

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December  
Month of The  
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Conception

## December 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gabelman</b> by Family	1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18	
Tues Dec 29	Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr		1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed</b>
Wed Dec 30	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40	
Thur Dec 31	Sylvester I, Pope  <b>Holy Day Vigil Mass</b>	5:30 pm <b>Deceased Members of the Blondin Family</b> by Joe & Beth Langton	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18	
Fri Jan 1	Solmenity of Mary, Mother of God	<u>10 am</u> <b>Nancy Clay</b> by Friends & Family	Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	
Sat Jan 2	Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	5:30 pm <b>Michael D. Evans</b> by Cheryl Krasovic	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below</b> <b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Jan 3	The Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am <b>People of the Parish</b> 11 am <b>Dennis Kearns</b> by Family	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	

### Sancuary Lamp - Special Intention

### Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

#### COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Dec 20</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$2,066.00	Due to
Daily Offering -	\$694.00	Christmas,
Christmas -	\$400.00	this report
Holy Day -	\$460.00	will be
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,620.00</b>	included
Weekly Budget		in next
<b>operating costs</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	week's
(Shortfall) Overage	<b>(\$80.00)</b>	bulletin.
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$54.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$60.00	
Other Gifts -	\$115.00	
Diocese Designated -	\$340.00	
Envs used of 244 sent	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!

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass.**

**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 ended Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. Please place your receipts in the baskets at all doors of the church.

**Parish Library** – 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.

**Holy Day:** January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm and Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am.

The **SVdP Food Pantry** will be closed until January 7<sup>th</sup>. The **rectory** will close at noon on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**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.**

## Family Perspective

We come to know Jesus through both word and sacrament. The words of the Bible illuminate our minds and lift our spirits to consider things not as human beings do but from the perspective of our divine and heavenly God: God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit. In considering the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth, we might ponder: How can we also look at the events of our days as a constant living with the word of God? How do we make room and space for this word to dwell within us richly? How do we experience Jesus as consolation and comfort? Universal Prayer: For the families of the universal church, by putting on the compassion, kindness, and humility of Christ, may we be united in all that we do . . .

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Joseph, Mary & Jesus are the models for all Catholic families as well as for those living in community, for in them we find obedience, faithfulness, excellent work ethic, strength and above all love. We can see these things in our own families, but do we see our families as holy? What does it mean to be holy and strive for holiness? The Catholic Encyclopedia defines holiness as, "the free self-dedication of the person or a community to God." To be holy means to live in, with and for God. The Catechism tells us we are "called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (2013). How do we do that? The Catechism goes on to say, "in doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus, the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints" (remember we are all members of the Communion of Saints). So, do you and your family strive to do the will of the Father? Does what you do give glory to God? How are you serving others? We strive to follow the example set by the Holy Family, but remember, even they had their trials and hardships beginning with Joseph planning to quietly divorce Mary because he thought she had been unfaithful, then having to endure a difficult trip to Bethlehem for a birth in a place that was less than ideal. If that wasn't enough they had to flee to Egypt because Herod wanted to kill their son and they lost him in the temple. Through it all they remained faithful and trusted God and that is what we are asked to do as well. Perfect – no. Holy – yes.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Subway Gift Cards** - We would appreciate any donations of Subway gift cards in \$5 or \$10 amounts to be distributed to the homeless and hungry who knock on our rectory door. Thank you.

**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.

### Liturgical Ministers

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](mailto:cherylyn.gruic@gmail.com) to facilitate communications.

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

**CareCards** – Please keep them coming! To participate, purchase cards of encouragement, add a short note and sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket. Please turn in cards for the next visit by the end of each month.

### *Other Events*

• **The FEST** ([www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us)) is looking to fill paid summer internships with students interested in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to [Caitlin@theFEST.us](mailto:Caitlin@theFEST.us) by Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

• **Have a question for the Bishop:** Bishop Edward Malesic will be our guest on the next episode of the "Table Talk" Show on 1260 AM. If there is anything you would like to ask Bishop Malesic, please email your question to [tabletalk@am1260therock.com](mailto:tabletalk@am1260therock.com) and it may be used on the air! This episode will air: Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm, Friday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 am & Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. If you miss the broadcast, you can go to the archive tab at [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) and listen there.

• **Monthly Sunday Grief Support:** Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. will hold the next free monthly in-office grief support group on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief or simply listen. The topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love". We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from 3 pm – 4 pm at the following local location: Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron office. Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing. Protective facial coverings are required. To RSVP, get a list of other locations or for questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.