

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



March 21, 2021
Fifth 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 22		5:30 pm Bob & Vilma Saxon by John Murphy	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11	
Tues Mar 23	Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop		Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Mar 24		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42	
Thur Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord		Is 7:10:14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38	
Fri Mar 26		5:30 pm Betty Bozsik by Bernie Gnap	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 27		5:30 pm Lynn Molnar by Greg Molnar	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Mar 28	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Vilma Saxon by Thelma Esker & Family	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47	

Sanctuary Lamp - Carol Schimmoeller

Holy Family Candle - Carol Schimmoeller

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Mar 7	Mar 14
Sunday Offering -	\$5,520.00	\$2,952.00
Total	\$5,520.00	\$2,952.00
Weekly operating costs		
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$1,820.00	(\$748.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$325.00	\$40.00
Capital Improvements	\$350.00	\$1,041.00
Debt Reduction -		\$20.00
Other Gifts -	\$75.00	\$30.00
Diocese Designated -		\$10.00
Envs used of 240 sent	72	71

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

Holy Thursday 7 pm – Lector: Langton, EMHC: Langton; M. of H.: J. & J. Osolin, Morgan, P. January
Good Friday 7 pm – Narrator: Brown; Speaker: Langton; EMHC: Langton; M. of H.: Morgan, P. January, **need**
Holy Saturday 8:30 pm – Lector: Langton, **need 1 more**; EMHC: **need**; M. of H.: Morgan, P. & J. January

The last opportunity to pray the **Stations of the Cross** in church at IC will be this Friday, March 26th at 6:30 pm.

The next **Kenmore Community Meal** (take-out only) will be next Tuesday from 5 – 6:30 pm or until we run out. Menu: spaghetti, side, bread & dessert.

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.

Baptism Class – The next class will be held on Tues., April 20th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. This is a requirement for all parents seeking baptism for their children.

Lenten Reflections from Pope Francis

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our Gospel Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." The obvious question to ask would be "How do you serve Jesus?" How do you share your stewardship of time, talent & treasure to serve God and God's people? We also have to look at the words, "must follow me". These words prove more difficult as we reflect on the life of Christ & on the lives of His apostles. Following Christ is not always easy and may lead us where we do not want to go. At Baptism we become intimately united with Jesus as members of His body which means we are united to Christ's death and Resurrection. Suffering is part of the life of a Christian, but we have Jesus as the model of faith and courage to look to in difficult times. Our faithfulness in good times and bad leads to the ultimate joy – life everlasting in the heavenly Kingdom. So, we are being called to follow and to serve with faith and in faith. How are we doing with that?

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Cards of Encouragement - The KMA is teaming up with the Kenmore Elementary Schools on a project to encourage students in K – 6. Using 3 x 5 index cards, write a simple message, draw a picture, use stickers and let the students know you are thinking about them. Please put them in the CareCard container near the main doors of the church.

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.

Kenmore Community Meal needs: Canned fruit, brownie mix and frosting. Please place donations in the basket by the small table behind the last pew.

Operation Rice Bowl – Our Lenten alms will support CRS, the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Containers may be turned in Easter weekend at the main doors of the church.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Wed., March 31st at the 5:30 pm Mass. Please follow regular protocols.

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

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.

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.

Holy Week Guidelines (per the Diocese of Cleveland)

Palm Sunday – Palms will be distributed by a gloved Minister of Hospitality as you enter. Blessing & 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. *Any palms that are left over will be available for pick-up at the back door of the rectory.*

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 after Mass, please do so outside as has been the protocol since last May.

Other Events

• **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".