

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 16, 2021
Ascension 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 May 17		5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33	
Tues May 18	John I, Pope & Martyr		Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a	Kenmore Free Store Closed Re-open Tuesday, June 1
Wed May 19		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19	
Thur May 20	Bernadine of Siena, Priest		Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26	
Fri May 21	Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	5:30 pm Joan Ballway by Tim & Marie Canan	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19	
Sat May 22	Rita of Cascia, Religious	5:30 pm Virginia Rister by Rita Zelei	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25	Kenmore Free Store Closed Re-open Saturday, June 5 Confessions 9 - 10 am CH
Sun May 23	Pentecost	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am Deceased Members of Mother Mary's Music Makers	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	May 2	May 9
Sunday Offering -	\$4,213.00	\$4,459.00
Daily Offering -		\$50.00
Easter Offering -		\$40.00
Total	\$4,213.00	\$4,549.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$513.00	\$849.00
YTD Over (short) -	(\$9,628.44)	(\$8,779.44)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$165.00	\$75.00
Capital Improvements -	\$725.00	\$2,130.00
Debt Reduction -		\$25.00
Other Gifts -		\$30.00
Diocese Designated -	\$75.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	70	92

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.

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

Pentecost – The great feast and birthday of the Church will be celebrated next weekend. We invite you to wear something red to Mass to honor the Holy Spirit.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet Tues., May 25th in Hitch Hall at 7 pm. Masks are mandatory.

Kenmore Community Meal – Our next meal will be served take-out on Tuesday, May 25th. Menu: Johnnie Mac, green beans, fruit, brownie.

Memorial Day (observed) will be Monday, May 31st. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. There will be NO 5:30 pm Mass.

AFE – We will hold a special session of AFE on Thurs., June 3rd at 7 pm. We will be viewing a beautiful secular DVD entitled, "What's Right with the World." With everything going on in our world today, come take some time to reflect on some positive aspects of our world & take a break from the stress. All are welcome to Waldeisen Hall on June 3rd. Doors open at 6:45 pm, masks are required, bring your own snack/beverage.

Ordination Anniversaries

Fr. Jared - May 10, 2008 Fr. Andy - May 13, 2006
Fr. Sam - May 31, 1969 Fr. Mike - June 8, 1974
Birthdays: Fr. Sam – May 30 Fr. Mike – June 7

Family Perspective

The wonders of the risen Lord continue to astonish and amaze the apostles. Not only has Jesus overcome the finality of death, now he is "taken up into heaven" where he "[takes] his seat at the right hand of God." Today's Psalm is an apt response for those first apostles, and also for us modern-day disciples, as we reflect on the mystery of the Ascension. In the gospel we hear that Jesus, seated at the right hand of God, continues to "work within" the disciples as they preach and do good works. How do you experience Jesus's presence working within your family life?

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

On this Solemnity of the Ascension we read of Jesus calling His disciples to action. The Christian faith is not static, sedentary, passive or inactive. On the contrary our faith is one of action, challenge, labor, sacrifice and vigilance. We, like the disciples, are called to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, to everyone. It is not the job of just priests, bishops & the Pope – none of them are in our workplace, our homes, our schools, and our neighborhood blocks. In the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, paragraph 33 states, "The laity, however, are given this special vocation: to make Christ present and fruitful in those places and circumstances where it is only through them that she (the church) can become the salt of the earth... every lay person... is at once the witness and the living instrument of the mission of the church... All laity, then, have the exalted duty of working for the ever greater spread of the divine plan of salvation to all men, of every epoch and all over the earth." We need to know our faith, know what the church teaches and share it joyfully and boldly

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.

We are excited to announce the re-opening of the **Kenmore Free Store!** The store will re-open on Tues., June 1 & Sat., June 5 for shoppers and donations. Store hours will be: Tuesday 4 – 7 pm and Saturdays 9 am – noon. Donations may be dropped off in front of the school during store hours only – please place them in the red cart. Protocol – Masks must be worn. Hands must be sanitized as you enter the registration area. Five shoppers will be allowed in at a time. Shoppers will have 15 minutes to shop and 5 minutes to check out. Please send only one representative per family so we can serve more people.

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!

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!

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Wed., May 26th at the 5:30 pm Mass. Please follow regular protocols.

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!

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.

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

Monthly Grief Support: Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly grief support groups on May 16th in two formats: in person at Holy Cross Cemetary at 3 pm, RSVP & masks required; online from 5 – 6 pm (visit <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and the handout materials). The May topics are "Grief and Mental Health" and "Father's Day Grief". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Our Grief Support Groups meet the 3rd Sunday of every month, except June where we meet on the 4th Sunday. To RSVP or for questions, contact Rhonda at rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.