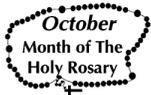


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



October 17, 2021

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Oct 18	Luke, Evangelist	5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9	
Tues Oct 19	John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priest & Companions, Martyrs		Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB Pre-Baptism Class 7 pm HH
Wed Oct 20	Paul of the Cross, Priest	5:30 pm Betty Boszik by Bernie Gnap	Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48	
Thur Oct 21			Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53	
Fri Oct 22	John Paul II, Pope	5:30 pm Michelle Hrabusa by Family	Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59	
Sat Oct 23	John of Capistrano, Priest	5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Compton Family by Ray Compton	Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9	Kenmore Free Store 9 am - noon SB Confessions 9 am CH
Sun Oct 24	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Tom Alouf by Family 11 am Albert Franz by Janet Brown & Mary Jo Bailey	Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Oct 3	Oct 10
Sunday Offering -	\$4,808.00	\$3,244.00
Holy Day -		\$30.00
Total	\$2,791.75	\$3,274.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$1,208.00	(\$326.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$1,281.75	\$955.75
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$125.00	\$130.00
Capital Improvement -	\$200.00	\$650.00
Debt Reduction -	\$198.00	\$140.00
Diocese Designated -		\$25.00
Envs used of 240 sent	64	72

Stewardship of Treasure: Your parish envelopes are a sign of your willingness to practice the Stewardship of Treasure assuring the continued ministry of Immaculate Conception to the people of Kenmore. If you visit another parish or are not yet coming to Mass, please send in or drop off your envelopes. Thank you. Due to the rise in **COVID** cases, Bishop Malesic is strongly urging us to wear masks once again at Mass - daily and weekly. We also ask that you wear a mask when coming to Confession. Copies of his letter may be found at the doors of the Church on the backside of the Rectory Office Manager Job Description.

Position Opening: Rectory Office Manager/Secretary. We are searching to fill this position here at I.C. The job description may be found at all doors of the church.

Pre-Baptism Class - Our next class, which is required for all parents seeking baptism for their child, will be held **this** Tues., Oct. 19th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Community Meal - Our next take-out meal will be Tues., Oct. 26th at 5 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. Menu: brats, kraut, parsley potatoes, applesauce, brownie.

Bingo has re-opened! Come and play; come to help Wednesdays with games beginning at 11 am.

Winner! Once again our parish was voted "Best Place to Worship" in the Beacon Journal Best of Contest. Thanks for your loyalty and let's keep up the good work of the Lord.

KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Because of COVID, this event, like last year, will be take-out and Guys Party Center has graciously agreed to prepare the meals for us. The event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd in the parking lot of Goss Memorial Church - details later. We will be putting out a 2nd basket at the front of the church for any donations you wish to make to defray the cost; we'll also be asking for 3 - 4 people to help during the first couple of hours. Stay tuned!

History of Popes

#212 – Sixtus IV - Pope from Aug. 9, 1471 – death, Aug. 12, 1484. Born to a poor family in Genoa on July 21, 1414, Francesco della Rovere joined the Franciscans at a young age and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Pavia. He soon began lecturing at universities across Italy. At the age of 50, Francesco was named Minister General of the Franciscan order. Three years later Pope Paul II made him a cardinal. He was widely known as a pious man with a solid moral constitution, having written documents on the Precious Blood, the Immaculate Conception, & the power of God. Chosen in a conclave that convened on August 7, 1471, he took the name “Sixtus IV” to honor St. Sixtus II, whose feast day was being celebrated. His first order of business was lead a crusade against the Turks in Smyrna, which proved successful, and was paid for in large part by the treasures Pope Paul II had hoarded during his reign. Sixtus then tried to reconcile with the Greek and Russian Orthodox churches to no avail. The pope’s lone vice was a nepotism that saw him granting benefits to several unworthy relatives which would harm the Church for decades. As pope, his greatest contributions to the Church & the world were the construction of the Sistine Chapel, giving a home to Nicholas V’s Vatican Library, and gathering the group of artists who ushered in the early Renaissance. Leonardo da Vinci gained his first notoriety during the reign of Sixtus IV. During this papacy, da Vinci completed works like the Baptism of Christ & the first edition of his Virgin of the Rocks, which depicts the infant John the Baptist, Mary, & an angel all worshipping the infant Jesus. Sixtus canonized St. Bonaventure in 1482. He issued a papal bull that allowed the bodies of executed criminals & unidentified persons to be used by doctors and artists for dissection. This led to several advances in the study & knowledge of human anatomy, one of which was the famous work **De humani corporis fabrica** (“On the fabric of the human body”), published by Vesalius in 1543. What else was going on in the world at the time? The oldest university in Sweden and all of Scandinavia, Uppsala University, was founded in 1477, and is still in operation today.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Arrogance is a word that comes to mind when reading our Gospel. Other words might be: ignorance, naivety, clueless. We use our stewardship of time in prayer to talk & listen to God. We let God know what’s on our minds, how we’re doing, lift up our needs, give God thanks for all God has done, ask forgiveness & praise God. We know God listens and we trust God to answer according to His will – not ours – for God knows much better than we do what we need. James & John took a much different, much less humble approach when they said, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” It was about what they wanted not about what they needed – two completely different things. Let us be humble in prayer, open to and accepting of God’s will in and for our lives.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child – “How to Pack a Shoebox” brochures are available at all doors of the church. We are a month away from Collection Sunday so what are you collecting for your shoebox or plastic container? All completed boxes may be placed at the main doors of the church. Thank you on behalf of those in need.

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 do not drop off cards from charitable/religious organizations.

In His Name: Hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks and toiletries for the homeless served by the Peter Maurin Center. Please place donations in the basket by the main doors of the church. Thank you.

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 more information. All stewards are requested to send their email address to cherylyn.gruic@gmail.com to facilitate communications.

Adopt-A-Plot: Once again our parish has received recognition from the City of Akron. Congratulations!

Liturgical Ministers – Have you ever thought about proclaiming the Word at Mass as a Lector? Do you enjoy greeting people & being of help to others? Would you like to assist the priest at the altar? Please call the rectory to share your stewardship in these areas.

There will be no **Community Meal** in November or December. Stay tuned for future needs.

The Kenmore Free Store - Store hours are Tuesdays 4 – 7 pm & Saturdays 9 am – noon. Protocol: Masks **must** be worn by everyone in the store. Sanitizer will be available. There is no longer a limit on the number of shoppers allowed in the store at once nor on the time they can shop. Donations may be dropped off in front of the school during store hours only – please place them in the red cart.

The Heart of a Shepherd Campaign is a \$30 million campaign designated to 4 areas & released in phases to the Diocese of Cleveland. Last week we described the 1st area – Renovate Our Seminaries. This week we’ll explain the 2nd area: Care for Retired Priests. In our diocese we have 258 active priests and 97 retired priests – many of whom continue to serve after retirement; retirement age for priests is 75. The Retired Clergy Pension Fund (which is assessed by the diocese to the parishes) is not yet fully funded which raises concerns that future retired priests won’t receive adequate pensions. To ensure proper care for those who have served so faithfully & to reduce the annual premiums for parishes, this campaign is allocating \$7 million to meet this important obligation. Reminder: Fr. Mike will be retiring next year & Fr. Sam is retired. Next week – area #3 Support for Newly Ordained Clergy.

Masses - If you’d like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Mon., Nov. 8, Fri., Nov. 12, Mon, Nov. 15, Wed., Nov 17, Fri., Nov. 19, Mon., Nov. 22, Wed., Nov 24, Fri., Nov.26.