

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

December 5, 2021  
Second 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<br>Dec 6  | Nicholas,<br>Bishop  | 5:30 pm<br><b>Joseph Buhalak</b><br>by Family   | Is 35:1-10<br>Lk 5:17-26                          |   |
| Tues<br>Dec 7 | Ambrose,<br>Bishop & Doctor<br><b>Holy Day Vigil</b>   | 5:30 pm<br><b>Betty Ricci</b><br>by Alice Beatty  | Is 40:1-11;<br>Mt 18:12-14                        | <b>Kenmore Free Store</b><br>4 - 7 pm SB                          |
| Wed<br>Dec 8  | <b>Immaculate Conception of<br/>the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>  | 5:30 pm<br><b>Nancy Clay</b><br>by Altar & Rosary Society   | Gn 3:9-15, 20;<br>Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;<br>Lk 1:26-38 |   |
| Thur<br>Dec 9 | Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  |   | Is 41:13-20;<br>Mt 11:11-15                       |   |
| Fri<br>Dec 10 |  | 5:30 pm<br><b>Beth</b><br>by Family/Friends   | Is 48:17-19;<br>Mt 11:16-19                       |   |
| Sat<br>Dec 11 | Damasus I,<br>Pope   | 5:30 pm<br><b>Patrick Steurer</b><br>by Family  | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;<br>Mt 17:9a, 10-13              | <b>Free Store</b><br>9 am - noon<br><b>Confessions</b><br>9 am CH |
| Sun<br>Dec 12 |  Third Sunday<br>of Advent | 8:30 am<br><b>Deceased Members of<br/>K of C Council 3410</b><br>11 am<br><b>John Varga</b><br>by Shop Helper | Zep 3:14-18a;<br>Phil 4:4-7;<br>Lk 3:10-18        | <b>Bambinelli<br/>Sunday</b>                                      |

## Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

## Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

### COLLECTION REPORT

|                        |                   |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Week Ending</i>     | <i>Nov 21</i>     | <i>Nov 28</i>     |
| Sunday Offering -      | \$2,635.00        | \$3,554.00        |
| Daily Offering -       |                   | \$80.00           |
| Christmas -            |                   | \$40.00           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$2,635.00</b> | <b>\$3,674.00</b> |
| Weekly operating costs | <b>\$3,600.00</b> | <b>\$3,600.00</b> |
| (Shortfall) Overage    | (\$965.00)        | \$74.00           |
| YTD Over (short) -     | \$114.75          | \$188.75          |
| St. Vincent de Paul -  | \$20.00           |                   |
| Capital Improvement -  | \$40.00           | \$100.00          |
| Debt Reduction -       |                   | \$100.00          |
| Other Gifts -          |                   | \$100.00          |
| Diocese Designated -   |                   | \$90.00           |
| Envs used of 240 sent  | 57                | 89                |

**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.

### Upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

*Our Feast Day - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.*

Masses: Dec. 7 at 5:30 pm & Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Wear something blue to honor our Blessed Mother.

### Liturgical Ministers

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Holy Day Vigil:** Lector need

**Christmas Eve 5:30 pm:** Lector - B. Langton; EMHC - Sandy Mason; Server - J. Langton; M of H need

**Christmas Eve 10 pm:** Lector need; EMHC - Osolin; Server - Keegan, Morgan; M of H need

**Christmas Day 10 am:** Lector need; EMHC need; Server - Baker; M of H need

### Important Holy Day Information

Please note there will be **NO 5:30 pm Mass** on **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**Mary, Mother of God Holy Day** - Because Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday this year, the Holy Day is dispensed. There will be a Vigil Mass on Fri., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm. There will be Mass at 5:30 pm on Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Rectory Hours** - The rectory will close at noon on December 24 and December 31.

### History of Popes

**#217 - Leo X** - Pope from Mar. 9, 1513 - death, Dec. 1, 1521. Giovanni de Medici, the son of Lorenzo the Magnificent, was born on Dec. 11th, 1475 into one of Italy's most influential families in history. Giovanni was made a cardinal as a boy by Pope Innocent VIII. Despite his family losing power after his father's death, he was able to keep his standing in the Church and the secular world under both Alexander VI and Julius II, neither of whom liked him much. Taking the name Pope Leo X, Giovanni was elected to succeed Julius II at the young age of 38. A cardinal-deacon at his election, Leo X was the last pope to have not been a priest before being chosen. Leo, a patron of the arts in all their forms, was ill-equipped to be pope as he borrowed and spent money lavishly. Interestingly, Leo was well known, even by his critics, to have kept closely to the expected spiritual regimen of a pope, and was generally very kind, cultured, and intelligent. He witnessed the Protestant Reformation unfold before his very eyes. German Catholicism was in a bad state and political struggles had already created deep rifts among churchmen for decades. Leo did little to help matters. He granted indulgences for alms in support of the new St. Peter's Basilica without ensuring the indulgences were properly preached (to minimize abuses and confusion); and dealing more diplomatically with Martin Luther after his 95 Theses were published. With Luther in particular, instead of engaging charitably with the friar, Leo instead denounced him as a heretic without much more discussion. Leo's actions, coupled with Luther's escalation and personal tendency toward scrupulosity produced devastating results. Leo X fell unexpectedly ill while hunting on November 30, 1521 and died a day later without receiving the last sacraments.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our second reading, St. Paul writes to the Philippians, "I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel..." Praying for family members is a natural thing to do, but how often do we lift one another, our parish family, in prayer? How often do we pray for our parish priests and staff? We are all partners for the gospel in our daily actions so do we pray that the actions of the members of this family of faith may bring others to Christ & the Church? Do we ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for this parish named in her honor? In this time of waiting and preparation for the coming of the Christ Child and in this time of continued hardship and uncertainty, let us pray for one another that which for St. Paul prayed: increasing love, knowledge and the ability to perceive what is good and of true value so that each of us may be pure, blameless and righteous for the day of Christ. Let us be a community of prayer and action.

### 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:** Warm socks for Project Hope at Hoban High School and hygiene products 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.

**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.

**Masses** - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: weekdays, Dec. 20, 22, 31; Sun., Jan. 2, 8:30 am, weekdays, Jan. 3, 5, 7.

**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 placed in the red cart in front of the school during store hours only.

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

**Needed:** Able-bodied parishioners to help with snow removal. Shoveling, use of snow blowers will be necessary. Please call the rectory to sign up.

**Synod News** – As you know, Pope Francis has called the Church to participate in a synod of dialogue meant to discern what it means to be Church and where the Holy Spirit is calling us. Stay tuned for information on how you may participate.

### *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 [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.