



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 2			Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11	
Tues Dec 3	Francis Xavier, Priest		Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	Free Store 4 pm -7 pm SB
Wed Dec 4	John Damascene, Priest & Doctor		Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37	Bingo - Open 9:30 am - WH Games begin at 11:00 am
Thurs Dec 5			Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27	Adult Faith Enrichment 7 pm - WH
Fri Dec 6	Nicholas, Bishop		Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	Exposition & Adoration 1-2 pm CH
Sat Dec 7	Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	5:00 pm Pollyann Fassnacht by Akron-Barberton Kolo Dancers	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8	No Confessions Free Store 9 am - 12 pm SB
Sun Dec 8	Second Sunday of Advent Immaculate Conception Holy Day observed Dec. 9	10:00 am William Drexler by JoAnn Krummel & Pam Ciarlariello	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6	Happy Feast Day to us! Coffee & Donuts after Mass - HH

Sanctuary Lamp - Carol Schimmoeller

Holy Family Candle - Bob Doerr

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	November 17	November 24
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,561.00	Due to the early submission of this
Daily Offering -		bulletin, the collection
Holy Day -		report for this week
Total	\$ 2,561.00	will appear in next
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	week's bulletin.
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (639.00)	
YTD Over (short) -	\$(7,656.25)	
St. Vincent de Paul -		
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 200.00	
Debt Reduction -		
Diocese Designated -		
Other Gifts -		
Envelopes used of 240 sent	38	

Available Mass Dates

Saturdays: 5:00 pm: Mar 29, Apr 12, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Sundays: 10:00 am: May 25, Aug 17, 31, Sep 28, Nov 23

Daily Mass & Confessions: Because we have no priest, we no longer offer daily Masses nor Confessions. Please use this handy guide: *St. Augustine:* Confessions - Saturdays at 3 pm & Mondays at 6 pm. Daily Mass: M, W, Th, F, 12:05 pm & Tuesdays, 5:15 pm. *St. Francis:* Confessions - Saturdays from 9-9:45 am & Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 pm. Daily Mass: M-F, 8:15 am & Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

A FE: The next session of Adult Faith Enrichment will be this Thursday from 7-8:30 in Waldeisen Hall. Topic: "God Speaks Our Story." Read Chapters 4&5 in Beautiful Eucharist. Do something for yourself this Advent - come, learn and grow in your Catholic faith.

We Give Catholic IS THIS TUESDAY: We're again participating to raise money to renovate the space between the school & hall as now the railroad ties are collapsing. We're naming the area The Fr. Michael B. Smith Memorial Garden and we hope to raise funds for retaining walls, steps & landscaping. **PLEASE** tell family, friends & employers about this opportunity to help our parish as many look for end of the year charitable tax deductions. Go to www.wegivecatholic.org, go to "Search", type in Immaculate, then click on our site. Donations may be made online or checks may be made out to Immaculate Conception with We Give Catholic on the memo line. Let your friends & relatives know of all the good things going on at I.C. and ask them to consider making a donation.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Friday, December 6th from 1-2 pm. This opportunity to spend time with Jesus present in the Monstrance on the altar will be offered every First Friday. Com to pray, read, say your rosary or just reflect. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our parish feast day. We invite all to come to Hitch Hall after Mass next Sunday for coffee, donuts and fellowship. ****Because the 8th falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity and Holy Day has been moved to Monday, December 9th. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm.

Decorating: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm & come to help decorate the church for Christmas.

