



March 27, 2022

Fourth 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 28		5:30 pm Lawrence & Mary Katherine Rohr by Lawrence Rohr	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	Synod Listening Session 6:30 pm HH
Tues Mar 29			Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB Community Meal 5 - 6:30 pm WH
Wed Mar 30	Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Bob Johnson by Fr. Mike	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	
Thur Mar 31			Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	
Fri Apr 1		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	
Sat Apr 2	Francis of Paola, Hermit	5:30 pm People of the Parish	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53	Confessions 9 am CH Kenmore Free Store 9 am - noon SB
Sun Apr 3	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Wally & Helen Langton by Joe & Beth Langton 11 am Carol Schimmoeller by Family	Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Mar 13	Mar 20
Sunday Offering -	\$3,776.00	\$2,911.00
Daily Offering -	\$65.00	
Total	\$3,841.00	\$2,911.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$241.00	(\$689.00)
YTD Over (short) -	(\$4,788.65)	(\$5,477.65)
St. Vincent De Paul -	\$65.00	\$10.00
Capital Improvement -	\$85.00	\$1,350.00
Debt Reduction -	\$110.00	
Diocese Designated -	\$20.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	58	51

Stewardship of Treasure: If you look at the Collection Report, you'll see that we have fallen behind on our YTD goal – the bad weather weekends really affected us. 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.

Community Meal – Meals will be available for take-out this Tuesday, March 29th beginning at 5 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall (be there a bit early). Menu: ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, fruit, jello cake, bread.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Raffle is Back! This year it will be sponsored by the 100th Anniversary Committee with all proceeds going toward the 100th anniversary reception. We have wonderful bakers & very generous people, so now is the time to pull out your favorite treat recipes: cakes, pies, breads, cookies, candies, etc. Raffle tickets will be sold at the Bake Sale and all this will happen the weekend of April 9 – 10 in Hitch Hall. Stay tuned for more information. I.C. Spirit – catch it!

Anniversary Committee – As we move into our 100th year, we're forming a committee charged with planning & implementing events for the parish. If you would 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! Our first meeting will be Wed., April 27th at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall.

Synod Listening Session – The last opportunity to fulfill your obligation to participate is this Monday, March 28th at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall.

The Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the 5:30 pm Mass this Wednesday, March 30th.

Lenten Reflection from The Word Among Us

Doesn't Jesus' parable of the prodigal son seem a little illogical? What responsible father would sell off half his property and give the money to his youngest son? Then, having seen his boy go out and waste all that money on partying, what father would welcome his son home with open arms and throw a lavish feast in his honor? It doesn't make sense. That's the point of the parable. God's love and mercy toward us are so extravagant that we have a hard time wrapping our heads around it. We live in a world run by the logic of conditional love and cautious acceptance. It's the kind of logic that equates justice with vengeance and fairness with retribution. It's the same logic the older brother used when he confronted his father and said "Look, why are you being so generous to him and not to me? Don't I get anything for all my hard work? Where's the justice in that?" God uses the logic of divine love, not human "justice". According to divine logic, it's better for the perfect, innocent Son of God to die than for a guilty human to face their just condemnation. According to the divine logic, every sin can be forgiven and forgotten. It's the kind of logic that welcomes the unrighteous prodigal and begs the self-righteous brother to soften his heart. The logic of divine love tells you that you have a heavenly Father who looks upon you with mercy, not judgment. He sees everything about you - good, bad and indifferent - and he loves you completely and is ready to forgive you unreservedly. Even if you feel like the prodigal son in the parable, he still wants to embrace you and set a feast for you. So come to the table of his altar today with humility and gratitude. Come and celebrate with him and with all your brothers and sisters in Christ. Let his love fill you.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

St. Paul reminds us that as the baptized, as those who are in Christ, we are to become new creations and allow the old to pass away so that we can accept all that God has for us. Not only that, we're called to share the knowledge that, through Christ, we can be reconciled to God and forgiven. For so many who think they can never be forgiven and are unlovable, this is life-changing news. St. Paul tells us that we are ambassadors for Christ. What does that mean? It means we are Christ's representatives here on earth. We are Christ's messengers; the ones who are to witness to and share Christ's message of love, peace, forgiveness and mercy. This Lent, let us reflect on our call to be Christ's ambassadors and take an honest look at how we're doing in that role.

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 - People for Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, Ministers of Hospitality for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, Servers for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, an extra Server on Easter Sunday at 11 am. NOTE: incense used Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil.

Subway Cards - We are in need of \$10 Subway cards to give to those who come to our doors in search of food. Thank you for your kindness.

Do you know of someone who has been away from the Church or is shut-in and can't get to Mass? Please let us know so we can reach out to connect with them.

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

Low Gluten Host - If you have difficulty with gluten, we have low gluten hosts. Please let us know when you arrive for Mass and we'll explain the procedure.

Masses - If you'd like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. The next available dates are: Weekdays: Apr. 4, 8, 11, 13, 18, 20, 22, 25, 29; Saturday: Apr. 30, 5:30 pm; Sundays, Apr. 24, 8:30 am.

Council Nominations - Nominations are now open. Please consider serving on this Parish Leadership Council. Nomination forms may be found at all doors of the church.

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

• **Catholic Men's Conference:** Sat., Apr. 2nd, Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd, Independence. Speakers, music, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass with Bishop Malesic, continental breakfast and lunch included. Cost: \$35 (after March 28 & at the door - \$40). For information and to register, visit www.cmfneo.com or call 877-208-5585.