


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



JOSEPH,
HUSBAND
OF MARY

March 14, 2021
Fourth 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 15		5:30 pm Al & Rose Rauckhorst by Family	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	
Tues Mar 16			Ez 7:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Mar 17	Patrick, Bishop	5:30 pm Health of Bob & Joyce Shorder by Bob & Joyce Shorder	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	
Thur Mar 18	Cyril of Jersualem, Bishop & Doctor		Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	
Fri Mar 19	Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm Mike Donahue by Bill & Barb Gossett	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 20		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Mar 21	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Dorothy Gabelman by Family 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Feb 28	Mar 7
Sunday Offering -	\$3,292.00	\$5,520.00
Total	\$3,292.00	\$5,520.00
Weekly operating costs		
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$408.00)	\$1,820.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$15.00	\$325.00
Capital Improvements	\$10.00	\$350.00
Debt Reduction -	\$35.00	
Other Gifts -	\$1,000.00	\$75.00
Diocese Designated -	\$22.00	
Envs used of 244 sent	58	72

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.

Palm Sunday

5:30 pm: Narrator - Woods; Speaker - Langton
8:30 am: Narrator - Novitsky; Speaker - Brown
11 am: Narrator - B. Eggert; Speaker - L. Eggert

Liturgical Ministers Needed:

Holy Thursday - Mins. of Hosp.
Good Friday - Mins. of Hosp.
Holy Saturday - Lector, EMHC, Mins. of Hosp.

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.

Please keep **Krista Sweitzer** in your prayers as she completes her preparation to be Baptized, Confirmed and receive her First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAMILY

Baptisms: - Damon Christopher Sweitzer,
Ayden James Sweitzer

Deaths - Robert Saxon, Dale Fox, Theresa Heim,
Richard Hudak, Frank Archual, Jr., Mary Stallman

Lenten Reflection from Pope Francis

We must beware of spiritual laziness: we are fine, with our prayers and liturgies, and this is enough for us. No! ...praying never means avoiding the difficulties of life; the light of faith is not meant to provide beautiful spiritual feelings. No, this is not Jesus' message. We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by His light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere. Igniting little lights in people's hearts; being little lamps of the Gospel that bear a bit of love and hope: this is the mission of a Christian.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Jn 3:15 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." These words are some of the most famous in scripture. Over the years the scripture citation has appeared on signs at major sporting events, all sorts of televised events and more. Sometimes when we see or hear something enough, it gets stored in our brains somewhere and other, new information goes to the forefront, but these words are so important that they must remain first and foremost in our minds and our hearts. Take some stewardship of time in prayer to re-read and reflect on our Gospel: John 3:14-21. These words are timeless and apply to our world and to us now as much as they did when John wrote them. Themes of love vs. condemnation, life vs. death, light vs. darkness, good vs. evil speak powerfully to us and to all who search for the truth. Commit this Gospel to memory so that when you meet someone who is lost, who is struggling, who is seeking, you can help lead them home to Jesus and the Church. Thank you, Father for the gift of Your Son and for Your amazing love.

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.

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

Holy Week Guidelines (per the Diocese of Cleveland)

Palm Sunday – Palms will be distributed by a gloved Minister of Hospitality as you enter. Blessing and prayers will take place at the back of the church. During the Entrance Hymn you will hold your palms up high and they will be sprinkled with Holy Water as the priest goes up the aisle.

Triduum is one service spread over 3 days. Please leave in silence on Holy Thursday, enter & leave in silence on Good Friday and enter in silence on Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday – 7 pm **No Washing of the Feet**, Adoration until 10 pm.

Good Friday – 7 pm Veneration will be done by bowing or genuflecting; **the cross is not to be touched.**

Holy Saturday – No confessions; Blessing of Food at noon.

Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm **Individual taper candles will not be distributed.**

If you wish to socialize, please do so outside as has been the protocol since last May.

Called For More – The Diocese of Cleveland is 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. 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. The deadline is March 21st so please don't delay. 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 & Fasting - *Abstinence* (from meat & meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. *Fridays in Lent* are days of complete abstinence. *Good Friday* is a day of *Fasting*, 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.

Almsgiving – Pick up a rice bowl container from the table near the main doors of the church & support Catholic Relief Services.