

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



**April 4, 2021**  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Apr 5		5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gabelman</b> by Family	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15	
Tues Apr 6			Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below</b>
Wed Apr 7		5:30 pm <b>Frank Archual, Jr.</b> by Marilyn Costanzo	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35	
Thur Apr 8			Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48	<b>Adult Faith Enrichment</b> 7 pm WH
Fri Apr 9		5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14	
Sat Apr 10		5:30 pm <b>Scott Kanis</b> by Richard & Kathryn Kanis	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below</b>  <b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Apr 11	Second Sunday of Easter  Divine Mercy Sunday	8:30 am <b>Patricia Hardesty</b> by Family 11 am <b>Kirk Shemuga</b> by That Old Gang of Mine	Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention**

**Holy Family Candle - Special Intention**

## COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Mar 21	Mar 28
Sunday Offering -	\$3,480.00	\$2,754.00
Easter Offering -	\$200.00	\$330.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,680.00</b>	<b>\$3,084.00</b>
Weekly operating costs		
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>
(Shortfall) Overage	<b>(\$20.00)</b>	<b>(\$616.00)</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$20.00	\$20.00
Capital Improvements	\$1,570.00	\$535.00
Other Gifts -		\$160.00
Diocese Designated -		\$105.00
Envs used of 240 sent	55	64

**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.

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

## Adult Faith Enrichment (AFE)

We will have an in-person session this Thurs., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>. Both Fr. Mike and Melissa have been fully vaccinated. Doors open at 6:45. Please bring your own snacks & beverages. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. Topic: Bishop Barron - St. Thomas Aquinas.

## Baptism Class

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

**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.**

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

**Stay Informed** - Visit our website [www.ickenmore.org](http://www.ickenmore.org) for interesting stories, pictures and videos.



### Easter Reflection from Loyola Press

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospel writers tell us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus – in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

He is Risen, Alleluia! After a Lenten season of reflection, deep personal introspection and sacrifice, we come to the great feast of Easter, hopefully as people with greater joy, more positive attitudes and a greater appreciation for our Catholic faith. Jesus, Son of God, willingly sacrificed himself for us so that we might be with Him forever at the heavenly banquet. His loving sacrifice won for us victory over sin and death. May we live lives worthy of this great gift. We celebrate with the thousands and thousands of people around the world who were baptized into the Catholic Church and Body of Christ at the Easter Vigil and those who came into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Vigil – we welcome you all! As we renew our baptismal promises, let us strive to live these promises with a zeal and boldness that will draw others to Christ and the Church. May we share the true meaning of Easter with our children and grandchildren. This great feast is not about bunnies and eggs, but about the greatest act of love ever known. From our Easter Sequence “Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises... Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life attaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.”

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**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](mailto:cherylyn.gruic@gmail.com) to facilitate communications.

**Adopt-A-Plot:** It's time to get our hands dirty & clean up our plots! Records need to be updated so please call the rectory to let us know which plot you have and whether you are going to continue to tend it; that way we know which plots might be available to others.

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

### *Other Events*

• **Divine Mercy Service:** Sun., April 11, 2:30 pm, Queen of Heaven Church, 1800 Steese Rd, Uniontown. Includes Prayer Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. For more info, visit <https://queenofheavenparish.org/prayer-devotions>.

• **Theology on the Rocks - West:** Mon., April 12, 7 pm VIA Zoom. Bishop Roger Gries, Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland will speak on “Understanding Religious Orders”. Audience is limited to 90 computers so please register in advance at [www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west](http://www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west).

• **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. Applications are available by calling 1-800-869-6525, x4080 or at: [www.catholiccommunity.org/grants](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/grants) & are due by May 1.

• **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby for Dollars** will be held virtually on Fri., Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> to benefit the services of Catholic Charities here in Summit County. Robin Swoboda will emcee the event which will feature Bishop Malesic as one of the guests. To purchase tickets (or if you purchased tickets last year & rolled it over to this year), visit [www.ccdocle.org/derbyfordollars](http://www.ccdocle.org/derbyfordollars) to reserve your meal & gift which will be available for pickup at the Portage Country Club, Akron on the afternoon of the event. Full instructions will be sent out. For more info, contact Carl Bako at 330-524-4196 or [cbako@ccdacle.org](mailto:cbako@ccdacle.org).