

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Apr 26		5:30 pm <b>Frank Powell</b> by Family	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10	
Tues Apr 27			Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below</b> <b>Community Dinner</b> 5 - 6:30 pm WH <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> 7 pm WH
Wed Apr 28	Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Louis Grignon de Monfort, Priest <b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gabelman</b> by Family	Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50	
Thur Apr 29	Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor		Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20	
Fri Apr 30	Pius V, Pope	5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6	
Sat May 1	Joseph the Worker	5:30 pm <b>Howard Clauss</b> by wife, Bea Clauss	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14	<b>Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below</b>  <b>Confessions</b> 9 - 10 am CH
Sun May 2	Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:30 am <b>Steven Zamesko</b> by Stephen & Toni Zamesko 11 am <b>Reecia Drexler</b> by Altar & Rosary Society	Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention**

**Holy Family Candle - Special Intention**

## COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>April 11</i>	<i>April 18</i>
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$3,319.00	\$2,862.00
<b>Easter Offering -</b>	\$1,125.00	\$105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,444.00</b>	<b>\$2,967.00</b>
<b>Weekly operating costs</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>\$744.00</b>	<b>(\$733.00)</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul -</b>	\$155.00	
<b>Capital Improvements -</b>	\$350.00	\$3,825.00
<b>Debt Reduction -</b>	\$300.00	
<b>Diocese Designated -</b>	\$35.00	\$65.00
<b>Rice Bowl -</b>		\$292.00
Envs used of 240 sent	74	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.

**Adult Faith Enrichment** - Our last session for the year will be Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and will feature Bishop Barron's Pivotal Players series on St. Francis of Assisi - The Reformer. Bring your own snack and beverage. Masks must be worn; all are welcome. Note: There will be no May Crowning prior to the session. Waldeisen Hall doors open at 6:45 pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will hold a live in-person meeting on Tues., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Masks must be worn.

**Kenmore Community Meal** - Our next (take-out only) meal will be served this Tues., April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm - 6:30 (or sooner if we run out). Menu: Mexican casserole (chicken, Spanish rice, black beans, corn, diced tomatoes), fruit salad, cake.

**Mothers Day** - We will be offering a blessing over moms at all Masses the weekend of May 8 - 9.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated this Wed., April 28<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass. Please follow regular protocols.

### Reflection from [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)

Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds. The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father. In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd who is willing to lay down His life for the sheep. As our Shepherd, he did exactly that – He gave up His life for us, the sheep of His flock, out of love. He also states that He has other sheep that do not belong to the fold, but whom He must also lead. The prayer is that they will hear His voice and follow so that there will be one flock and one shepherd. Who do you know in your family, your circle of friends, your neighbors and co-workers who have not yet heard the voice of the Shepherd? St. John reminds us that, because of God's great love for us, we are able to be called the children of God. As the Children of God, how are we sharing our faith with others? How are we continuing the mission of bringing others into the flock? What are we doing to build up the Body of Christ? This is our call, our mission, our responsibility as the baptized.

### 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:** Would you like a plot to call your own, one that you can weed, plant, mulch and tend? Do you like working outside in the fresh air? Do you like working in the soil? If so, call the rectory and we will set you up!

**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.

**CRS Rice Bowls** – The total for this year's collection was \$397.05. Thank you for your generosity on behalf of those in dire need.

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

### **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!

***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*

•**Employment Opportunity:** **Right to Life of Northeast Ohio** has a full-time office assistant position available at a rate of \$12/hour. We are looking for someone who is committed to the pro-life cause, has good organizational skills, people skills and some office experience. The candidate should be familiar with Microsoft Office & Quick Books. For more info, call Denise Leipold, Exec. Dir., at 330-762-2785. Resumes may be submitted by email to [dleipold@rtloneo.com](mailto:dleipold@rtloneo.com).

•**Employment Opportunity:** **House of Loreto** is hiring nurses for all shifts, full or part time, RNs or LPNs. If you'd like to work for a ministry that values your talent & ability and grow your career with the best support, resources, & team, call 330-453-8137 or email [loreto1955@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:loreto1955@neohio.twcbc.com)

•**SVDP Race for Hunger Relief Matching Gift Campaign:** This past year, St. Vincent de Paul Society hunger centers served 9,260 NEW people who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Not only will your contribution be doubled, but every dollar will feed up to four people. Donate at [svdpcl.org](http://svdpcl.org) or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.