation to all. As a young Jewish girl, Mary would have known the meaning of the name "Jesus" and as it was an angel standing in front of her giving her this news, this was no ordinary event. As Gabriel further explained, Mary questioned, but she never wavered in her faith. Although only a young girl, she accepted this call from God on her life along with the responsibilities, joys, hardships and grief it would eventually bring. We honor Mary for her faithfulness, her humility and her obedience to the will of God. May her words, "May it be done to me according to your word" be on our lips and in our hearts every day and may we strive to be as humble and obedient in faith as Mary was.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name – Hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks and toiletries for the homeless served by the Peter Maurin Center. Please place donations in the basket by the main doors of the church. Thank you.

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

TV Mass Change – The Sunday television Mass can now be found at 10 am on WUAB, the CW. If you aren't yet coming to Mass, please tune in & participate at home.

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, EMHC – J. & J. Osolin, M of H – L. Wilson, NEED.

Christmas Day 10 am: Lector – NEED, EMHC – R. DeVoe, NEED, M of H – R. Baker, NEED.

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. Please call Melissa at the rectory to share your stewardship.

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 to facilitate communications.

Televised Christmas Masses – Join the Most Rev. Edward Malesic, Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland, as he celebrates Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Mass on Christmas Eve will be livestreamed at 4:30 pm on Dec. 24th via the diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org and the Christmas Day Mass will be televised on WOIO channel 19 on Dec. 25th at 9 am. Both Masses will remain on the website and available on demand after the broadcast.

Diocesan Webpage – The diocese has prepared a special resource page for Advent & Christmas. Check it out at dioceseofcleveland.org. Check it out!

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Wed., Dec. 30th at the 5:30 pm Mass.