



March 13, 2022

Second 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 14		5:30 pm Al & Rose Rauckhorst by Family	Dan 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Mar 15			Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB Synod Listening Session 6:30 pm HH
Wed Mar 16	Evening of Reconciliation	No Mass	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	Confessions 5 - 8 pm CH
Thur Mar 17	Patrick, Bishop		Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	
Fri Mar 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Annie & Joe Gnap by Bernie Gnap	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	
Sat Mar 19	Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary	5:30 pm People of the Parish	2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Confessions 9 am CH Kenmore Free Store 9 am - noon SB
Sun Mar 20	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Justin & Anna Gardner by Dick & Mary Lou Novitsky 11 am Deceased Members of the Hamilton & Hudak Families by Gerry & Loretta Hamilton	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Feb 27	Mar 6
Sunday Offering -	\$2,549.00	\$3,444.10
Total	\$2,526.00	\$3,444.10
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,051.00)	(\$155.90)
YTD Over (short) -	(\$4,873.75)	(\$5,029.60)
St. Vincent De Paul -	\$15.00	\$195.00
Capital Improvement -	\$70.00	\$329.00
Debt Reduction -	\$100.00	
Diocese Designated -		\$157.00
Envs used of 240 sent	47	63

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 for instructions. Be sure to mark Immaculate Conception - Akron as your home parish.

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

Parish Celebration - Next Wednesday, March 23rd, our parish will celebrate 99 years of ministry and look forward to our 100th year! We will mark the occasion with Mass at **6:30 pm** followed by a simple reception of cake, punch & coffee in Waldeisen Hall. Come, celebrate & give thanks.

Anniversary Committee - As we move into our 100th 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 - this Wed., March 16th 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.

Friday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Because Solemnities are not observed as penitential days, the penitential practices like fasting or abstaining from meat are not required on this day even though it falls on a Friday in Lent.

Lenten Reflection from The Word Among Us

Jesus had done some amazing things; healed the sick, calmed the sea & even raised the dead, but at the Transfiguration, he revealed his divinity in all its glory. Not only did the three disciples witness the radiance of Jesus' face and clothing, but they also heard the Father calling him "my chosen Son". Yet while Jesus was on earth, his glory remained mostly hidden. Yes, the disciples witnessed his miracles, but to them he was a man just like them – he lived, breathed, ate and slept among them. What faith it must have required for them to believe that in this man, God was actually present with them! We also need faith, not only to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, but that he is actually present with us because he is in the mystery of the Eucharist, every time and in every place where Mass is celebrated. The Eucharist may look like ordinary bread and wine but in reality, it becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus at the consecration. He is with us in every way – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. And not only is Jesus present, he loves us so much that he asks us to consume his Body and his Blood. Each and every time we receive him, he is as close to us as he can possibly be in this life and each and every time, he gives us the grace and strength to follow his commandment to love him and one another. On Mount Tabor that day, Peter, John & James got a rare glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. Today let him show you his glory. As the priest lifts up the Host on the altar, imagine Jesus as he was at Transfiguration, his face radiant and his clothes dazzling white. Then kneel down in awe and worship him.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we enter this 2nd week of Lent, our readings call us to look into the things that cause us fear, that take us to dark places where sin, failure, weakness take hold. We read of Abram enveloped by a deep terrifying darkness and of Peter, John and James who accompanied Jesus up the mountain where he was going to pray. They had recently been told by Jesus of his suffering and death and to make things even worse, they were told they too would have to suffer. With that on their minds imagine their fright when they were enclosed in a cloud. Our hope, their hope – God is always with us even in the deepest, darkest, most difficult times of our lives. God's light will overcome darkness, but we must have faith and trust in the Lord. What darkness in your life needs the Light of God? As we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord today, lift up and surrender those things that bring fear and darkness to your life and allow God to transfigure them.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In His Name: Toiletries 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: Green beans, corn, noodles, beef broth or stock, brownie or cake mixes, canned frosting, canned mushrooms.

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.

Liturgical Ministry Needs: We are in need of people willing to participate in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. Please call the rectory to sign up. We are also in need of a "Speaker" for the Passion Narrative on Palm Sunday at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Masses - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Weekdays: Mar. 21, 28, 30, Apr. 1, 4, 6, 8; Saturdays: Apr. 2, 9, 23, 5:30 pm; Sundays, Apr. 3, 10, 24, 8:30.

Synod Listening Session – As this is being written, we have had only 11 parishioners participate. Pope Francis, the Church, our diocese and our parish want to hear from you – your insights are important. The mask mandate has been lifted, but you may wear one if you wish. The report is due back to the diocese at the end of the month so there are only 3 opportunities left: Tues., March 15th at 6:30 pm; Thurs., March 24 at 1 pm; Mon., March 28th at 6:30 pm. PLEASE take this seriously and call with your RSVP. All sessions are held in Hitch Hall.

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 & Abstinence - Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence. Good Friday is a day 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

• **Grandparents Workshop:** The diocese is offering workshops to help grandparents hand on the faith to their grandchildren. The closest one to us is at Queen of Heaven in Uniontown on Mon., March 28th from 9 am – 2 pm. The day will include brunch, Mass, talks and discussion. The fee is \$10 and you can register at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events.

• **Women's Retreat:** Sat., Apr. 2nd, 9 am – 3 pm. St. Francis de Sales. Theme: The Joy of the Lord is My Strength. Cost is \$30. Box lunch provided. Deadline to register is March 25. For more information or to register, visit stfparish.com, call 330-644-2225 or email AkronCatholicWomensRetreat@gmail.com.