

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Sep 18		NO MASS	1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10	
Tues Sep 19	Januarius, Bishop & Martyr		1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Sep 20	Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs		1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Game 11:00 am
Thur Sep 21	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist		Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13	
Fri Sep 22		NO MASS	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3	
Sat Sep 23	Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	5:30 pm Tim Vancleave by Beth & Joe Langton	1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15	NO CONFESSIONS Free Store 9 am - 12 pm SB
Sun Sep 24	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	NO 8:30 am MASS 11:00 am Mike Burkhardt by The Altar & Rosary Society	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a	

Sanctuary Lamp - Lyndsay Holloway

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	September 3	September 10
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,864.00	\$ 2,510.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 210.00	
Holy Day -		
Total	\$ 3,074.00	\$ 2,510.00
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (126.00)	\$ (690.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$10,556.00	\$ 9,866.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 120.00	\$ 5.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 170.00	\$ 155.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 300.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Envs used of 240 sent	47	46

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 30; Sundays, 8:30 am: October 1, 8; 11 am: January 14

Altar & Rosary Society: Our membership drive runs through the month of September; membership fee of \$10 may be placed in the envelopes found in the pews and placed in the offertory basket or dropped off at the rectory.

Upcoming: Pizza & Pumpkin Decorating in October.

Adult Faith Enrichment: Registration is now open after all Masses this weekend and next. We'll be using two excellent series by Bishop Robert Barron: *David the King* and *The Mystery of God*. The *David* series will detail how the first King lead to The King of Kings who comes from the line of David. In *The Mystery of God* we'll be learning how to combat and respond to the New Atheism and how we can draw people back to God. Be sure to pick up a schedule at the doors of the church.

Parish Activities Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall. Come, share ideas and help build community. All are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Mike is on vacation thru September 26th. The following **temporary changes to the Mass and Confession schedules** remain: **NO daily Mass** Mondays, September 18th, and 25th and Friday, September 22nd. **NO Confessions** on Saturday, 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**. **The 8:30 Mass will resume on Sunday, October 1st**. Please consider joining the community at 5:30 Saturday or 11:00 Sunday. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Journey with the Pope

"God is close, compassionate and tender. Closeness, compassion and tenderness: treat people like that, personally caring for them, learning their language, respecting and loving their culture, not allowing yourselves to be tempted by worldly forms of security, by remaining steadfast in the Gospel through exemplary moral and spiritual lives. Simplicity and closeness!"

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

This week our scriptures center on forgiveness. Sirach asks a couple of tough questions: "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" Peter asks Jesus how many times he needs to forgive someone and Jesus responds with seventy-seven times; in other words, every time. Forgiveness is something we seek from others, but which we may be slow in giving. St. Paul reminds us that we don't live for ourselves but for the Lord – it's not about us – never was, never will be. As stewards of the faith, we're called to live by and witness to Gospel values which include mercy and forgiveness. When praying about and reflecting on your level of forgiveness and mercy, keep in mind the last lines from Sirach: "Remember your last days, set enmity (*hostility*) aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor, remember the Most High's covenant and overlook faults."

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 only have 6 active servers and one is out due to surgery so we can't even cover all the Masses; we need men, women and students to step forward to assist Fr. Mike at the altar. We're also seeking students and adults who have a heart for Sacred Scripture 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.

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

Church Housekeeping: We're looking for people who want to help keep the church looking clean by vacuuming & dusting 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 is open. We're in need of individually wrapped snack & cookie packages (Lance/Keebler), 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 also donate cash which the team will use to buy eggs & cheese sticks and other supplies. You may put cash 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. Thank you so much.

MORE

Thrive and Drive Raffle: Watch for a flier next weekend with more information about this important raffle. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekend of September 30th /October 1st. Tickets are \$10.00 and all proceeds will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Other Events

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.

Issue 1 Information Meeting: Wednesday, September 27th, 6:30 pm at St. Francis De Sales Parish, Memorare Center. Come and learn how Issue 1 will affect families and communities should it pass.

A Walk to Remember: Sunday, October 1st from 1-2pm at Holy Cross, Akron and all Catholic Cemeteries. The Catholic Cemeteries Association is sponsoring a 1/2-mile walking Rosary in remembrance of loved ones. In case of rain or for those who want to participate but can't walk, the event will be moved indoors. Fliers with registration information may be found at all doors of the church. We have many parishioners buried at Holy Cross, some may be family members, so please consider making this walk in their memory

Rosary Rally for our Nation: Sunday, October 8th at St. Sebastian Parish. Holy Hour from 3-4 pm which will include The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. At 4 pm we'll move outside to pray the Glorious Mysteries publicly on the sidewalk. Questions? Email: stsebastianprayerwarriors@gmail.com
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