



February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Feb 21	Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Tomaiko Family by Joe & Beth Langton	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29	
Tues Feb 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle		1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB Community Meal 5 pm WH
Wed Feb 23	Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Keegan, Bonham, Faw & Smith Families by Melissa Keegan	Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40	
Thur Feb 24			Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50	
Fri Feb 25		5:30 pm Kitty Remis by Duane Aurretta	Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12	
Sat Feb 26		5:30 pm Nancy Clay by Friends & Family	Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16	Confessions 9 am CH Kenmore Free Store 9 am - noon SB
Sun Feb 27	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Dick Hudak by Joe & Beth Langton 11 am People of the Parish	Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Feb 6	Feb 13
Sunday Offering -	\$3,226.00	\$4,466.00
Daily Offering -		\$30.00
Total	\$3,226.00	\$4,496.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$374.00)	\$896.00
YTD Over (short) -	(\$3,644.75)	(\$2,748.75)
St. Vincent De Paul -	\$155.00	\$200.00
Capital Improvement -	\$10.00	\$30.00
Debt Reduction -	\$315.00	\$115.00
Diocese Designated -		\$10.00
Envs used of 240 sent	49	74

Stewardship of Treasure: Your parish envelopes are a sign of your willingness to practice the Stewardship of Treasure assuring the continued ministry of our parish to the people of Kenmore. If you visit another parish or are not yet coming to Mass, please send in or drop off your envelopes. Thank you.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2022 **Catholic Charities In-Pew Appeal** last weekend. If you wish make a donation either online or through the mail, please visit www.ccdole.org for instructions. Be sure to mark Immaculate Conception - Akron as your home parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

To receive your 2021 Contribution Statement, call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.

AFE - We will gather on Thursday, March 3rd in Waldeisen Hall to view and discuss Part 1 of Bishop Barron's series Jesus: Priest, Prophet, King. We will also view Bishop Sheen's Life Worth Living - The Meaning of Love. Masks must be worn. Bring your own beverage/snack; coffee will be served. Doors will open at 6:45 pm.

Community Meal - This Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. Meals will be available for take-out at 5 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. Menu: Rotisserie-style chicken, rice pilaf with mixed vegetables, fruit, bread, cake.

Synod Listening Session - Pope Francis wants to hear from you about how the Holy Spirit is moving in the Church. Every Catholic parish is to participate. Sessions will be held in Hitch Hall - masks required. Sessions consist of listening, reflection & discussion and will take about 1½ - 2 hours. Session dates: **this** Tues., Feb. 22nd at 1 pm & next Sun., Feb. 27th at 1 pm. Please call the rectory at 330-753-8429 to RSVP so we can offer a socially distant environment.

World Marriage Day - Mark & Cherylyn Gruic - 40 yrs

The Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the 5:30 pm Mass this Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. Masks must be worn.

