

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



JOSEPH,
HUSBAND
OF MARY

February 28, 2021
Second 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 Mar 1		5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Mar 2			Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Mar 3	Katherine Drexel, Virgin	5:30 pm John, Ann Marie & Beth Ann Kovalchin by Family	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	
Thur Mar 4	Casimir		Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	
Fri Mar 5		5:30 pm Bill Coupe by Bernie Gnap	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 6		5:30 pm Chris McDonald by Family	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Mar 7	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Mary Clair by M/M Adams & Ida Rea 11 am Ralph & Ina Keegan by Family	Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25	

Sancutary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Feb 14	Feb 21
Sunday Offering -	\$2,781.00	\$2,510.00
Holy Day -	\$50.00	
Total	\$2,831.00	\$2,510.00
Weekly operating costs		
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$869.00)	(\$1,190.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$100.00	\$135.00
Capital Improvements	\$625.00	\$39.00
Debt Reduction -	\$160.00	\$234.00
Other Gifts -	\$250.00	\$195.21
Diocese Designated -	\$20.00	\$220.00
Envs used of 244 sent	62	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.

Adult Faith Enrichment (AFE) - As the Covid numbers are still high, we will not be meeting in March. We hope to see you in April!

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.

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.

Lenten Reflection – Do You Want to Fast This Lent? (In the word of Pope Francis)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our readings center on listening to God and being open to God's call on our lives for that could, very possibly, lead to a transfiguration of our perspective on things and open our minds more and more to all that God wants for us. Abraham was called and answered, "Here I am." He was asked to do the unthinkable – sacrifice his son, Isaac, and he trusted the Lord enough to be willing to carry it through, but God's messenger stopped the horrific act. For his devotion and obedience to God, Abraham was abundantly blessed with many descendants, victory over enemies and the promise that his descendants would bless all the nations. Peter, James and John witnessed the Transfiguration and heard the voice of God say, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." They listened and strengthened by the Spirit, transformed the world. At Baptism we become the adopted sons and daughters of God and are given the mission to continue the transformation of the world. This Lent let us use our stewardship of time to pray and listen for the voice of God with hearts that are open and willing.

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.

Kenmore Community Meal needs: Spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, cake mix. Please place your donations in the basket by the small table behind the last pew.

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!

Called For More – The Diocese of Cleveland is one of several dioceses participating in a pilot program from The Catholic Leadership Institute entitled Called For More. An important aspect of this is a survey which all parishioners are being asked to take. It shouldn't take more than 20 minutes of your time and we ask you to answer honestly. For those with computers, go to our website at www.ickenmore.org, find the article and click on the link. For those who don't have computers, paper copies are available at all doors of the church & at the rectory; they may be returned to the rectory or to the basket by the main doors of the church. Help diocesan and parish leaders plan for the future. Thank you!

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.

• **The Demkee Family Scholarship Fund of the Catholic Community Foundation** will award one \$1,200 scholarship to a student enrolled at the University of Akron or satellite campus. Applicants must be a parishioner at a Catholic parish in Wayne or Summit County and maintain a 3.0 GPA. Scholarship applications are due by May 1 and are available online at: www.catholiccommunity.org/grants or by calling 1-800-869-6525, x4080.

• **Monthly Grief Support Group:** Sun., March 21st, 3 - 4 pm, Holy Cross Cemetery Office, Akron. The topics for March are "Springing Forward" & "Easter: Rising Up with Jesus". Meeting sites are sanitized and participants are asked to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing. Protective facial coverings are required. To RSVP, contact Rhonda at rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.