



# March 6, 2022

## First Sunday of Lent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Mar 7	Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	5:30 pm <b>Bobby McWilliams</b> by Parish Staff	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	
Tues Mar 8	John of God, Religious		Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	<b>Synod Listening Session</b> 1 pm HH <b>Kenmore Free Store</b> 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Mar 9	Frances of Rome, Religious	5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gabelman</b> by Family	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	
Thur Mar 10			Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12	
Fri Mar 11		5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	
Sat Mar 12		5:30 pm <b>Lynn Molnar</b> by Greg Molnar	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	<b>Confessions</b> 9 am CH <b>Kenmore Free Store</b> 9 am - noon SB
Sun Mar 13	Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 am <b>Russ, Mary Jane &amp; Terry Wheeler</b> by John & Bev Wheeler 11 am <b>People of the Parish</b>	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36	<b>Synod Listening Session</b> 12:30 pm HH

### Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

### Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

#### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Feb 20	Feb 27
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$2,526.00	\$2,549.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,526.00</b>	<b>\$2,549.00</b>
<b>Weekly operating costs</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>(\$1,074.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,051.00)</b>
<b>YTD Over (short) -</b>	<b>(\$3,822.75)</b>	<b>(\$4,873.75)</b>
<b>St. Vincent De Paul -</b>	\$65.00	\$15.00
<b>Capital Improvement -</b>	\$680.00	\$70.00
<b>Debt Reduction -</b>		\$100.00
<b>Diocese Designated -</b>	\$15.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	57	47

**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 Appeal**. If you wish to make a donation, visit [www.ccdocle.org](http://www.ccdocle.org) for instructions. Be sure to mark Immaculate Conception - Akron as your home parish.

**Rectory Hours:** Phones will go on service Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

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

**Parish Celebration** - On Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, our parish will celebrate our 99<sup>th</sup> year of ministry to the people of Kenmore and look forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> year! We will mark the occasion with Mass at 6:30 pm (**note time change**) followed by a simple reception in Waldeisen Hall. Come, celebrate and give thanks.

**Anniversary Committee** - As we move into our 100<sup>th</sup> year, we'd like to form a committee charged with planning & implementing events for the parish. If you'd like to share your stewardship and help out, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429. Let's come together to worship, celebrate and have some fun - we need it!

**Council Nominations** - Nominations for membership on Parish Pastoral Council will begin this month so think about your involvement and stay tuned.

**Evening of Reconciliation** - next Wed., March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 8 pm, every Catholic parish in the diocese will be open to hear Confessions. If you know of someone who needs to be reconciled to the Church, please invite and come with them, we want to welcome them back home! If possible, we ask parishioners to come to Confession on Saturdays from 9 - 10 am. Note: There will be **NO 5:30 pm Mass** this night.

#### Family News Corner

Congratulations to **Frank Witzl** who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. Check out the article & picture in the Kenmore Connection. May God bless you, Frank!

### Lenten Reflection from Loyola Press

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

#### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our Gospel speaks to us of mission. After his Baptism, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert praying and fasting in preparation for his mission and when those days were over he began calling his disciples, preaching, healing and going about doing His Father's work, guided by the Spirit. We were baptized and given a mission to build up the church by sharing the Good News. How are we doing on our mission? Have we done our best or have our efforts been lackluster? As we enter the Lenten season, we have 40 days to pray, fast, give alms and bolster ourselves to go about our mission with strength, courage, zeal and joy, guided by the same Spirit who guided Jesus. St. Paul tells us that if we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we'll be saved. Let us take this Lenten season to prepare ourselves to help others come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and develop a personal relationship with him.

#### 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.

**Masses** - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Weekdays: Mar. 18, 21, 28, 30, Apr. 1, 4, 6, 8; Saturdays: Mar. 19 & 26, Apr. 2, 5:30 pm; Sundays, Mar. 27, 11 am & Apr. 3, 8:30 & 11 am.

**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 are held in Hitch Hall – masks required. Sessions consist of listening, reflection & discussion and takes about 1½ - 2 hours. Session dates: Tues., March 8 at 1 pm; Sun., March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm; Tues., March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm; Thurs., March 24 at 1 pm; Mon., March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Folks, **this is important**. Please take this seriously and make your RSVP to the rectory at 330-753-8429. Note date change: Wed., March 16<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Tues., March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Stay informed, visit [www.ickenmore.org](http://www.ickenmore.org) for parish updates, announcements, pictures and more.

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](http://lentreflections.com) or [dynamiccatholic.com](http://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 & Abstinence** - Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence. Abstinence (from meat and meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14.

**Almsgiving** – Rice bowl containers are available at all doors of the church. 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!

#### *Other Events*

•**Pre-Cana Day:** Sat., Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 7 pm, St. Mary, Hudson. This day is for engaged couples preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. Cost is \$95 per couple. To register, visit [www.stmaryhudson.cc/marriage](http://www.stmaryhudson.cc/marriage). Deadline is March 5<sup>th</sup>.