

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Apr 4	Isidore, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm Guy J. Caruso & Frank Powell by Caruso Family	Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20	
Tues Apr 5	Vincent Ferrer, Priest		Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Apr 6		5:30 pm Ed Grannan by Joe & Beth Langton	Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42	
Thur Apr 7	John Baptist de la Salle, Priest		Gen 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59	Adult Faith Formation 7 pm WH
Fri Apr 8		5:30 pm Kitty Remis by Duane Auretta	Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42	
Sat Apr 9		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56	Confessions 9 am CH Kenmore Free Store 9 am - noon SB
		8:30 am Ambrose & Catherine Grannan by Joe & Beth Langton	Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56	
Sun Apr 10	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	11 am Deceased Members of the Hamilton & Hudak Families by Gerry & Loretta Hamilton		

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Mar 20	Mar 27
Sunday Offering -	\$2,911.00	\$2,854.00
Easter Offering -		\$50.00
Total	\$2,911.00	\$2,904.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$689.00)	(\$696.00)
YTD Over (short) -	(\$5,477.65)	(\$6,173.65)
St. Vincent De Paul -	\$10.00	
Capital Improvement -	\$1,350.00	\$155.00
Debt Reduction -		\$25.00
Envs used of 240 sent	51	47

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.

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

Adult Faith Enrichment - This Thursday, Apr. 7th, 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Bring your own snack; coffee & water will be provided. Topic: Part 2 of Bishop Barron's "Jesus: Priest, Prophet, King".

Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Raffle Next Weekend! 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. Donations may be dropped off in Hitch Hall from 4 - 6 pm on Saturday, April 9th or before Masses on Sunday the 10th. Coffee and donuts will be served on Sunday after Masses and Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Bake Sale. 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.

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.

Lenten Reflection from The Word Among Us

Jesus' words to this woman who was caught in the act of adultery were more than a warning. They were more than advice to get her act together or improve herself. In saying these words, Jesus, the Word of God through whom everything came to be, was speaking a creative and healing word. He was giving her the power to go, to walk away from her former way of life and to begin living a new way. This is one of many stories in the Gospel of John that recount Jesus bringing healing and new life to someone. He said to a royal official, "Go; your son will live," and the boy recovered (John 4:50). He said to the man lying by the pool of Bethesda, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk," and he was healed (John 5:8). He said to Lazarus, "Come out," and the dead man rose (John 11:43). Clearly, when Jesus spoke, God's power was present to do something new. By saying these words, Jesus wasn't just forgiving the woman. He was, as Isaiah describes in our first reading, making a way for her through the wasteland of her sin and offering her strength and restoration (Is 43:19). You can have a similar experience when you come to Jesus in repentance, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As you open your heart and your conscience to him, let him speak words of healing and restoration to you. Let him do something new in you. So look for an opportunity to go to Confession before Easter. Trust that the One who said, "Let there be light" is ready to speak words of healing and strength into your woundedness and weakness (Gen 1:3). As the priest prays that God would bring you "Pardon and peace," know that Jesus never tires of speaking these words to you. Every time you come to him, you can be strengthened and receive the grace you need to begin again.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today's Gospel teaches us of the mercy of God. A woman caught in adultery is brought to Jesus – the punishment for such a crime was stoning. Jesus, knowing the malice in the heart of the accusers simply says, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." As they left, one by one, Jesus lifts the woman up, grants her forgiveness and tells her to sin no more. We are sinners, but we, too often, point the finger at others as if we are perfect and they are the sinners. How do you think God looks on that situation? If we are created in God's image, are we showing love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness to others? Are we asking for mercy and forgiveness from God without giving it to others? Let us take time this week to reflect on our actions or our lack of action. Let us seek to forgive and seek forgiveness.

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.

Liturgical Ministry Needs

People for Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday.

Holy Thursday: Lector – Lackney; Servers – Morgan, Langton, Baker, NEED; M of H – NEED.

Good Friday: Narrator – B. Langton; Speaker – Brown; Servers – Keegan, Morgan, Langton, Baker; M of H – NEED.

Easter Vigil: Narrator – B. Langton; Servers – Keegan, Morgan, Langton, NEED; M of H – NEED.

Palm Sunday: 5:30 pm Mass Narrator – Lackney; Speaker – Tubo. 8:30 am Mass Narrator – Slonaker; Speaker – Langton. 11 am Mass Narrator – L. Eggert; Speaker – B. Eggert.

NOTE: incense used Holy Thursday & the Easter Vigil.

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.

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.

Survey – If you didn't get a chance to pick up an activities survey last week, please pick one up at the doors of the church as you leave. We'd love to know what you'd like to do in our 100th year.

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.

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

Council Nominations – Parish Council Nomination forms are available at all doors of the church. Please consider serving on this important leadership council.

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

Prayer – Read the daily Mass readings, sign up for 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 - Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence. Abstinence (from meat and meat products) is obligatory beginning at age 14. 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.

Almsgiving – Rice bowls are to be turned in Easter weekend. Turn in the cash or write a check for your amount made out to Immaculate Conception with CRS on the memo line. If you want credit for your contribution and you turn in cash, be sure to put your name on your box.