



December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 27	John, Apostle & Evangelist	5:30 pm Karen Hardesty by Family	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8	
Tues Dec 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs		1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18	Kenmore Free Store Closed
Wed Dec 29	Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Karin Trehan by John & Emily Yeager	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35	
Thur Dec 30			1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40	
Fri Dec 31	Sylvester I, Pope	5:30 pm (Holy Day Vigil) Frank & Marcella Archual by Family	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18	
Sat Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not a Holy Day of Obligation)	5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil) People of the Parish	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	Kenmore Free Store Closed
		8:30 am Andrew Lehnert by Joe & Beth Langton		
Sun Jan 2	The Epiphany of the Lord	11 am Deceased Members of the Hamilton & Hudak Families by Gerry & Loretta Hamilton	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Dec 12	Dec 19
Sunday Offering -	\$3,357.00	will appear
Daily Offering -	\$100.00	in next
Holy Day -	\$435.00	week's
Christmas -	\$495.00	bulletin
Total	\$4,387.00	
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$787.00	
YTD Over (short) -	\$1,644.75	
St. Vincent De Paul -	\$45.00	
Capital Improvement -	\$3,140.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$285.00	
Diocese Designated -	\$355.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	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.

The Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the 5:30 pm Mass this Wednesday, December 29th.

Important Holy Day Information

Holy Day - January 1st is normally observed as Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Because it falls on a Saturday, the obligation has been dispensed. We will celebrate the vigil at the 5:30 pm Mass on Friday, Dec. 31st. No Mass Saturday morning.

There will be a 5:30 pm on Saturday January 1st as normal.

Liturgical Ministers

Dec. 31 Holy Day Vigil for Mary, Mother of God:

Lector: B. Langton; EMHC: J. Langton; M of H: needed;
 Server: L. Morgan.

Acme Cashback - The current earning period has ended. Please bring all receipts to the church and place them in the containers at all doors.

A FE - There are NO Adult Faith Enrichment sessions in January or February. See you in March.

Masses - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Weekdays: Jan. 10, 12, 14. Sat., Jan 15, 5:30 pm; Jan 16. 11 am; weekdays: Jan. 17, 19, 21.

Community Meal - There will be NO Community Meal in December. Stay tuned for future needs.

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

New Year Reflection

Today's reflection is adapted from a prayer by Loyola Press. Dear Father, thank you for a new year and the opportunity for a new beginning. Thank you for the forgiveness of our sins from the past. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the peace and goodness that comes from doing your will. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." This statement of praise, by the angel of the Lord and the army of heavenly host ushers in the incredible news that a savior has been born who is Christ and Lord. The title of "Christ" is a Greek translation (*Christos*) of the Hebrew word *meshiah* or "messiah" and it means "anointed one". In the Old Testament a messiah moved people to a goal – the kingdom of God. It was the anointed one by whom that kingdom would be established through the royal line of King David. Each person to hold the title of king would advance the Hebrew people toward the Kingdom of the God of Israel. On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of THE KING of the universe, THE Anointed One who ruled with love and won the ultimate victory over sin and death. As the baptized, we strive to enter the Kingdom of God on the day of Resurrection. Jesus is also "Lord" a term which applied to emperors, monarchs, heads of families, military leaders, etc. When Lordship is attributed to Jesus, it implies He is King of all humans, His enemies and death. The Church, heaven, earth and hell all witness to Jesus's Lordship. This weekend we also honor the Holy Family – Joseph, Jesus' earthly father who came from the line of King David and Mary who became The Mother of God. This holy family, like our holy families, had their difficulties, struggles, joys and sorrows. Holy means to be set apart for a particular purpose, to live in, with and for God. May the Holy Family remind us that God is always with us and inspire us to trust God and dedicate our lives to God.

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 scarves, gloves, hats, etc. 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: Can you give the parish a couple hours once a month to help keep the church clean? 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.

Synod Listening Session – We are being called to gather together, by Pope Francis, as a people of faith to 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. Sessions consist of personal reflection, listening and discussion and takes about 2 hours. January sessions will be held: Thurs., Jan. 6th at 1 pm; Tues., Jan. 11th at 1 pm; Wed., Jan. 19th at 6:30 pm; Sun., Jan. 23rd at 12:30 pm and Wed., Jan 26th at 6:30 pm. Sessions will be held in Hitch Hall and RSVPs are requested.

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 reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 4th.

I would like to **thank all the members** of Immaculate Conception Parish for the love, patience and kindness they have shown me during my 13 years as parish secretary. While I am thankful for the true blessing to be able to stay home and care for my mother (97 years old), I have much sadness that I am no longer able to come into the office or celebrate Mass with my parish. Thank you for being such great witnesses to Christ's love. With much love and fondness, *Grace Ortscheid*

Unforeseen circumstances have compelled Mary Buckson to withdraw from her appointment as Parish Secretary & Office Manager. We thank Mary for her desire to serve the Parish! Grace Ortscheid – God bless her! - will continue essential duties from home on an as-needed basis.

Other Events

• **Young Catholic Men's Conference, YCMC:** Sat., Jan. 29th, Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuy. Falls. High school age boys & their dads/mentors welcome. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards. Cost is \$40 early registration, \$50 after Jan. 15. Visit <https://www.ycmc.us> for full information.