



December  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

## December 25, 2022 Nativity of the Lord

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 26	Stephen, First Martyr	5:30 pm <b>Steve Zamesko</b> by Joan DiOrior	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22	
Tues Dec 27	John, Apostle & Evangelist		1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8	<b>Free Store Closed</b>
Wed Dec 28	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs <b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	5:30 pm <b>Myron &amp; Mary Schimmoeller</b> by Mary Jane Andrews	1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18	
Thur Dec 29			1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35	
Fri Dec 30	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	5:30 pm <b>Karen Marie Hardesty</b> by Family	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	
Sat Dec 31		5:30 pm <b>Michael Evans</b> by Cheryl Krasovic	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18	<b>No Confessions Free Store Closed</b>
Sun Jan 1	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	8:30 am <b>People of the Parish</b> 11 am <b>Domenick Felice</b> by the Altar & Rosary Society	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	

### Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

### Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

#### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Dec 11	Dec 18
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$3,254.00	Due to the
<b>Daily Offering -</b>	\$480.00	early submission
<b>Holy Day -</b>	\$728.00	of the bulletin
<b>Christmas -</b>	\$100.00	this information
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,526.00</b>	will appear in
<b>Weekly operating costs</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	next week's
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>\$1,362.00</b>	bulletin
<b>YTD Over (short) -</b>	<b>\$7,752.50</b>	
<b>St. Vincent de Paul -</b>	\$70.00	
<b>Cap. Improvement -</b>	\$1,070.00	
<b>Debt Reduction -</b>	\$175.00	
<b>Other Gifts -</b>	\$2,850.00	
<b>Diocese Designated -</b>	\$234.00	
<b>KMA Thanksgiving</b>	\$20.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	74	

**Stewardship of Treasure:** We know that budgets are very tight right now & the rectory budget is the same way. We depend on your stewardship through the use of your envelopes to pay staff a fair wage & pay our bills. Please continue to be good faithful stewards, If you visit another parish, be sure to send or drop off your envelopes here.

**Confessions:** Please note: there will be **NO Confessions** heard at I.C. on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Stay informed, visit [www.ickenmore.org](http://www.ickenmore.org).

#### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events – Mark your Calendars!

•**100 Days of Prayer:** The 100 day countdown to our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary has begun and we are observing it through prayer; 100 prayers, 100 days, 100 minutes! We began December 14<sup>th</sup>, but if you didn't get a copy of the prayers you may find them at the doors of the church. We ask that you spend 1 minute in prayer and reflection for the intention of the day.

•Share your **favorite I.C. Memory** – ½ sheet forms may be found at all doors of the church. We have a great legacy so share a memory that stands out for you. Please return the sheets in the collection basket or to the rectory.

•**Bowling:** Sat., Jan. 21, 5 – 7 pm at Charger Lanes on Norton Ave. Cost: \$5/person includes shoe rental. Invite family & friends and see next week's bulletin for more information.

•Mark your calendars and be sure to invite family and friends to our **Night at the Races: Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Proceeds will benefit the parish Capital Improvement fund. Fliers are at the doors of the church

•Keep **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** open and watch for anniversary celebration information!

The **rectory will be closed** this Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Anointing of the Sick** will be offered this Wednesday at the 5:30 pm Mass. All are welcome.

### Reflection taken From Seasons of Celebration by Thomas Merton

The mystery of Christmas lays upon us all a debt and an obligation to the rest of mankind and to the whole created universe. We who have seen the light of Christ are obliged, by the greatness of the grace that has been given us, to make known the presence of the Savior to the ends of the earth. This we will do not only by preaching the glad tidings of his coming, but above all by revealing him in our lives. Christ is born to us today, in order that he may appear to the whole world through us. This one day is the day of his birth but every day of our mortal lives must be his manifestation, his divine Epiphany, in the world which he has created and redeemed.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The Gospel for Christmas Day begins with these words: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God & the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, & without him nothing came to be." Further down it states, "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us & we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." This Word who is God is Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, true God & true man, whose Incarnation we joyously celebrate today. Incarnation means "into flesh" & today we rejoice that the Son of God chose to assume a human nature & enter into our sinful world. Why? Exactly because our world is sinful & much in need of saving. Jesus comes to free humankind from the slavery of sin (redemption) & then offer us forgiveness of sin to restore our friendship with God (salvation). Think about it – God *chose* to enter our world & walk among us! That is mind-blowing, yet we somehow seem to lose this Truth in the midst of our "holiday" festivities. This day is not a holiday, it is a Holy Day. Take time to step back from the festivities to reflect upon the Truth that God became man so that we might become the adopted sons & daughters of God and heirs to the kingdom and then let that Truth permeate every part of your being.

### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*A parish family is very much like a personal family. There are jobs and chores that need doing & if they don't get done, things are out of sorts and don't run smoothly. Here is a list of "chores/jobs" that need to be addressed here at the parish – everybody can do something!*

**Liturgical Needs:** The Mass schedule for the weekend of Dec. 31/Jan. 1 remains the same. Those scheduled for that weekend will minister as scheduled.

**Liturgical Ministry** – We're in dire need of *Lectors, Altar Servers and Contemporary Choir members*. Training provided. Please help. Please call the rectory.

**CareCards** – Let our shut-ins know they are not forgotten & are important to us. Buy or create cards of encouragement, add a short note & sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket. Please, no cards from charitable or religious organizations.

**Bingo** – We are in real need of Bingo help. Do you have even one Wednesday a month to call Bingo, sell Instant Bingo or learn the office from our amazing Bingo Manager, Lorie? We need more people to serve our clientele & to rotate workers. Bingo income is **critical** to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

**Free Store Help** – Have a heart for those in need & like to work with friendly, faith-filled people? Stop by Tuesdays, 4-7 pm or Saturdays, 9 am-12, check it out & join the team!

**Needed:** Able-bodied parishioners to help with snow removal. Shoveling will be necessary. Please call the rectory to sign up. If we receive a huge amount of snow, please enter the church through Hitch Hall.

**Masses** – To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Available dates: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: Jan. 2, 9, 13, 16, 20, 25. Saturdays, 5:30 pm: Jan. 7, 14, 28; Sundays, 8:30 am: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, 11 am: Jan. 15, 22, 29.

**Acme Cashback** - Watch the list of items needed for the Community Meal & help them and the parish as well by purchasing the brands that qualify for Cashback – see the fliers at the doors of the church. Thank you.

### *Other Events*

• **Prayer Service:** Every Wednesday at 6 pm, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, Brown St., holds a prayer service for Ukraine. The service is about 30 minutes long and is in English. All are welcome.

• **The Bethlehem Cave and Nativity Museum:** Nativity of the Lord Jesus Parish, 2425 Myersville Rd. Akron, will be open for guided tours at 2 pm daily December 26-30. Visit a replica of the cave where Jesus was born & view 500 nativity sets from around the world. There is no cost, but donations are accepted. For info, email [tours@nativityofthelord.org](mailto:tours@nativityofthelord.org) or call 330-699-5086 weekdays.

• The next Cleveland **Retrouvaille** Weekend is scheduled for Jan. 13-15. The Retrouvaille program is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages & is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Then the Retrouvaille program may help you rediscover each other again. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$450.00 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Shelly or Rob at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810, go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

*Wishing you*

A Holy and Blessed Christmas

