



January 1, 2023

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Jan 2	Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	5:30 pm Ruth Mazan by Linda Marx	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	
Tues Jan 3			1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Jn 1:14a, 12a	Free Store 4 – 7 pm SB
Wed Jan 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious		1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42	
Thur Jan 5	John Neumann, Bishop		1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51	
Fri Jan 6		5:30 pm Kovalchin Family by Family	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mt 1:7-11	
Sat Jan 7		5:30 pm People of the Parish	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11	Confessions 9 am CH Free Store 9 am – noon SB
Sun Jan 8	Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am Intentions of Ben & Angela Meyers by Kevin Hudak 11 am Leslie Coffey by the Altar & Rosary Society	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 11	Dec 18
Sunday Offering -	\$3,254.00	\$2,845.00
Daily Offering -	\$480.00	
Holy Day -	\$728.00	\$11.00
Christmas -	\$100.00	\$265.00
Total	\$4,526.00	\$3,121.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$1,362.00	(\$79.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$7,572.50	\$7,493.50
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$70.00	\$30.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$1,070.00	\$550.00
Debt Reduction -	\$175.00	\$30.00
Other Gifts -	\$2,850.00	\$1,145.00
Diocese Designated -	\$234.00	\$125.00
KMA Thanksgiving	\$20.00	\$18.72
Envs used of 240 sent	74	45

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.

Adult Faith Enrichment (AFE) takes January and February off and will return in March.

Acme Cashback – This earning period has ended. Please bring any remaining receipts and place them in the baskets by the doors of the church.

100th Anniversary Events – Mark your Calendars!

- **100 Days of Prayer:** The 100 day countdown to our 100th anniversary has begun and we are observing it through prayer: 100 prayers, 100 days, 100 minutes! We began December 14th, but if you didn't get a copy of the prayers you may find them at the doors of the church. Join with fellow parishioners by spending 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.
- **Night at the Races:** Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Kof C Council #4310 Hall on Glenmount Ave. Cost: \$25.00 per person which includes dinner, drinks, desserts **AND** the first 100 people to RSVP get to own and name a horse! Proceeds will benefit the parish Capital Improvement fund. Call Charles Wilson at 330-620-3669 to RSVP. Make out and send checks to Immaculate Conception. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 5, races begin at 6 pm. You must be 21 years of age and up to participate.
- Keep **Sunday, March 19th** open and watch for anniversary celebration information!

History of Popes

#262 – St. Paul VI - Pope from June 21, 1963 – death, Aug. 6, 1978. Giovanni Montini was born in Lombardy in 1897. He was ordained a priest in 1920. Three years later he was assigned to serve in the office of the papal nuncio in Warsaw, Poland. After a brief time there, Giovanni spent years in service to the Roman Church, mostly to his mentor, Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, later Pope Pius XII. Giovanni became co-Secretary of State in 1944 and was assigned as Archbishop of Milan 10 years later. He was promoted to cardinal in 1958. He was an obvious choice to follow St. John XXIII and he started his papacy by scaling back on papal pomp, donating his papal tiara to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. and minimizing the grandiose papal coronation festivities. Paul opted to continue the Second Vatican Council (councils are suspended automatically when a pope dies) and saw it through to its 1965 conclusion. As pope, he emphasized that the Church “doesn’t have a mission, it is a mission”, that the Church’s two millennia of tradition makes it “an expert in humanity” and that Jesus called all to lives of holiness, not just priests and religious. At a time when the Sexual Revolution was beginning to rage & the entire religious world outside of Catholicism was declaring artificial contraception acceptable, albeit, only in the context of marriage, ostensibly as a way to space children, the question was finally posed to Paul. He convened a theological commission of clergy, laypeople, medical professionals, & several others to explore the question in light of Catholic tradition, and their conclusion was to approve it. The world expected Paul to do the same, but he not only rejected the commission’s recommendation but proceeded to write what would become his most famous encyclical, **Humanae Vitae** (“Human Life”), in which Paul explained his reason. He stated that if artificial contraception became socially acceptable, the following would happen in the ensuing decades: 1. A general lowering of moral standards; 2. An increase in marital infidelity; 3. Husbands increasingly viewing their wives as objects for their own desires; 4. Contraception would become a dangerous tool in the hands of governments who cared little about the moral law. Following his death in 1978, he was declared Venerable by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in 2012 and was beatified by Pope Francis in 2014. He was canonized, alongside martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, on October 14, 2018.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we celebrate two important observances: January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and it's the beginning of a new year. Our Blessed Mother, our patroness, has interceded on the parish's behalf to her Son for 100 years & as we honor her, we ask - no we implore - her to continue to do so as we look beyond our 100th anniversary to a vibrant future. A new year brings new hope, promise & vision. It's a time to begin again and, traditionally, we make New Year's resolutions which usually last 2 months! As we begin this new year, let's make and keep resolutions that will impact us now & in the hereafter. Let's get back to worship and do so by fully participating at Mass & receiving the Eucharist – the real Presence of Jesus, our spiritual food. Let's make a greater effort to get to Confession, pick up our Bibles or subscribe to a daily scripture reflection source to reflect on God's Word. Ever come to Mass on Monday or Wednesday at 5:30? Put the Fridays of Lent on your calendar and come to Mass and Stations of the Cross. Make a space in your home and schedule a time to go there and spend time with the Lord in prayer each day. Come to Adult Faith Enrichment March – May. Discern your gifts and interests and how you can use them in stewardship at the parish - Free Store, bingo, Food Pantry, liturgical ministry & more. Think about what you can do to serve God and the People of God in loving, compassionate and joyful ways. This is not a time to be complacent. We have much to do here & our potential to impact Kenmore for God is limitless. Through our Blessed Mother's intercession, our Lord's providence, the guidance of the Holy Spirit & everyone's stewardship, 2023 will be one of tremendous parish growth, vision & amazing blessings. We need you all – everyone can do something. I.C. Spirit – catch it, use it and share it!

Stay informed, visit www.ickenmore.org.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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. 16, 25, 30; Feb. 10, 13, 20; Saturdays, 5:30 pm: Jan. 14, 28; Sundays, 8:30 am: Jan 15, 22, 29, 11 am: Jan. 15, 22, 29.

Church undecorating: We're enjoying the beautiful church decorations, but at some point they have to come down & that day will be Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come and help.

Other Events

•**Prayer Service:** Wednesdays at 6 pm, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, Brown St., holds a prayer service for Ukraine.