



November
Month of
The Souls in
Purgatory

November 6, 2022

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Nov 7		5:30 pm Ron Donley by Velma Donley	Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6	
Tues Nov 8			Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10	Kenmore Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm HH
Wed Nov 10	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome		Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17	
Thur Nov 11	Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor		Phmn 7-20; Lk 17:20-25	
Fri Nov 12	Martin of Tours, Bishop	5:30 pm Special Intention of the Kovalchin Family by Pauline Kovalchin	2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37	
Sat Nov 13	Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Lynn Molnar by Greg Molnar	3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8	Confessions 9-10 am CH Kenmore Free Store 9 am - noon SB
Sun Nov 14	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am People of the Parish 11 am The Most Reverend Anthony Pilla by Melissa Keegan	Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19	

Sanctuary Lamp - Deceased Holtz & Hosier Family Members

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Oct 23	Oct 30
Sunday Offering -	\$3,503.00	\$2,665.00
Christmas Offering -	\$15.00	
Holy Day -	\$95.00	\$255.00
Total	\$3,613.00	\$2,920.00
Weekly operating costs	<u>\$3,200.00</u>	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	\$413.00	(\$280.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$4,164.50	\$3,884.50
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$120.00	\$5.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$240.00	\$150.00
Debt Reduction -	\$170.00	\$60.00
Other Gifts -	\$2,000.00	
Hurricane Relief -		\$564.25
Diocese Designated -	\$170.00	\$10.00
Envs used of 240 sent	53	57

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting – this Tues., Nov. 8, at 6 pm in Hitch Hall. Join us for dessert, coffee and discussion on the upcoming Bake Sale. All are welcome.

KMA Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Tue., Nov. 22nd from 5-7 pm on the property of Goss Memorial Church. You may drive up off of 11th St. S.W. next to the Community Center to pick up a dinner or you may come inside their hall and enjoy a sit-down dinner catered by Guy's Party Center. There will be face painting and crafts for the kids. All KMA churches will be taking a free will donation to help defray the cost of the meal so watch for our wishing wells.

100th Anniversary Events – Mark your Calendars!

- **Operation Christmas Child:** 100 Years/100 Boxes challenge! Brochures are available at all doors of the church as well as labels for online use. Please take items out of original packaging & put soap in a baggie. Can't make a box? Donate items or \$10 to cover the cost of each box that will be sent to a child in need. Donation checks should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. *All boxes must be turned in **NO later than Nov. 13th** at the main doors of the church; the earlier, the better.*
- **Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale:** Nov. 19 & 20 after Masses. Time to start pulling out recipe cards!
- **Thanksgiving:** Mass at 9:30 am. Blessing of food.
- **#weGIVECATHOLIC:** Nov. 29th is Giving Tuesday, a one day national fund-raising event. In our diocese, non-profits may create their own pages with projects for which they hope to raise funds. We have created a page & have a project: the area between the school & Waldeisen Hall. Check us out at www.wegivecatholic.org, use the search icon at the top & type in Immaculate Conception, Akron. Ask your friends, family & employers to support us.
- **100 Days of Prayer:** prayers will be available the first weekend in December.
- **Christmas Cards for First Responders**
- Share your **favorite I.C. Memory** – stay tuned, but in the meantime, do some thinking!
- Mark your calendars and tell your friends – **Night at the Races:** Saturday, Feb. 18th.

