

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Apr 12		5:30 pm Marcella Archual by Frank Archual	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8	
Tues Apr 13	Martin I, Pope & Marytr		Acts 4:32-47; Jn 3:7b-15	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed Apr 14		5:30 pm Virginia Rister by Rita Zelei	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21	
Thur Apr 15			Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36	
Fri Apr 16		5:30 pm Joan Ballway by Chris & Lillian Esker	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15	
Sat Apr 17		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun Apr 18	Third Sunday of Easter	8:30 am Larry & Margie Blosser by Kevin Hudak 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Mar 28	April 4
Sunday Offering -	\$2,754.00	\$2,636.00
Daily Offering -		\$260.00
Easter Offering -	\$330.00	\$5,932.00
Total	\$3,084.00	\$8,828.00
Easter Week Budget		\$6,500.00
Weekly operating costs		\$3,700.00
Total Budget	\$3,700.00	\$10,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$616.00)	(\$1,372.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$20.00	\$180.00
Capital Improvements -	\$535.00	\$1,270.00
Debt Reduction -		\$255.00
Other Gifts -	\$160.00	
Diocese Designated -	\$105.00	\$454.00
Rice Bowl -		\$55.00
Envs used of 240 sent	64	48
Easter Envs used of 240		65

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.

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.

Adult Faith Enrichment

Our next in-person session will be Thurs., May 6th, so mark your calendars.

Congratulations to **Krista Sweitzer** who was Baptized, Confirmed and who received her First Communion at the Easter Vigil. Welcome to the Family of God and the family of faith here at I.C.!

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!

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.

Divine Mercy Reflection from the USSCB Website (<https://www.usscb.org>)

From Creation, God has revealed his nature as love itself, in Sacred Scripture and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus. Saints have also borne witness to God's unfathomable love, e.g., in the writings of Augustine, Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Francis of Assisi, Margaret Mary Alacoque and Thérèse of Lisieux. In his second encyclical, Rich in Mercy, Pope Saint John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (Dives in misericordia, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate:

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. - St. Pope John Paul II, Regina caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005.

What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross ...? Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God's mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy. - St. Pope John Paul II, Regina caeli message, April 10, 1994.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Poor St. Thomas. He seemed to keep missing out on the important things of life. He wasn't in the room when Jesus appeared to the disciples who were locked away for fear of the Jews and because he wasn't there he missed being given the gift of the Holy Spirit. When told of the appearance of the Lord, he chose not to believe the good news saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." How many times have we acted like St. Thomas? We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us to and in the Truth. As the Baptized and Confirmed we do not need to see the nailmarks & put our hands in His side to believe for we are people of faith. To us Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen & have believed." Jesus is present to us in many ways, the most powerful (yet humble) is in the form of bread and wine which become, for us, the Body and Blood of Christ. When the Eucharist is presented to us, let us remember the words of St. Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

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 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.

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

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.

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.

• **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 & are due by May 1.

• **5th Annual Derby for Dollars** will be held virtually on Fri., Apr. 30th 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 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.