



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 8, 2023

Epiphany 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 Jan 9	The Baptism of the Lord	5:30 pm Frank Francis, Sr. by the Altar & Rosary Society	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 ; Mt 3:13-17	
Tues Jan 10			Heb 2:5-12; Mt 1:21-28	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Jan 11		5:30 pm Repose of the Soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict by the Parish	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39	Church Undecorating 6:30 pm CH
Thur Jan 12			Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45	
Fri Jan 13		5:30 pm Sylvia Edwards by the Altar & Rosary Society	Heb 4:1-11; Mk 2:1-12	
Sat Jan 14		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17	Confessions 9 am CH Free Store 9 am - noon SB
Sun Jan 15	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Nataliyia Stepanenko & Family in Ukraine by Kenny & Becky Slonaker 11 am Theresa Heim by Chris Eggert	Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Dec 25	Jan 1
Sunday Offering -	\$2,971.00	\$3,667.00
Daily Offering -		\$420.00
Christmas -	\$6,340.00	\$460.00
Holy Day -	\$30.00	\$830.00
Total	\$9,341.00	\$5,377.00
Christmas Budget	\$9,019.00	
Weekly operating costs	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
Budget Total	\$12,219.00	\$3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$2,878.00)	\$2,177.00
YTD Over (short) -	\$4,615.50	\$6,792.50
St. Vincent de Paul -		\$175.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$20.00	\$230.00
Debt Reduction -	\$770.00	\$170.00
Other Gifts -	\$50.00	\$12,655.00
Envs used of 240 sent	94	52

Special Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict: Wednesday, January 11th at 5:30 pm. Come, remember & honor Benedict for his faithful service.

Masses – To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Available dates: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: Jan. 30; Feb. 10, 20, 22, 24, 27; Saturdays, 5:30 pm: Jan., 28; Sundays, 8:30 am: Jan. 22, 29, 11 am: Jan. 22, 29.

100th Anniversary Events – Mark your Calendars!

•**100 Days of Prayer**: Our 100 prayers, 100 days, 100 minutes countdown to our 100th anniversary began Dec. 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 bowling buddies, family, friends & neighbors out for an evening of fun. You may bring a snack; food and drinks will be available at the lanes. Fliers may be found at the doors of the church.

•**Night at the Races**: We're accepting RSVPs & payment for our Night at the Races on Sat., Feb. 18 at the K of C Council Hall on Glenmount Ave. Cost: \$25/person which includes dinner, drinks, desserts **AND** the first 100 people to RSVP get to own & name a horse! Proceeds will benefit the parish Capital Improvement fund. Call Charles Wilson at 330-620-3669 to RSVP. Make out & send checks to Immaculate Conception with "Races" on the memo line. Doors open at 4:30, dinner at 5, races begin at 6 pm. You must be 21 years of age and up to participate. Fliers are at all doors of the church.

•**100th Anniversary Celebration**: Sunday, March 19th. Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm & Sunday at 11 am ONLY. We're honored that Bishop Edward Malesic has agreed to celebrate our big day with us & will be the celebrant at the 11 am Mass! In the early afternoon, we will have an anniversary dinner at Guy's Party Center so mark your calendars & watch for more info.

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

History of Popes

#263 – Venerable John Paul I - Pope from Aug. 26, 1978 – death, Sept. 28, 1978. Born on Oct. 17, 1912 in the Northern Italian town of Forno di Canale, Albino Luciani was given an emergency baptism by the midwife who delivered him as she considered him to be in danger of death. After being inspired by visiting Capuchin friars at age 10, Albino asked his father's permission to enter the priesthood. His father replied, "I hope that when you become a priest you will be on the side of the workers, for Christ Himself would have been on their side." He was ordained in 1935, became a seminary professor in 1937, where he taught theology and sacred art, and was first named a bishop in 1958, taking "Humility" as his simple yet striking episcopal motto. He was elevated to Archbishop of Venice in 1969 and was named a cardinal in 1973, by Pope Paul VI. Albino was well known for his service to the poor, selling a gold cross from John XXIII himself to benefit ill children, and often urging clergy to follow suit. Elected on the fourth conclave ballot, Pope John Paul I used his new name to indicate his intent to continue the efforts of Popes John XXIII and Paul VI. Above all, John Paul I sought to "humanize" the papacy, doing away with both the royal "we" when addressing himself (the papal custom for centuries) and the **sedia gestatoria**, the plush elevated chair in which popes were carried to and from papal ceremonies. His papacy ended on September 28, 1978 after a mere 33 days. He died of an apparent heart attack, having been found in bed with a reading light on and Thomas a Kempis' **The Imitation of Christ** open beside him. His cause for canonization was opened in 2003, garnering him the title "Servant of God." On November 9, 2017, Pope Francis moved John Paul I along the road to canonization by declaring him "Venerable". Two miracles attributed to his intercession are being investigated in Rome.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we celebrate the manifestation of God to the world through Jesus, the Christ, the Anointed One. Manifestation means to "make known" or "reveal" so when the magi, who where most definitely not Jews, but followers of the Zoroastrian religion in Persia, came to do homage to Jesus, the newborn king of the Jews, it served to announce God's presence, in the flesh, to the rest of the world represented by the magi. How long it took the magi to get from Persia to Jerusalem is not known, but when they got to Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, they sought out King Herod to inquire where they might find this child king. Herod, threatened by the news of a new king, met with the chief priests and scribes of the Temple who ascertained from scripture that the child was to be born in Bethlehem. Herod sent the magi to search for & find the child so that he could also pay him "homage." They followed the light of the star and by the time they got to Bethlehem, the Holy Family was no longer in the stable, but in a house (so no magi/wise men, at the stable). Ever wonder why the wise men in our church travel from one side of the church to the other & there is no manger present on Epiphany? That's why! After paying homage to Jesus and presenting Him with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they returned to their country by another route for they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod. In this new year, let us seek to honor our King by worshiping God at Mass, freely offering our gifts of time, talent and treasure, receiving the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and making Jesus known to all the world.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical Ministry – We DO need more Lectors and Contemporary choir members, but we **REALLY** need more Altar Servers. There are only 6 servers trying to cover all weekend Masses – we have no servers for weekday Masses. When a bishop comes, lots of servers are needed and so if you're a student, Grade 5 and up or an adult – woman or man – and you have a desire to serve our Lord at the altar, **PLEASE** call the rectory. Training will be provided.

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 & rotate workers. Bingo income is **critical** to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

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.

Acme Cashback – Please bring any remaining receipts & place them in the baskets by the doors of the church.

GIANT THANKS go out to S&K Asphalt & Concrete in Kenmore who did a remarkable job on our parking lot. They battled a huge mess when milling. They encountered soft spots and never did hit the flat base, but they persevered by laying down a temporary coat and letting it settle before paving. In doing so, they used 123 more tons of asphalt than expected. Rather than pass on that cost to us, they stayed true to the quoted project price of \$47,014.00 and made a charitable contribution to the parish of \$9,594.00 which is what the extra 123 tons would have cost us! That's integrity. If you need your driveway repaired – give them a call.

Stay informed, visit www.ickenmore.org.

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) will return in March.