

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 9, 2021
Sixth 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 May 10	Damien de Veuster, Priest	5:30 pm Dennis Menendez by Emily	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a	
Tues May 11			Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below
Wed May 12	Nereus & Achilleus, Pancras, Martyrs	5:30 pm Ralph & Ina Keegan by Family	Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15	
Thur May 13	Our Lady of Fatima		Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20	
Fri May 14	Matthias, Apostle	5:30 pm Nancy Clay by Friends & Family	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17	
Sat May 15	Isidore	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28	Kenmore Free Store Closed Until Covid Level 2 or below Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun May 16	Ascension of the Lord	8:30 am Karen Hardesty by Family 11 am Deceased Family Members of Bob & Kathy Doerr	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	April 25	May 2
Sunday Offering -	\$2,863.00	\$4,213.00
Easter Offering -	\$40.00	
Total	\$2,903.00	\$4,213.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$797.00)	\$513.00
YTD Over (short) -	(\$10,141.44)	(\$9,628.44)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$10.00	\$165.00
Capital Improvements -	\$230.00	\$725.00
Diocese Designated -	\$50.00	\$75.00
Envs used of 240 sent	59	70

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.

Kenmore Community Meal – Our next meal will be served take-out on Tuesday, May 25th.

Emergency Capital Roof Repair – Good News! We received 3 estimates from 3 roofing companies and the best estimate from Legacy Roofing for the convent roof alone of \$51,000 has been accepted. The earlier estimate of \$125,000 was for the school, kitchen and convent roofs. We'll still need your generous support through the Capital Improvement envelopes to replenish this fund. May God bless you for your wonderful generosity!
Fr. Mike

Catholic Charities – Due to the pandemic, there will not be a follow-up in-pew weekend for the 2021 Annual Appeal. If you have not yet donated or would like to donate again, there will be a special online campaign in June which will feature up to \$100,000 in matching gifts. More information to come.

Mark Your Calendars – We are planning a parish outing to the Akron Rubber Ducks on Friday, July 23rd. All Covid protocols will be followed and updated as things improve. So excited to be able to put something on the calendar!

Mother's Day Reflection from the USCCB (usccb.org)

Our readings today speak to us of God's command to love. We are called to: listen to God; care for the needs of others; lay down our lives for the good of another. This is, in a unique way, the very vocation of motherhood: Listening, caring for the needs of others, laying down one's life for another. A mother's love is first seen even before a woman becomes a mother. A husband and wife's mutual desire to conceive a child in itself demonstrates their fatherly and motherly love. And their love for one another extends to the child they lovingly desire to conceive. Not much is stronger than a mother's love for her child. Our mothers, together with our fathers, are the ones who first teach us about love and how to respond to those in need. The Church, in many ways, is also a mother to us. She teaches us how to love and to respond to those in need. From her we receive the grace of the sacraments, are taught to hear the word of God, and receive teaching to guide our steps in the truth and freedom of the children of God. Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- Our mothers, by birth or adoption, who nurtured us and supported us through life.
- Our Church who takes on the maternal role of guiding us through life.
- And our Blessed Mother, who protects both the Church and all her children.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

On this Mother's Day, our readings center on the theme of love. Love is more than a feeling: more than an emotion – it is the very person of God who calls love to action. St. John reminds us that God loved us so much that the Son was sent that we might know of the love of God. The Son loved us so much that he went to the cross for us as expiation for our sins. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that by keeping His commandments, we remain in His love and that commandment is to “love one another as I love you.” This call to action challenges us to love all people, not just those we choose. This isn't a popularity contest! Jesus died for all – not just His friends, but His enemies as well. We are called to love family and stranger, those who have more than we do as well as those who have less, those who live on our block and those who live on the side of the world, the unborn and the elderly, the sick and the healthy, those we like and those with whom we have difficulty. How do you show your love – God's love for others? How do you serve God and others? How do you share God's love? The last line of the Gospel: “This I command you: love one another.”

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: 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! Those who have plots, it's time to get out to weed and clean up.

Community Meal Needs: You all have been so very generous that we have an excess of items so for the time being, we have no needs. Please stay tuned!

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.

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!

Stay Informed - Visit our website www.ickenmore.org for interesting stories, pictures and videos.

Other Events

Employment Opportunities:

- 1. Parishioner** needs grass cut every two weeks. Call the rectory for more info.
- 2. City of Akron:** Seasonal Recreational Aide – summer or year-round; 16-17 year olds, \$10.94/hour, part-time. Call Alice at the Kenmore Community Center at 330-375-2812.
- 3. City of Akron:** Recreation Specialist: year round, 18 & over; \$12.06/hr part time. Call Alice at the Kenmore Community Center at 330-375-2812.

Other Employment Opportunities:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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

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. Donate at svdpcle.org or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.