

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PARISH



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 12, 2021
Third 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 Dec 13	Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	5:30 pm Candi Caruso by Family	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27	
Tues Dec 14	John of the Cross Priest & Doctor		Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Dec 15		5:30 pm Bob Saxton by Altar & Rosary Society	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23	Synod Listening Session 1 pm HH Please RSVP to the rectory
Thur Dec 16			Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30	
Fri Dec 17		5:30 pm Amelio Ciccolini by Harry & Joan Ciccolini	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Church Decorating 6:30 pm CH
Sat Dec 18		5:30 pm Special Intention (50 Wedding Anniversary) by Robert & Maureen Lough	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25	Free Store 9 am - noon Confessions 9 am CH
Sun Dec 19	 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Jerry Hardesty by Family 11 am Cliff Wincki by Wincki/Bandelow Families	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Nov 28	Dec 5
Sunday Offering -	\$3,554.00	\$4,084.00
Daily Offering -	\$80.00	
Holy Day -		\$125.00
Christmas -	\$40.00	\$60.00
Total	\$3,674.00	\$4,144.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$74.00	\$544.00
YTD Over (short) -	\$188.75	\$732.75
Capital Improvement -	\$100.00	\$495.00
Debt Reduction -	\$100.00	
Other Gifts -	\$100.00	
Diocese Designated -	\$90.00	\$25.00
Envs used of 240 sent	89	76

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.

Church Decorating – This Friday, Dec. 17th at 6:30 pm. Come & help make the church beautiful for Christmas.

Important Holy Day Information

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

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

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

Synod Listening Session – We will hold a Listening Session **THIS** Wednesday, Dec. 15th at 1 pm in Hitch Hall. The sessions consist of personal reflection, listening and discussion and takes about 2 hours. We are being called to gather together as a people of faith, engage in dialogue and respectful listening and witness to the Good News of God's love in the world. Pope Francis lists the 3 pillars of a Synodal Church as: Communion, Participation and Mission. Come, reflect, listen and help identify how the Holy Spirit is working in the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God. Please call the rectory to RSVP. More sessions will be held in January.

History of Popes

#218 – Adrian VI - Pope from Jan. 9, 1522 – death, Sept. 14, 1523. Adrian of Utrecht, born into a poor Dutch family, gained prominence through his education at the University of Leuven in Belgium. He went on to teach there and was so beloved that his two most popular books were initially published without his knowledge by his students who compiled their notes from Adrian's lectures. In 1506, Emperor Maximilian asked him to tutor his grandson, the future Emperor Charles V and successor of King Ferdinand of Spain, which led to him becoming the Bishop of Tortosa, Grand Inquisitor of Spain, cardinal of the Church, and Regent of Spain. The Cardinals, wanting to keep another Medici from being elected, elected him to become pope as Cardinal Wolsey, King Henry VIII's choice, couldn't get the support of Emperor Charles V. Adrian was determined to rule as his own man and not as a puppet of Charles V. He curtailed the power and income of cardinals, in addition to rebuking several for being wholly unworthy of office. Adrian was able to accomplish little due to his inability to stir excitement among men. He is best known for being ineffective when it came to reversing the division created by the Protestant Reformation. The growing popularity of Luther's teaching, coupled with its political benefits for German princes and the obstinacy of many cardinals meant that things would have to get worse before any real turnaround could be made. Finances were in a sad state thanks to Leo X, and princes and nobility in Europe were at odds like never before. Upon his death, Adrian's epitaph actually read: "Here lies Adrian VI, who thought nothing in life more unfortunate than that he became pope."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we continue deeper into the Advent season, we read of the prophet Zephaniah's words meant to encourage the people and bring them back to the Lord for they had strayed and turned away from the Lord. We see much of the same thing going on now as people are being drawn away from the Lord by materialism, politics and other worldly influences. We need to stand firm in our faith and focus on the things of heaven rather than those of this world. We have every reason to be joyful and to shout out in gladness for our God is with us every moment of every day. Let us do what John the Baptist challenges us to do: share what we have, treat everyone fairly and be just in our dealings with others. As we await the coming of the Christ Child, let us model St. Paul's words, "Rejoice in the Lord always." We have much to be thankful for so let's share it with the world – the world could use a bit of cheer and Good News.

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.

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

Liturgical Ministers

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

Christmas Eve 10 pm: Lector: L. Woods; EMHC: Osolin; Server: Keegan, Morgan; M of H: S. Woods, need

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

Dec. 31 Holy Day Vigil 5:30 pm: Lector: need; EMHC: need; M of H: need

Masses - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Sun., Jan. 2, 8:30 am, Sat., Jan 8, 5:30 pm, Sun., Jan 9, 11 am; weekdays, Jan. 3, 5, 7; 10, 12, 14.

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. The Free Store will be **closed Dec. 25, 28, & Jan. 1.**

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. 13th from 7:30 - 9 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Bldg., 1945 Portage Tr. For info, call Marlene 330-607-6284.

• **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 for more.