Journey with the Pope

“Heaven and earth will pass away”, Jesus says, “but my words will not pass away” (v. 31). This is the true crux. On that day, each of us will have to understand whether the Word of the Son of God has illuminated our personal existence, or whether we turned our back to it, preferring to trust in our own words. More than ever, it will be the moment in which to abandon ourselves definitively to the Father’s love and to entrust ourselves to His mercy.”
Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we begin this new Year of Grace, let’s review some liturgical changes. Liturgy means “*the work of the people*” so we need to pay attention to our work. First, in the Creed, when we say “*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man*” we are to bow; it’s printed right in the missalette. Take time to reflect on those words – God chose to become man! Second, when the last person receives the Eucharist, we are to kneel or sit and give thanks to God for all God has done for us (Eucharist means “thanksgiving”). We no longer wait for the priest to close the tabernacle doors. The thinking is that we stand and sing together until the entire family has been fed, then, as a family of faith, we pause to offer our individual thanks to God. Also, if you attend the Contemporary Mass: it’s been the tradition of that Mass to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer, BUT PLEASE feel free to kneel if that is your desire. We’re all one I.C. family.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A parish family is like a personal family. There are jobs & chores that need doing & if they don’t get done, things don’t run smoothly. Here are “chores/jobs” that need doing.

Funeral Dinner Ministry: Be a part of the serving team or sign up to be called when food is needed. Please call the rectory to help with this ministry.

Free Store Help: Looking for a fulfilling opportunity? 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 – noon, to check it out & join the team!

In His Name: Trial size toiletry items (things that will easily fit in a backpack) for the Peter Maurin Center may be placed in the basket at the main doors of the church.

Adopt-A-Plot: It’s time for all plot holders to trim and clean up their plots before winter.

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers in our food pantry. The pantry is open Thursdays noon – 2:00 pm distributing food & hygiene items to those in need. If interested and available, please call Lorie Papp at 330-322-7414. Thank you!

Acme Cashback: The current program runs through February 15th. Please be sure to place any Acme receipts with Cashback Rewards on them in the baskets by the doors of the church.

Bingo Help!! Our dedicated group of Bingo workers need some help. Bingo income is critical to our parish finances so will you please share a few hours of your time to help call Bingo, pass out computers, collect money at the door, call back winners, sell instant tickets or work in the kitchen? If you’re available Wednesdays, please call parishioner & Bingo manager, Lorie at 330-322-7414. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.; games begin at 11 a.m. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Free Store Sack Lunch needs: You’re making a difference!
What’s needed: Individually wrapped snack & cookie packages, cases of water bottles, small individual bags of chips, snack-size plastic bags and lunch-size brown paper bags (size 5 or larger). You may also donate cash which will be used to buy cheese sticks & other supplies. Put **cash donations** in an envelope, mark it “Free Store Lunches,” and drop it in the collection basket or write a **check to The Kenmore Free Store**. Please place donated items in the basket behind the last pew. On behalf of those in need, thank you.

Offsite Events

St. Augustine Youth Groups: High School: “Growing Closer to Christ Together” on Sundays, 3:30-5:15 pm in Room 207 of the school. All are welcome.

Middle School Youth Program: “Edge” on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm in Room 207 of the school. All are welcome.

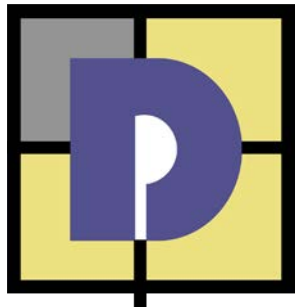
Advent Talk by Bishop Woost: December 2nd, 7 pm at St. Francis de Sales Parish. The bishop will speak on “Contemplative Prayer and Mystical Living.” After the talk, all are welcome to stay for night prayer in the church.

Light the Blvd: Kenmore Blvd., **this** Friday, Dec. 6 from 4-9 pm. Music, craft show, activities for kids, Santa Claus and more! Check the fliers on the bulletin boards for more information & times & join the fun!

Christmas Boutique: St. John the Baptist, 1034 Brown St., Saturday, December 7th from 10-2 pm & Sunday, December 8th from 11-2 pm.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association: Grief Support meeting at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron is Sunday, Dec. 15th 3:00 pm for in-person support & 5:00 pm for virtual support. Topic is “The Gift of God’s Presence: You Never Walk Alone”. For information, go to: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

Catholic Charities Counseling is available to those feeling overwhelmed during the holiday season. Call 1-(800) 860-7373 for info or to schedule an appointment.



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