

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Jan 18		5:30 pm Mike Donahue by Bill & Barb Gossett	Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22	
Tues Jan 19			Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Jan 20	Fabian, Pope & Martyr Sebastian, Martyr	5:30 pm G.J. Caruso by Family	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6	
Thur Jan 21	Agnes, Virgin & Martyr		Heb 7:25 – 8:6; Mk 3:7-12	
Fri Jan 22		5:30 pm John, Ann Marie & Beth Ann Kovalchin by Family	Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19	
Sat Jan 23	Marianne Cope, Virgin; Vincent, Deacon & Martyr	5:30 pm Jeanne Kovac by mother, Bea Clauss	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 – 10 am CH
Sun Jan 24	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Michael Bucy by Ann, Jim & Bob Considine	Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20	

Sancuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Jan 3	Jan 10
Sunday Offering -	\$2,950.00	\$3,953.00
Daily Offering -	\$631.00	\$841.00
Christmas -	\$2,945.00	\$565.00
Holy Day -	\$1,397.00	\$36.00
Total	\$7,923.00	\$5,395.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$4,223.00	\$1,695.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$150.00	\$110.00
Capital Improvements	\$300.00	\$130.00
Other Gifts -		\$70.00
Diocese Designated -		\$80.00
Envs used of 244 sent	59	99

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

Kenmore Community Meal is back! Take-out meals will be available in front of Waldeisen Hall **next** Tues., Jan. 26th from 5 - 6:30 pm (or until we run out). Menu: creamed chicken over rice, green beans, bread, Gardner's chocolate pecan pie.

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.

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!

Acme Cashback – The current earning period ended. Please turn in your receipts in the baskets at all doors of the church **before the end of January.**

The 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place the weekend of Feb 20-21. More info to come.

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

191 - Pope Nicholas IV - Pope from Feb. 22, 1288 – death, Apr. 4, 1292. Girolamo Masci was born in late 1227 in humble surroundings. He became a Franciscan friar as soon as he was able, but was quickly given more responsibility due to his intelligence and piety. He was sent to the East to invite the Orthodox brethren to attend the Second Council of Lyon in 1272. Girolamo was then elected to succeed St. Bonaventure as Minister General of the entire Franciscan Order in 1274. Pope Nicholas III appointed Girolamo Cardinal-Priest of Santa Pudenziana in 1278. Pope Martin IV made him Bishop of Palestrina in 1281. The conclave following Honorius IV's death took over a year, at which point the cardinals elected him in a unanimous vote. Girolamo, reluctant to take the office, made the cardinals wait a week and hold another vote. It was only after a second unanimous vote and a desire to be obedient to the Holy Spirit and the Church that he finally agreed to claim the papacy, taking the name Nicholas IV. As pope, he appointed a new batch of cardinals, among them his successor as Minister General of the Franciscans and the Vice Chancellor of the Roman Church. He was a patron of the arts, having been known to beautify and restore churches wherever possible. Nicholas commissioned a document entitled *Taxatio*, meant to help regulate church taxes in England. Incredibly, it was used as a rubric until the rule of Henry VIII came about 300 years later. Pope Nicholas IV was best known for continuing the tiresome issue of who was the rightful successor of the kingdom of Sicily. Basically, it all came down to who would recognize the pope as *suzerain*, or sovereign leader, over that realm. He ultimately gave the crown to Charles II, son of the infamous King Charles of Anjou, and sought to oust James of Aragon from the throne. Thankfully, a treaty was reached between the two sides in 1291 validating Nicholas' effort. Upon death, he was buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. What else was going on in the world at the time? A law enacted in 1288 in Scotland noted that, for the first time ever, women were allowed to propose to men...but only in a leap year. If the man refused, he was forced to pay a "spurned lover" fee for rejecting the potential bride.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we read about the calling of Samuel, Andrew, Simon & an unnamed person. If you read the accounts you'll find that there's a pretty big lack of information or instruction given by the Lord in either case. What we see are hearts that are open to God's invitation to listen and to follow. We also see a level of trust that is hard to put into words. Samuel doesn't question, but replies "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel has already committed himself to the Lord without knowing any details; the Lord's call was enough. Andrew and his companion, Jews, knew the meaning of the "Lamb of God" and followed Jesus – no details; Andrew even went to find his brother, Simon with the words "We have found the Messiah." Imagine how this would play out today – we'd want to know details like time commitment, what would be expected of us, pay, benefits, vacation time, etc. Let us pray that we can be as trusting of the Lord as those we read about today. Let us freely offer God our time, talent and treasure, our very lives, for the good of the Church and our world. Let us humbly submit to God and allow him to use us according to His will.

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.

Church Housekeeping: We are in desperate need of two more people to help one Monday or one Friday a month. Call Cherylyn at 330-825-5949 (note corrected phone number) 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.

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

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

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

• **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:** The Catholic Cemeteries Association's free monthly in-office grief support group will meet today, Jan. 17th from 3 – 4 pm at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron. The topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love". Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing. Protective facial coverings are required. To RSVP, get a list of other dates and locations or for questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief or simply listen. Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance.