

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Feb 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	5:30 pm John DiAntonio by Yeager Family	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	
Tues Feb 23	Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr		Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Kenmore Community Meal 5-6:30 pm WH
Wed Feb 24	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Theresa & John Yeager by Yeager Family	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	
Thur Feb 25			Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12	
Fri Feb 26		5:30 pm Patty Mahoney Janis by Stephanie Saniga	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Feb 27		5:30 pm Nancy Clay by Friends & Family	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Feb 28	Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Joan Ballway by Tim & Marie Canan 11 am People of the Parish	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Feb 7	Feb 14
Sunday Offering -	\$4,202.00	\$2,781.00
Daily -		
Holy Day -		\$50.00
Total	\$4,202.00	\$2,831.00
Weekly operating costs		
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$502.00	(\$869.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$168.00	\$100.00
Capital Improvements	\$25.00	\$625.00
Debt Reduction -	\$380.00	\$160.00
Other Gifts -	\$190.00	\$250.00
Diocese Designated -		\$20.00
Envs used of 244 sent	63	62

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.

Kenmore Community Meal - Take-out meals will be available at the front doors of Waldeisen Hall this Tue., Feb. 23rd from 5 - 6:30 pm (or until we run out). Menu: Pulled pork, mac & cheese, cole slaw, bread, brownies.

New Ministry - The Kenmore Ministerial Association had a discussion with the Kenmore Cluster Elementary Schools & we've come up with something to help students as they come back to school - Cards of Encouragement. Using 3 x 5 index cards, write simple messages of encouragement, draw pictures, sign your name, etc., that will lift the spirits of young people in an uncertain time. These cards will go to grades K-6, so keep it simple; cards will be placed on their lunch trays. You may use your own index cards or use those placed at the doors of the church. There will be a basket at the main door for collection or they may be dropped off at the rectory. Let's make a positive impact in our community.

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 Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated this Wed., Feb 24th at the 5:30 pm Mass. Please follow regular protocols.

Lenten Reflection (excerpted from www.Loyolapress.com)

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This year we read Mark's account of this event which tells us only that, immediately after his baptism, Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist & the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant as it recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent. In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks the beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Jesus sums up His mission in three sentences: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." In other words, get your life in order! Reflect on and analyze where you are with God, acknowledge your sinfulness and seek forgiveness of God and those you hurt, dig deeply into God's Word and let it wash over you: God loves us so much that He sent His Son to walk the earth, preaching and teaching of God's will; the Son went to the cross, taking upon Himself all our sins & giving up His life for us out of the greatest love we'll ever know; the Son's sacrifice and Resurrection from the dead give those who believe the gift of salvation and life everlasting. The Gospel is indeed the Good News to believe! As the baptized we share in this mission. Who do you know who needs to know Jesus and the Good News? How is your spiritual life? Let us come to the Lord in prayer seeking forgiveness, strength and courage.

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.

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!

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.

Called For More – Last week we announced that our diocese is part of a pilot program entitled Called For More which is designed to help diocesan and parish leaders plan for the future. We told you about an important survey that we hope every one of you will take either on-line or on a paper copy. The survey shouldn't take more than 20 minutes or so to complete and we ask you to be completely honest in your responses. The link to take the survey online is: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/d8kp71p2p7>. The link is live from now until 3/22/21 at 11:59 pm. Paper copies may be found at all doors of the church. PLEASE participate in this important event.

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.

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.
Abstinence - *Abstinence* (from meat & 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 & support Catholic Relief Services.

Other Events

• **Diocesan-Wide Retreat Day For Women:** in person or via livestream on Sat., March 20th at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron from 9 am to noon. Mother Theodora of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery will be our guest speaker. The theme is "Friendship & the Saints." For more details or to register, visit stfparish.com & click on the Women's Retreat link.