History of Popes

#226 - Gregory XIII - Pope from May 13, 1572 - death, April 10, 1585. Ugo Boncompagni was born in Bologna on Jan. 7, 1502. Ugo studied and became a doctor of canon & civil law, taught at the University of Bologna and guided pupils like Alessandro Farnese (nephew of Paul III), Reginald Pole (famous English cardinal), & Charles Borromeo (nephew of Pius IV). He came to Rome in 1539 and entered the Curia, holding several bishoprics and traveling as a papal legate. Ugo served at the Council of Trent under Pius IV, who then named him a cardinal in 1564. Ugo had fathered a child early in life, but the more involved he became in the work of the Church, the more upright and pious he became. Taking the name Gregory XIII upon his election as pope, he was met with widespread acclaim. A vigorous man at age 70, Gregory commissioned several cardinals to root out ecclesiastical abuses and handle absentee bishops (those who didn't reside in their dioceses). He also began a weekly papal audience so that all the faithful had access to him. Gregory also began assigning apostolic nuncios (bishop-advisors) to specific countries to help with managing the universal Church more effectively. He is the namesake of the Gregorian Calendar, the one currently used by the entire world. He corrected a timing mistake in the Julian calendar that had made each year 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long for over 1,500 years. By Gregory's time, this error had caused the date of the Spring Equinox to be off by 10 days, which in turn affected the date of Easter. He enlisted the help of astronomers & made the correction on October 4, 1582. The next morning became October 15. The shift, not immediately adopted by the rest of the world, was eventually noted by everyone for its value and accuracy and remains the standard. Gregory was primarily responsible for starting the tradition of Jesuits in higher education. After working to found, bolster, or restore at least 23 schools out of his own pocket, the pope put the order in charge, instructing them to educate students for the good of the Church. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 1579, English navigator Francis Drake landed in present-day California and claimed it for Queen Elizabeth I.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The words Jesus speaks in our Gospel are challenging and difficult, but for us as disciples and stewards, they describe how we are to live, act and think so that others may be drawn to the faith and to our Lord Jesus. We all have people in our lives whom we find difficult, there are nations who have attacked us & people who have taken advantage of us and our kindness and generosity. Our instinct is to write them off, to dismiss them, even to hate them, but that isn't the stuff of which disciples & stewards are made. We're called to love our enemies, be merciful, judge not, forgive and be kind to the ungrateful. As we grow closer to the Lenten Season, let us resolve to ponder & reflect on what it takes to be a faithful disciple; a joyful steward. It is more than just going to Mass; joining a group, attending a meeting or going to a function. It is sharing our time, talent and treasure faithfully, fully and without prejudice. It is giving of ourselves to all God's people, caring for the sick, the forgotten, those in needs, those who hurt us and being there for family and friends. This is our call as the Baptized.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name: Warm socks for Project Hope at Hoban High School and scarves, gloves, hats, toiletries, etc. for the homeless served by the Peter Maurin Center. Please place donations in the basket by the main doors of the church. Thank you.

Community Meal Needs: Canned frosting, brownie mixes, boxed potato flakes, beef stock or broth, chicken stock or broth.

CareCards - Please keep them coming! To participate, purchase cards of encouragement, add a short note and sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket. Please do not drop off cards from charitable/religious organizations.

Needed: Able-bodied parishioners to help with snow removal. Shoveling will be necessary. Please call the rectory to sign up.

Free Store Report from June through December of 2021: 1059 shoppers; distributed 15,577 articles of clothing, 761 pairs of shoes, 276 coats, 1015 toys, 1071 kitchen items, 1629 pieces of furniture, 877 underwear and 2564 pairs of socks. Keep up the great work!

Due to the alarming rise in **COVID** cases and the contagious nature of Omicron, Bishop Malesic is strongly urging us to wear masks at Mass – daily and weekly. Visitors: You are welcome, but please know that regardless of the protocols at your home parish, you must wear a mask here at I.C. We also ask that you wear a mask when coming to Confession.

Masses - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Weekdays: Feb. 28, Mar. 2, 4, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18; Saturdays: Mar. 12 & 19, 5:30 pm; Sundays, Mar. 13, 8:30 & 11 am & Mar. 20, 8:30 am.

The 3 pillars of **Lent** are: prayer, fasting & almsgiving.

Prayer – Read the daily Mass readings, sign up to receive a daily reflection at lentreflections.com or dynamiccatholic.com, attend daily Mass, make a Holy Hour, go to confession. Make **Fridays** special by worshipping at the 5:30 pm Mass, staying for private prayer time from 6 – 6:30 pm & then praying the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.

Fasting - Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all between 18 & 59 years old, allowing a person to eat one full meal, two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal with no in-between meal snacks. Abstinence (from meat and meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence.

Almsgiving – Rice bowl containers will be available at all doors of the church next weekend. Your Lenten alms will help Catholic Relief Services (CRS) fight hunger and poverty here at home and around the world. Your donations will make a difference!