

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Sep 11		NO MASS	Col 1:24 – 2:3; Lk 6:6-11	
Tues Sep 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary		Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Sep 13	John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor		Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Game 11:00 am
Thur Sep 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17	
Fri Sep 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	NO MASS	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	
Sat Sep 16	Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs	5:30 pm Dorothy Gableman by Family	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49	NO CONFESSIONS Free Store 9 am – 12 pm SB
Sun Sep 17	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO 8:30 am MASS 11:00 am Noreen McDonald by Irene Scott & Suzanne Stubbs	Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	August 27	September 3
Sunday Offering	\$ 2,068.00	Due to
Daily Offering -		the early
Holy Day -	\$ 5.00	submission
Total	\$ 2,073.00	of the bulletin,
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	the collection
(Shortfall) Overage	\$(1,127.00)	report will be
YTD Over (short) -	\$10,507.00	included in
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 25.00	next week's
Cap. Improvement -		bulletin.
Diocese Designated -		
Envs used of 240 sent	48.00	

Baptismal class: The next baptism class for those seeking baptism for their children (infants and those under the age of 7) will be on Wednesday, October 18th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall. Please call the rectory to RSVP.

Masses: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: **September 27, 29;** October 6, 9, 13, 23, 25, 27, 30; Saturdays, 5:30 pm: **September 16, 30;** Sundays, 8:30 am: **October 1, 8; 11 am:** **December 17.**

Do you know anyone who's 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Mike will be on vacation from September 11th thru September 26th and there will be some **major temporary changes to the Mass and Confessions schedules** while he's gone: **Daily Masses:** **NO** daily Mass on Mondays September, 11th, 18th, and 25th and Fridays September 15th and 22nd. **Confessions:** **NO** Confessions heard on Saturdays September 16th and September 23rd. **Sunday 8:30 Mass:** The biggest and most impactful change will affect the 8:30 Sunday Mass. Due to the low number of worshipers, the cost of bringing in a visiting priest, and mostly because of the shortage of priests, there will be **NO 8:30 Sunday Mass on September 17th and 24th.** Believe me, this was not a decision made lightly. Parish Pastoral Council discussed this last spring as we looked forward to the upcoming schedule and felt it was the best option. There is only one man being ordained for the priesthood in 2024; the days of easily finding a priest are over and the shortage of priests will force all parishes to look at their Mass schedules in the future. We are very blessed that Fr. Mike has chosen to act as our Sacramental Priest or things would be very different here. Please join the community at 5:30 Saturday or 11:00 Sunday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Parish Activities Committee: We are still looking for some people to step forward and join the team. If you enjoy planning, meeting new people, working with others, bringing people together or have some great ideas, this is the ministry for you! Call the rectory to join the team.

Journey with the Pope

" Brothers and sisters, we are called to be missionaries of peace, and this will bring us peace. It is a decision we have to make. We need to find room in our hearts for everyone; to believe that ethnic, regional, social, religious and cultural differences are secondary and not obstacles; that others are our brothers and sisters, members of the same human community; and that the peace brought into the world by Jesus is meant for everyone. We need to believe that we Christians are called to cooperate with everyone, to break the cycle of violence, to dismantle the machinations of hatred. Yes, Christians, sent by Christ, are called by definition to be a *conscience of peace in our world*. Not merely critical consciences, but primarily witnesses of love. Not concerned with their own rights, but with those of the Gospel, which are fraternity, love, and forgiveness. Not concerned with their own affairs, but missionaries of the "mad love" of God for each human being. "

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

St. Paul reminds us of the great commandment Jesus gave us, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Paul goes on to say, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law." Read the Gospels and see how Jesus relates to those considered enemies, rivals, the unclean. Those who others shun and reject, Jesus approaches. How do we respond to those who are difficult, those who are different than we are in color, tradition, culture? Have we done evil to a neighbor or stranger? We know about sin in thought, word and deed, but there is also the sin of omission. Sin of Omission is the failure to act when called up to do so whether that be helping another, listening, speaking on behalf of the powerless, standing firm rather than compromising our faith. In our stewardship of time in prayer, let's reflect on how well or how poorly we live out the great commandment.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A parish family is like a personal family. There are jobs & chores that need doing & if they don't get done, things don't run smoothly. Here are "chores/jobs" that need doing.

Liturgical Ministries: We're in need of men, women & students to step forward to serve as Altar Servers. We're also seeking students & adults to proclaim the readings as **Lectors**. Training will be provided for both ministries. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship.

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 pm, to check it out & join the team!

Funeral Dinner Ministry can use help. Be part of the team who puts on the meal and ministers to the family or sign up to be called when food is needed. Call the rectory.

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.

Bingo: We are in real need of Bingo help. Do you have even one Wednesday a month to call Bingo, sell Instant Bingo or learn the office from our amazing Bingo Manager, Lorie? We need more people to serve our clientele & rotate workers. Bingo income is **critical** to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

Church Housekeeping: We're looking for people who want to help keep the church looking clean by dusting & vacuuming and can give a couple hours once a month. Please call the rectory to share your stewardship

In His Name: Trial size toiletry items (things that will easily fit in a backpack) for the Peter Maurin Center may be placed in the basket at the main doors of the church.

Free Store Sack Lunch needs: Our community is hungry and the need is great. The Free Store is giving out 100-175 lunches every day it's open. We're in need of individually wrapped snack/cookie packages, cases of individual 8oz. bottles of water, small individual bags of chips, peanut butter & jelly, snack-size plastic bags & lunch-size brown paper bags, size 5 or larger. You may donate cash which the team will use to buy eggs & cheese sticks. Put donations in an envelope, mark it "Free Store Lunches," & drop it in the collection basket. Donated items may be placed in the basket behind the last pew.

Acme Cashback: The current campaign began August 1st so save your Acme receipts and help raise funds for the parish.

More

Adult Faith Enrichment: Schedules for 2023-24 are at all doors of the church. We'll be using two excellent series by Bishop Robert Barron: *David the King* and *The Mystery of God*. *David* will detail how the first King lead to The King of Kings who comes from the line of David. *The Mystery of God* will teach us how to combat and respond to the New Atheism. Registration will begin next weekend

Upcoming: Pizza & Pumpkin Decorating in October.

Other Events

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: St. Hilary Parish, Fairlawn, September 9th-17th. Free and open to all; opportunities for Adoration & Confession. See previous bulletin insert or check our bulletin boards for times.

Prayer Service for Ukraine: Wednesdays at 6 pm, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, Brown St. The service is about 30 minutes long & in English. All are welcome.

Pre-planning seminar: Saturday, Sept. 16th, 1-2 pm, Holy Cross Cemetery. Info about Catholic burial options, including those for cremains; receive a personal reference guide & special savings certificate. The Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. asks that you RSVP at 216/641-7575 ext. 7 or email bdejohn@clecem.org

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