

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Jan 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	5:30 pm Marcella Archual by Frank Archual	1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	
Tues Jan 5	John Neumann, Bishop		1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Jan 6	Andre Bessette, Religious	5:30 pm Annie & Joe Gnap by Bernie Gnap	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52	
Thur Jan 7	Raymond of Penafort, Priest		1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4; Lk 4:14-22	
Fri Jan 8		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16	
Sat Jan 9		5:30 pm People of the Parish	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 – 10 am CH
		8:30 am Kenneth Ball by Friends 11 am Howard 'Ted' Clauss by mother, Bea Clauss	Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11	
Sun Jan 10	The Baptism of the Lord			

Sancuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Dec 13	Dec 20
Sunday Offering -	\$2,066.00	\$3,033.00
Daily Offering -	\$694.00	\$4.00
Christmas –	\$400.00	375.00
Holy Day -	\$460.00	\$160.00
Total	\$3,620.00	\$3,572.00
Weekly Budget		
operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$80.00)	(\$128.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$54.00	
Capital Improvements –		\$565.00
Debt Reduction –	\$60.00	\$140.00
Other Gifts -	\$115.00	\$998.83
Diocese Designated -	\$340.00	\$10.00
Envs used of 244 sent	44	65

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 **SVdP Food Pantry** will reopen January 7th.

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.

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.

Bingo – It was hoped that Bingo would be able to start again in January, but because the virus is still VERY MUCH with us, this can not happen and we can not even begin to guess when it will be safe for workers and guests. With this continued loss of important income, please continue to use your envelopes as faithfully as you have been. You are all amazing!

Continue to keep in prayer **Krista & Mimi** as they continue on their faith journey in **R.C.I.A.**

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.

To receive your 2020 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.

Family Perspective

While we find within the gospel and the second reading historical events in which Jews and Gentiles are brought together by the light of Christ, we are still waiting for the fullness of Isaiah's prophecy to take place in which the radiance of God's peace will eradicate the darkness of violence, war, pain, suffering and bloodshed. We are reminded that the newborn king of the Jews was not found in the palace in Jerusalem but in a humble home in Bethlehem. How does your family recognize Jesus in the poor and the vulnerable? Universal Prayer: For families who suffer from religious persecution throughout the world, may the fruit of inter-religious dialogue and ecumenism lead to safety of worship for all. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we reflect on our world which has never been so united and divided at the same time. The word '*epiphany*' comes from the Greek '*epiphaneia*' meaning manifestation. On this day, we celebrate the manifestation or revelation of Jesus, the Christ or "the anointed one", Messiah, Son of God and Savior of the world. This came about because foreigners, the Wise Men, from the East, came to adore him. These Magi were representatives of lands where people did not believe in God; they were pagans and practiced pagan religions. By "coming to Jerusalem to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the Star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament." (CCC 528). Jesus came for **all** people as King of **all** nations. With whom can you share this Good News? Does your life honor the King?

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.

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.

Stay Informed – Check out our website at www.ickenmore.org for all kinds of interesting stories, pictures and videos.

Acme Cashback – The current earning period ended Dec. 26th. Please place your receipts in the baskets at all doors of the church.

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.

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.

Christmas Flower Additions

Banko Family by Mrs. Shirley Felice

Felice, Domenick & Christopher by Mrs. Shirley Felice

Felice Family by Mrs. Shirley Felice

Jarvis, Frank & Gilda by Linda Kerns

Jarvis, Frank Jr. by Linda Kerns

Jarvis, William by Linda Kerns

Kerns, Frank by Linda Kerns

McDonald, Jennie by Family

Santilli, Leo & Evelyn by Family

Wilson, Charles J. by Family

Wilson, James Leo Wilson by Family

Other Events

• **The FEST** (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 by Jan. 10th.

• **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 him, email your question to tabletalk@am1260therock.com and it may be used on the air! This episode will air: Thurs., Jan. 21st at 5 pm, Fri., Jan. 22nd at 8 am & Sun., Jan. 24th at 1 pm. If you miss the broadcast, you can go to the archive tab at 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 17th. 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 3rd 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.

• **The Bible & the Church Fathers:** virtual scripture study via Zoom on Thursdays, 9 - 10:30 am, Jan. 7 - Mar. 25 with Randy Malik, Dir. of Faith Formation for Adults, St. Hilary Parish. For more info, mail rmalick@sthilarychurch.org.