

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



January  
Month of the  
Holy Childhood  
of Jesus

January 31, 2021  
Fourth 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 Feb 1		5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gabelman</b> by Family	Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20	
Tues Feb 2	The Presentation of the Lord		Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below</b>
Wed Feb 3	Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Ansgar, Bishop <b>Blessing of Throats - see info below</b>	5:30 pm <b>Bob &amp; Vilma Saxon</b> by Ann Miller	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6	
Thur Feb 4			Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13	
Fri Feb 5	Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	5:30 pm <b>Betty Bozsik</b> by Bernie Gnap	Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29	
Sat Feb 6	Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm <b>Clifford Wincki</b> by Family	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below</b> <b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Feb 7	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>People of the Parish</b> 11 am <b>Frank Ricci</b> by Alice Beatty	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39	

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Jan 17	Jan 24
Sunday Offering -	\$2,475.00	\$2,757.00
Holy Day -	\$5.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,480.00</b>	<b>\$2,757.00</b>
<b>Weekly operating costs</b>		
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$1,220.00)</b>	<b>(\$943.00)</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$20.00	\$10.00
Capital Improvements	\$170.00	\$50.00
Debt Reduction -		\$50.00
Other Gifts -		\$80.00
Diocese Designated -	\$10.00	\$85.00
Envs used of 244 sent	50	61

**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!

**Blessing of Throats -** St. Blaise Day, Wed., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be **no** individual blessing of throats with crossed candles. Following the General Intercessions, Fr. Mike will extend hands and pray the prayer of blessing over everyone.

**Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.** Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm & ashes will be distributed, but not in the usual manner. This adaptation will be followed throughout the diocese and most probably around the world as it came down from Pope Francis: The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. He then addresses all present by saying one time “Repent and believe in the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust & to dust you shall return.” The priest washes his hands and, with face mask on, distributes ashes to those who wish to receive. **NOTE: ASHES WILL BE SPRINKLED ON THE HEADS OF THOSE WHO RECEIVE – there will be NO PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE FOREHEAD OF THE RECIPIENT.** All will wear face masks. This method is used in many other countries, but it is not common here. We have had to adapt in many ways over the past months and this is just another example.

**For parishioners not yet coming to Mass,** we understand how important this day is for all of us. We're working to ensure that everyone who wants to receive ashes can do so. We will have small containers of ashes, along with material from the diocese, available for pickup at the rectory on Ash Wednesday from 9 am – 5 pm. We will be asking you to RSVP so we have enough at the rectory. Stay tuned.

## History of Popes

**193 - Pope Boniface VIII** - Pope from Dec 24, 1294 - death, Oct. 11, 1303. Benedict Gaetani was born around the year 1230 and was related to Popes Alexander IV & Gregory IX on his mother's side. He entered the Franciscan Order early on and in 1252 was brought to Umbria to study canon law by his uncle, the Bishop of Todi. Benedict entered the Roman Curia in 1264, where he served as secretary to the future Pope Martin IV who appointed him a cardinal-deacon in 1281. He was elevated to cardinal-priest ten years later by Pope Nicholas IV. After the abdication of Pope St. Celestine, Benedict was chosen by the required two-thirds majority and took the name Boniface VIII. As pope, he restored multiple churches and canonized St. Louis IX, the former King of France. Boniface assigned many high offices to relatives, which earned him a place in Dante's *Inferno* - apparently destined to the Eighth Circle of Hell for the sin of simony. In 1300, Boniface was the first pope in history to formally institute a "jubilee" year, where he encouraged the faithful to make a pilgrimage to Rome. The custom has been repeated ever since, occurring every 25 to 50 years with some exceptions, right up to the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016. His landmark work, the papal bull *Unam Sanctam*, declared that every human creature be subject to the Roman Pontiff, which didn't sit well with secular leaders. He is best known for his epic and rather tragic battle with King Philip IV of France. Boniface didn't appreciate the growing requests of monarchs to use church tithes for secular wars, and Philip didn't like the pope meddling in French business. This discord continued for the majority of Boniface's pontificate. Boniface had a tendency to make rash statements out of excitement and/or anger, drawing on his extensive knowledge of canon law and skill as a jurist. Eventually, Philip IV responded in kind. Opposition and division were everywhere, lies were told on both sides. Boniface was nearly assassinated in 1303 as a result. He died of a fever later that year on October 11. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 1295, Venice saw the return of the great Marco Polo, who had been traveling abroad in China.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our Gospel, we read of a man possessed by an unclean spirit and of the power of God. The unclean spirit recognizes Jesus as the Holy One of God – it's interesting that the people don't! Jesus commands the evil to leave the man and it does and the people are amazed. We know Jesus as the Holy One; we recognize Him as the Son of God, our Redeemer and Savior, but how often do we come to him to be healed of the things that are not of God such as hatred, bigotry, prejudice, close-mindedness, ego, need for power and prestige, self-reliance, divisive speech and more? All of these things keep us from being good stewards and disciples for the Lord. They keep us from being all we were created to be. Let us go to the Lord in prayer to ask for healing and strength.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**The Christ Child Society** is in need of baby blankets no larger than 30 x 30" and infant hats. If you knit or crochet, here's a project for you. If you don't, but would like to purchase some, that's great too. Please bring all donations to the rectory and we'll make sure they get where they need to go. 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 for information. All stewards are requested to send their email address to [cherylyn.gruic@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Kenmore Community Meal needs:** brownie mix, instant potatoes, creamed soups, canned vegetables. Please put your donations in the basket by the small table behind the last pew.

**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.

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

**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** – Because the virus is still VERY MUCH with us, we can not even begin to guess when it will be safe for workers & guests. With this continued loss of important income, please continue to use your envelopes as faithfully as you have been. You are all amazing!

### **Stay Informed**

Check out our website at [www.ickenmore.org](http://www.ickenmore.org) for all kinds of interesting stories, pictures and videos.

***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.*

### *Other Events*

•**Dine to Donate Fundraiser:** Thurs., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 NE Ohio Melt locations (see website below). 20% of all purchases (carryout & in-house purchases of food/alcohol and merchandise) will be donated to support the work of Catholic Charities. For more info and to participate, visit [www.ccdocle.org/melt](http://www.ccdocle.org/melt) to print or digitally display the flyer which will be needed to be shown at the register to participate.