


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 7, 2021
Third 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 8	John of God, Religious	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30	
Tues Mar 9	Frances of Rome, Religious		Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Mar 10		5:30 pm Michelle Hrabusa by Family	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	
Thur Mar 11			Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	
Fri Mar 12		5:30 pm Annie & Joe Gnap by Bernie Gnap	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 13		5:30 pm Frank Archual by Marilyn Constanzo	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Mar 14	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Jerry Hardesty by Family 11 am People of the Parish	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21	 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>Feb 21</i>	<i>Feb 28</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$2,510.00	\$3,292.00
Holy Day -		
Total	\$2,510.00	\$3,292.00
Weekly operating costs		
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,190.00)	(\$408.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$135.00	\$15.00
Capital Improvements	\$39.00	\$10.00
Debt Reduction -	\$234.00	\$35.00
Other Gifts -	\$205.21	\$1,000.00
Diocese Designated -	\$220.00	\$22.00
Envs used of 244 sent	62	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.

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.

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.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent at 6:30 pm. Masks must be worn! We will be using the Stations from the Missalette.

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!

Holy Week

We've been given guidelines from the diocese regarding Holy Week services - stay tuned for more info.

Liturgical Ministers Needed:

Holy Thursday - Mins. of Hosp.

Good Friday - Mins. of Hosp.

Holy Saturday - Lector, EMHC, Mins. of Hosp.

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

To receive your 2020 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.

Lenten Reflection from Scott Hahn at <https://stpaulcenter.com>

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple but to fulfill it – to reveal its true purpose in God’s saving plan. He is the Lord the prophets said would come to purify the temple; banish the merchants and make a house of prayer for all peoples. The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands. Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves. Notice in today’s first reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices – only that Israel heed His commandments. His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today’s Psalm. It was a law of love perfectly expressed in Christ’s self-offering on the Cross. This is the “sign” Jesus offers in the Gospel today, the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble as Paul tells us in the Epistle. Jesus’s body, destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later, is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of his body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple and together builds us into a dwelling place of God. In the Eucharist, we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires. We are to offer praise as our sacrifice. This means imitating Christ, offering our bodies, all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We read in the Gospel about Jesus driving money changers out of the temple, overturning their tables, spilling their coins and driving out vendors in an effort to purify the temple, which he then compares to his body with these words, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” Jesus understood his mission and his identity; do we understand ours? We are the adopted children of God and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We are called to profess our faith to others and to participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God (CCC #1270), we share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly roles of Jesus and we have a share in God’s life of faith, hope and charity. This Lent, let us spend some stewardship of time in prayer reflecting on the attitudes & behaviors that create sinfulness in us. As temples of the Spirit what do we need to get rid of, drive out and turn upside down so that we can be whole and holy?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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 donations in the basket by the small table behind the last pew.

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.