


# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



November  
Month of  
The Souls in  
Purgatory

November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Nov 29		5:30 pm <b>Karin Trehan</b> by John & Emily Yeager	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	
Tues Nov 30	Andrew, Apostle		Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	<b>Kenmore Free Store</b> 4 - 7 pm <b>SB</b> <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> 7 pm <b>HH</b>
Wed Dec 1		5:30 pm <b>Michael Bucy</b> by Jim, Ann & Bob Considine	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	
Thur Dec 2			Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	<b>Adult Faith Enrichment</b> 7 pm <b>WH</b>
Fri Dec 3	Francis Xavier, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Ralph &amp; Ina Keegan</b> by Family	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	
Sat Dec 4	John Damascene, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm <b>Tom &amp; JoAnn Morgan</b> by Linda Morgan	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8	<b>Free Store Christmas Blowout</b> 9 am - noon <b>Confessions</b> 9 am <b>CH</b>
	Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am <b>Frank Archual, Jr.</b> by Altar & Rosary Society 11 am <b>Harry &amp; Dorothy Holtz</b> by Sandy Mason	Bar 5:1-9; Phi 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6	<b>Listening Session</b> After 11 am Mass <b>HH</b>
Sun Dec 5				

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Nov 14	Nov 21
Sunday Offering -	\$3,088.00	\$2,635.00
Christmas -	\$10.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,098.00</b>	<b>\$2,635.00</b>
<b>Weekly operating costs</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$502.00)</b>	<b>(\$965.00)</b>
<b>YTD Over (short) -</b>	<b>\$1,079.75</b>	<b>\$114.75</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$15.00	\$20.00
Capital Improvement -	\$870.00	\$40.00
Debt Reduction -	\$15.00	
KMA Thanksgiving Dinner -	\$141.00	\$80.00
Envs used of 240 sent	54	57

**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.

**Listening Session** - The recent sentencing of Bobby McWilliams has no doubt stirred up feelings and emotions and brought forth questions. We would like to offer you the opportunity to express those feelings and questions next Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in Hitch Hall following the 11 am Mass. Please wear your mask.

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet **this** Tuesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. The meeting is moved from Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**A FE** - Our next session is at 7 pm **this** Thurs., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Topic: G.K. Chesterton: The Evangelist and a Bishop Sheen Life Worth Living Episode: The True Meaning of Christmas. Bring your own snacks, beverages and masks! Doors open at 6:45 pm.

**Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation** - Our Feast Day - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses: Dec. 7 at 5:30 pm and Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Wear something blue to honor our Blessed Mother.

**Liturgical Ministers** needed for the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Holy Day Vigil; Lectors for 10 pm & 10 am Christmas; EMHC for 10 am Christmas; M. of H. for both Holy Day Masses, all Christmas Masses and Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Vigil.

**Masses** - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Wed., Dec. 15, Fri., Dec. 17., Sun., Dec. 19, 11 am, Mon., Dec. 20, Wed., Dec. 22.

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.

## History of Popes

**#216 – Julius II** - Pope from Nov. 1, 1503 – death, Feb. 21, 1513. Giuliano della Rovere, the nephew of Pope Sixtus IV, was born Dec. 5, 1443. He entered the Franciscans at a young age and was made a cardinal within months of his uncle's election in 1471. He was assigned as bishop of 12 different dioceses over the years in addition to being in charge of several abbeys. Giuliano, as was the case with several other recent popes, also fathered three daughters prior to his election. Considered for the papacy twice before, he was beaten by Alexander VI and Pius III, respectively, in the two previous elections. In 1503, he was elected essentially by making a deal with Cesare Borgia, son of Alexander and influential political player in the Papal States. As pope, Julius displayed his political power early, using his armies to first defeat Cesare, then to try and save some semblance of papal authority in Italy in the wake of France and Spain warring over Naples. Unfortunately, the political situation and Julius' own lack of emphasis on moral reform prevented the Church from advancing much in those arenas. It was during his pontificate that much of the Church's artistic patrimony from those times was solidified. Despite a stormy attitude toward the Renaissance artists themselves, his commissions included Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling and the four magnificent "Raphael Rooms" in the Vatican Palace. Julius was also responsible for starting construction on a new St. Peter's Basilica, the very same massive structure we're able to enjoy today. The highly-trained and brightly-colored Swiss Guard have protected pontiffs for over 500 years, due to an alliance Julius II made with the nation while serving as pope. What else was going on in the world at the time? On September 8, 1504, Michelangelo's sculpture of *David* was put on display in Florence for the first time.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Welcome to our new year of grace! On this first Sunday of Advent, our readings for Sundays change to cycle "C" and the Gospel of Luke. As we begin this new year, let's reflect on our spiritual lives and see where we are with the Lord. Where do we need to get better? How's our prayer life? How are we sharing our stewardship? Our responsorial psalm tells us some ways we can improve: follow the Lord's path, allow the Lord to guide us in the truth, be humble, be kind, be consistent and strive to keep the Lord's covenant and decrees. Let this Advent season be a time of greater faithfulness to the Lord who is faithful to us always.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Subway Cards** – We've had quite a few people come to the rectory door in need of food & our card supply is getting low. We'd love to get more \$5 & \$10 cards so that we can continue to feed the hungry. Drop donations in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you.

**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're in desperate need of two more people to help one Monday or Friday a month. Call Cherylyn at 330-825-5949 for more info.

The **Free Store** will be holding a **Christmas Blow-out Event** this Sat., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 2 in Waldeisen Hall. Because we were closed last Christmas season due to COVID, we are loaded with lots of awesome items. You don't need to be registered at the Free Store to participate. Come, fill up a bag with decorations, cds, books, clothes and more – no limits except on BIG items. All are welcome. Masks required.

**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. Think Christmas!

**Needed:** Able-bodied parishioners to help with snow removal. Shoveling, use of snow blowers will be necessary.

November 30<sup>th</sup> is **Giving Tuesday** throughout the nation and we invite you to consider donating to one more of the 200 participating Catholic parishes (including ours), schools, ministries, programs, nonprofits and more in our diocese. For a list of participants and more information go to [wegivecatholic.org](http://wegivecatholic.org).

**Community Meal** – There will be NO Community Meal in 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. Donations may be dropped off in front of the school during store hours only – please place them in the red cart.

**Acme Cashback** - Please place receipts in the containers by all doors of the church.

### *Other Events*

• **Caring & Sharing** session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held on Mon., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg., 1945 Portage Tr. For info, call Marlene 330-607-6284.

• **Prepare your heart for Jesus with AM1260 The Rock:** AM 1260 The Rock will be broadcasting special programming throughout the Advent and Christmas season. Please visit our website at: [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) for updates.

• **St. Hilary Events:** *Mass and Healing Prayer*, Friday, Jan. 21 from 7 – 9 pm., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. No cost. *Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference:* Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 am – 5 pm, Horning Hall. Led by Matt Lozano. Cost \$50. Registration required. Check-in at 8:30 am. Visit <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=hodxqzdab&oeidk=a07eimpd10f3ad02330> for registration & info or email [sthilaryhealingwaters@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryhealingwaters@gmail.com) for more.

• **Christmas Madrigal Feaste:** St. Vincent Church, Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$40 per person. Doors open 6:30 pm. Advance purchase by Dec. 7. For info, call 330-535-3135, ext 103. Proof of vaccination required.