

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 14, 2021
Sixth 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 15		5:30 pm Mary Clair by M/M Adams & Ida Rea	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13	
Tues Feb 16			Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Feb 17	Ash Wednesday	5:30 pm Matilda Velloney by Family	Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thur Feb 18			Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25	
Fri Feb 19		5:30 pm Bob & Vilma Saxon by Ann Miller	Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Feb 20		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Feb 21	First Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15	

Sancuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Jan 31	Feb 7
Sunday Offering -	\$3,641.00	\$4,202.00
Daily -	\$95.00	
Holy Day -	\$20.00	
Total	\$3,756.00	\$4,202.00
Weekly operating costs		
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$56.00	\$502.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$10.00	\$168.00
Capital Improvements	\$40.00	\$25.00
Debt Reduction -		\$380.00
Other Gifts -	\$345.00	\$190.00
Diocese Designated -	\$70.00	
Envs used of 244 sent	58	63

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.

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.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm & ashes will be distributed, but not in the usual manner. The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes, sprinkles the ashes with holy water without saying anything, 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.

Ash Wednesday for those not yet coming to Mass:

Ashes along with the rite to be used will be available at the back door of the rectory from 9 am - 5 pm on Wednesday. Please call the rectory by Feb. 16th to RSVP to ensure we have enough.

Because of Covid, the **Rite of Election** can not be held at the Cathedral of St. John, but will be celebrated at individual parishes. We will celebrate at the 11 am Mass next Sunday.

Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Daniel Brewer** for making the President's List at the Univ. of Akron for his 4.0 average and to **Abigail Brewer** for making the Buchtel College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List at the Univ. of Akron.

History of Popes

195 –Pope Clement V- Pope from June 5, 1305 – death, April 20, 1314. Bertrand de Got was born in Gascony, France around the year 1264. He studied civil & canon law before serving his brother, the Archbishop of Lyon, as vicar-general. Bertrand was then elevated to Bishop of St-Bertrand-de-Comminges, then as Archbishop of Bordeaux in 1297. He was personal chaplain to Pope Boniface VIII. Taking the name Clement V, he was elected nearly a year after Pope Boniface's death. As pope, he sent the Franciscan John of Montecorvino to China to evangelize the Mongols and successfully held off French King Philip's desire to posthumously condemn Pope Boniface VIII. However, he spent much of his papacy stricken with illness and serving as a mere pawn of King Philip IV of France. This led to two monumental moments in Church history - the suppression of the famed Knights Templar & the Holy See's move from Rome to Avignon for the next 70 years, known as the "Babylonian Captivity" & the "Avignon Papacy." The suppression of the Templar, a military order created in the 12th Century to defend the Holy Land, was particularly dubious. The order had developed a system for banking & business, and had thus built up much wealth across Europe. King Philip simultaneously blackmailed Clement & had Guillaume de Nogaret, the king's henchman, orchestrate a smear campaign accusing the order of sodomy, idolatry, blasphemy, and heresy (denial of Christ, etc.). Many Templars, including the Grand Master & other leaders, were tortured and ultimately burned at the stake by the king's men, Clement suppressed the order at the Council of Vienne in 1311 and Philip walked away with the riches. What else was going on in the world at the time? The year 1308 marked the beginning (approximately) of when Dante Alighieri began to write his landmark work, the *Divine Comedy*. It was finally completed in 1320, a year before his death.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today is Valentine's Day. Thoughts turn to loved ones and we go to great lengths to show them our love. Let us also take the time to reflect on the love God has for us. You can't show your love for someone in greater measure than laying down your life for them & that is exactly what God did for us. God entered our sinful world as one of us and walked the earth teaching, healing and ultimately giving his life out of love so that we might have salvation and life everlasting. Let us take time in prayer to thank God for the greatest act of love there will ever be and show our gratitude through our stewardship on behalf of others and the Church.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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!

2021 Catholic Charities Appeal will be held next weekend, Feb. 20 & 21. This year's theme is "Love your Neighbor". All proceeds will benefit programs for those in need within our diocese, please be generous. We ask that you do not take envelopes home with you as this is an in-pew appeal and they need to be mailed in as a group to the diocese. You may give online at CatholicCommunity.org/2021appeal; funds given through the link will be matched by a generous donor up to \$1 million. Thank you for participating!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent at 6:30 pm. Masks must be worn! To keep risk of infection down, Station books will not be distributed.

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

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.

Stay Informed - Visit our website www.ickenmore.org for interesting stories, pictures and videos.

The **3 pillars of Lent** are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.
Prayer – Read the daily Mass readings (on calendar) sign up to receive a daily reflection at lentreflections.com or dynamiccatholic.com, attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour, go to confession, **make Fridays special** by coming to 5:30 pm Mass, staying for private prayer time & then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm, pray for fellow parishioners & for the sharing of your stewardship. **Fasting** - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. *Fasting* is obligatory for all between 18 & 59 years old, allowing a person to eat one full meal, two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal with no in-between meal snacks. *Abstinence* (from meat and meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. *Fridays in Lent* are days of complete abstinence.
Almsgiving – Pick up a rice bowl container from the table near the main doors of the church and support Catholic Relief Services.