History of Popes

#255 – Blessed Pope Pius IX - Pope from June 16, 1846 – death, Feb. 7, 1878. Giovanni Maria Mastai-Ferretti suffered from epilepsy as a child, but overcame it and entered into theological studies at the Roman Seminary from 1814-1818. After his 1819 ordination, he was put in charge of an orphanage by Pope Pius VII who then, sent him to Chile as part of a papal delegation. He became Archbishop of Spoleto in 1827, then elevated to the cardinalate by Gregory XVI in 1840. The longest papacy (after St. Peter's) began two weeks after the death of Gregory XVI. Just 54 years old at his election, Pius IX was filled with energy and zeal. During his decades in office, Pius penned 38 encyclicals and built up the Church abroad. Among his many appointments was the first American cardinal, Archbishop McCloskey of New York. Pius was the last pope to have also been a temporal ruler – the Papal States were officially taken over and absorbed into Italy in 1870. Under Pius, religious life & the unification of the Church flourished, despite the loss of its political prestige. "Pio Nono" is best known for his role in defining two key dogmas of the faith. The first was the Immaculate Conception, that the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without the stain of original sin through a singular grace from God by the still-to-come merits of Jesus Christ (God's outside of time and space, so He can do that). Though the Feast of the Immaculate Conception had been celebrated as early as the 5th Century, Pius formally defined it with the papal bull **Ineffabilis Deus** on December 8, 1854. It was four years later that Mary appeared in Lourdes, France to a young French girl named Bernadette, confirming that very teaching. The second, papal infallibility, came by way of the First Vatican Council, which Pius convened in 1869. It was an implicit belief present in the Church's earliest days, but never had a dogmatic decree. The dogma states that the pope, by virtue of his office and without the consent of a general council, is prevented from teaching error when definitively proclaiming a teaching on faith or morals **ex cathedra** ("from the chair"). Pope Pius IX died in 1878, but his cause for sainthood wasn't opened until 1907. Pope St. John Paul II declared Pius "venerable" in 1985, and beatified him alongside St. John XXIII in 2000.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Things are difficult. There's no one who would argue that. It's not hard to get weighed down by negative news: food prices, gas prices, utility prices, inflation in general, dissension, political rhetoric, COVID, flu and now RSV, plus so much more. We can become disheartened, sad and angry. We can feel helpless & hopeless, but we need to remember that our hope lies not in the things of this world, but with God. St. Paul reminds us of the love, everlasting encouragement & good hope through grace that we receive from our Lord. That is what we need to give us strength in these difficult times. The Word of God & prayer are gifts from God that we can use to keep us on an even keel. Opening the Bible, especially the New Testament & Psalms, and reading a little each day helps us remember that God is with us *always*. Praying for our country, our leadership & issues that negatively impact us can give us comfort. Praying for one another, praying for our parish, our staff & our priests can strengthen our faith and the faith of our parish family. Let's not allow our secular world to dictate our joy, hope and love, but allow our stewardship, our words & actions, to help the secular world know where they can find true happiness.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A parish family is very much like a personal family. There are jobs and chores that need doing & if they don't get done, things are out of sorts and don't run smoothly. Here is a list of "chores/jobs" that need to be addressed here at the parish – everybody can do something!

CareCards – Let our shut-ins know they are not forgotten & are important to us. Buy or create cards of encouragement, add a short note & sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket. Please, no cards from charitable or religious organizations.

Free Store Help – Have a heart for those in need & like to work with friendly, faith-filled people? Stop by Tuesdays, 4-7 pm or Saturdays, 9 am-12, check it out & join the team!

Bingo – Are you friendly, good with numbers, calm in the midst of a lot going on, have even one Wednesday to give? Bingo needs you! We have lots of different jobs: calling Bingo, selling Instant Bingo, learning the office from our amazing Bingo Manager, Lorie. We need more people to serve our clientele & to rotate workers. Bingo income is critical to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

Liturgical Ministry – We're in dire need of **Lectors, Altar Servers and Contemporary Choir members**. Training provided. Please help. We're also looking for some **EHMCs** to take Communion to shut-ins once a month; training provided. Please call the rectory.

The **Free Store** distributes over 50 sack lunches each time they are open as the number of homeless and hungry is growing. **Needed:** peanut butter, jelly, apples, individually wrapped cookies & crackers (Lance, Nekot, Keebler), small individual bags of chips, pretzels. Please place them in the basket by the offertory table in back of the church. Thank you.

Fr. Sam is seeking a **volunteer** for 2-3 hours a week to do laundry and light housekeeping. Please call the rectory for information or to share your stewardship.

Masses – To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Available dates: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: Dec. 5, 7 (Holy Day Vigil), 19, 23. Weekends – January.

New parishioners: Welcome to the I.C. Family!

Cardenas Family: Gerardo, Maribel, Jorge, Gerardo & Jose
Barnes Family: Damian, Sara, Cole, Caden & Cooper.

Other Events

• **K of C Council 3410 Reverse Raffle:** Sat., Nov. 19. Doors open at 6:30 pm, buffet dinner at 7 pm, drawing at 8:15 pm. Tickets are \$40. Grand prize is \$1000. Tickets 1-175 are released and when they sell, 176-200 will be released. Call Sean at 330-620-5705 or the office at 330-773-3410. This is our council and they stepped up in a big way for us at our reverse raffle so let's support them!