

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 7, 2021
Fifth 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 8	Jerome Emiliana; Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56	
Tues Feb 9			Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Mk 7:14-23	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Feb 10	Scholastica, Virgin	5:30 pm Doris Phythyon by Karen Thompson	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23	
Thur Feb 11	Our Lady of Lourdes		Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30	
Fri Feb 12		5:30 pm Virginia Rister by Dennis & Ginny Smith	Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37	
Sat Feb 13		5:30 pm Gruic Family by Mark & Cherylyn	Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 – 10 am CH
Sun Feb 14	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day	8:30 am Rose Rauckhorst & Regina Jenkins by Family 11 am Don & Joann Nauer by Family	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Jan 24	Jan 31
Sunday Offering -	\$2,757.00	\$3,641.00
Holy Day -		\$95.00
Total	\$2,757.00	\$3,756.00
Weekly operating costs		
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$943.00)	\$56.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$10.00	\$10.00
Capital Improvements	\$50.00	\$40.00
Debt Reduction -	\$50.00	
Other Gifts -	\$80.00	\$345.00
Diocese Designated -	\$85.00	\$70.00
Envs used of 244 sent	61	58

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!

World Marriage Day – All names must be submitted by Mon., Feb. 8th to be included in the flyer for next week's bulletin. A **Marriage Blessing** will be given at all Masses the weekend of Feb. 13 & 14 and will be recorded for the website.

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17th. 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'll 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. Please call the rectory by Feb. 16th to RSVP with the number of people in your household to ensure we have enough.

History of Popes

194 - Blessed Pope Benedict XI- Pope from Oct. 22, 1303 – death, July 7, 1304. Nicola Boccasini was born in Treviso, Italy in the year 1240. At age 14, he entered the Order of Preachers, of which he would eventually be named Master General. At 28, Nicola became a professor of theology and at 56 was named head of the Dominicans. As its leader and aware of an effort to discredit Pope Boniface VIII, Nicola forbade members of his order from favoring the pontiff's opponents. Boniface made Nicola a cardinal in 1298 and he would eventually serve as Bishop of Ostia and Dean of the College of Cardinals. He was one of two cardinals who stayed behind to protect Boniface from an assassination attempt that nearly succeeded. Due to his courage in protecting the papacy, he was unanimously elected on October 22, 1303, taking the name Benedict XI. In office just eight months, Benedict commanded those responsible for almost killing the previous pope to appear in Rome with the papal bull *Flagitiosum scelus* ("Shameful crime"). He also annulled Boniface's bull *Unam Sanctam*. He was best known for doing literally the opposite of Boniface in dealing with the French, lifting all censures placed on France by Boniface. Benedict died suddenly on July 7, 1304. Due to his known holiness, Christians flocked to venerate his tomb, where reports of many miracles happening there led to his being beatified by Pope Clement XII on April 24, 1736. What else was going on in the world at the time? A few months before Benedict's election, an August 8 earthquake in Egypt destroyed the famed Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our reading from Job might describe life for many who find it hard to find meaning and purpose in this time of pandemic. Job speaks of life as drudgery, of months of misery, of nights that drag on, of restlessness and of days that end without hope. St. Paul reminds us that as Christians, we have a mission and that living out that mission gives our lives meaning and purpose despite the current situation. Our mission was given to us at Baptism and it is to carry on the mission of Jesus which is to proclaim the Kingdom of God and the Father's will that all people be raised up to share in the divine life. The Catechism cites Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, "To carry out the will of the Father, Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth.' Now the Father's will is 'to raise up men to share in his own divine life.' He does this by gathering men around his son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church 'on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom.'" With whom have you shared the Catholic faith? Who do you know who needs to hear the Good News of God's mercy and love? Let us be good stewards of the mission given to us when we became the adopted sons and daughters of God.

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 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.

Kenmore Community Meal – We served 110 meals in January. Our next take-out meal will be available on Tue., Feb. 23rd. Menu: Pulled pork, mac & cheese, cole slaw, bread, brownies.

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

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 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

• **Theology of The Body Introductory Course:** Sat., Feb. 27th, 9 am - 4 pm. Cost is \$45 and includes presentations, study materials, lunch. Program available in person or on zoom. Please register by Feb. 20th at tobcle.org.