



January
Month of the
Holy Childhood
of Jesus

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Jan 23	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	5:30 pm John, Ann Marie & Beth Ann Kovalchin by Family	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30	
Tues Jan 24	Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor		Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Jan 25	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Angie Caruso by Family	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18	
Thur Jan 26	Timothy & Titus, Bishops		2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:21-25	
Fri Jan 27		5:30 pm William G. Maltarich, Sr. by Mary Sekerak	Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34	
Sat Jan 28	Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41	Confessions 9 am CH Free Store 9 am - noon SB
Sun Jan 29	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am George Janky by Don May	Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

	Jan 8	Jan 15
Week Ending		
Sunday Offering -	\$3,756.00	\$2,675.00
Daily Offering -		\$100.00
Christmas -	\$45.00	
Holy Day -	\$47.00	
Total	\$3,848.00	\$2,775.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$648.00	(\$425.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$7,440.50	\$7,015.50
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$65.00	\$20.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$170.00	\$490.00
Debt Reduction -	\$1,033.00	\$60.00
Other Gifts -		\$50.00
Diocese Designated -	\$40.00	\$157.00
Envs used of 240 sent	65	55

Kenmore Community Meal will be available for take-out on Tues., Jan. 31st beginning at 4:30 pm. Meals go quickly so come early. Menu: Mock beef stroganoff over buttered noodles, vegetable, bread, dessert.

World Marriage Day will be celebrated the weekend of February 11-12. To recognize your years of Christian marriage or the years you had, please fill out the flier in the bulletin and return it to rectory by February 8th for inclusion in the February 11-12 weekend bulletin.

100th Anniversary Events – Mark your Calendars!

•**100 Days of Prayer:** Our 100 prayers, 100 days, 100 minutes countdown to our 100th anniversary has begun; copies of the prayers may be found at the doors of the church. Join 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.

•**Night at the Races:** Sat. Feb. 18 at the Kof C 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. Pick up a flier at the doors of the church & invite family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, then RSVP to Charles Wilson at 330-620-3669. Checks should be made out & sent 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 & up to participate. There will also be raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle and more! The Reverse Raffle was a blast, so let's get a big group together for this event, have some fun and help the parish all at the same time.

Raffle baskets will be a big part of our exciting Night at the Races event. If you would like to make up and donate a basket or seek donations for baskets, the deadline to turn them in to the rectory or give them to Beth Langton will be February 13th.

•**100th Anniversary celebration** will be held **Sunday, March 19th**. **Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:30 pm & Sunday at 11:00 am ONLY.** We are honored that Bishop Edward Malesic has agreed to come and celebrate our big day with us & he will be the celebrant at the 11 am Mass! In the early afternoon, we'll have an anniversary dinner at Guy's Party Center so mark your calendars & watch for more information.

History of Popes

#265 – Benedict XVI - Pope from Apr. 19, 2005 – Feb. 28, 2013. Joseph Ratzinger was born on Holy Saturday, April 16, 1927 in Lower Bavaria, the youngest of three children. His family was bitterly opposed to Nazism, which resulted in his father, a police officer, being demoted and frequently harassed. Joseph was forced to join the Hitler Youth in 1941, but rarely attended meetings, abandoned his post in 1945, and even witnessed the Americans establish their town headquarters in the Ratzinger household. Joseph & his brother, Georg, were ordained priests together on June 29, 1951. A natural academic, he pursued studies & taught at numerous institutions. From 1962-1965, Father Ratzinger served as a special adviser to Cardinal Frings at the Second Vatican Council. He was appointed Archbishop of Munich & Freising on March 27, 1977 and was made a cardinal three months later by Pope Paul VI. Pope John Paul II put him in charge of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1981, in which he taught & upheld Church teaching on a host of topics over 24 years as its prefect. After the death of St. John Paul II, many saw Benedict XVI as an obvious & very capable choice despite his being the fifth-oldest man to be elected pope at age 78. His choice of name hearkened both to Benedict XV (1914-1922), “that courageous prophet of peace, who guided the Church through turbulent times of war,” and to St. Benedict of Nursia, founder of Western monasticism. He was the first German pope in nearly 500 years, and he and John Paul II marked the first consecutive non-Italian pontiffs since the Avignon Papacy of the 1300s. His preaching encouraged the faithful to pursue intimate friendship with Jesus, which was particularly displayed in *Deus caritas est*, his first encyclical: “If friendship with God becomes for us something ever more important and decisive, then we will begin to love those whom God loves & who are in need of us.” Benedict is known for being a humble and gentle, yet firm, Vicar of Christ. When it came to handling the clergy sex abuse crisis, Catholic commentator John Allen, Jr. called him a “Catholic Elliot Ness”. He was equally staunch in denouncing the “dictatorship of relativism” that had gripped the world, saying, “under the semblance of freedom it becomes a prison for each one, for it separates people from one another, locking each person into his or her own ego.” Benedict XVI resigned the papacy on February 28, 2013, becoming the first pontiff in more than 700 years to do so. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away on December 31, 2022 at the age of 95.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In this week's Gospel we read of the calling of the first Apostles. Simon Peter and his brother Andrew were casting their nets for fish and James & his brother John were mending their nets with their father. They were not scholars, men of law nor people held in high esteem. They were simple fishermen yet Jesus saw something in them & they saw and experienced something in Jesus. In one of the most famous lines in scripture, Jesus says to Peter & Andrew, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately dropped what they were doing and followed him; James & John left their nets, boat and father when Jesus called to them. Their lives were changed in an instant all because of the call of the Lord Jesus. At Baptism, we too were called & continue to be called every day of our lives to follow Jesus, to live by His teachings & lead others to him through our stewardship and witness. We may feel unqualified, unworthy and uneasy, but Jesus sees something in us and will give us all we need to do what He calls us to do; our job is to be available to Him. How available are you to Jesus? Will you use the gifts and talents you've been given to help build up our parish & God's kingdom? Let these words of Jesus, flow over you and touch your very soul, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.”

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

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!

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.

Church Housekeeping – We're looking for people who love our parish, want to help keep it looking clean by vacuuming & dusting and can give a couple hours once a month. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship.

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.

Masses – To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Available dates: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: Feb. 15, 20, 24, 27, Mar. 10, 27, 29, 31; Saturdays, 5:30 pm: Feb. 18, 25, All March; Sundays, 8:30 am: Feb. 19, All March; 11 am: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 26.

Adult Faith Enrichment (AFE) will return in March.

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.