

September 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth 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 Sep 25		NO MASS	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18	
Tues Sep 26	Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs		Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB Community Meal 4:30 WH
Wed Sep 27	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm George Janky by Don May	Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Game 11:00 am
Thur Sep 28	Wenceslaus, Martyr; Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs		Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9	
Fri Sep 29	Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	Patrick Steurer by Family	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51	
Sat Sep 30	Jerome, Priest & Doctor	5:30 pm Noreen McDonald by Charles & Mary Beth Abraham	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45	NO CONFESSIONS Free Store 9 am - 12 pm SB
Sun Oct 1	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Mary Lou Novitsky by Altar & Rosary Society 11:00 am Bob Doerr by Kathy Doerr	Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32	

Sanctuary Lamp - Lyndsay Holloway

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	September 10	September 17
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 1,972.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 245.00	\$ 150.00
Holy Day -		
Total	\$ 2,755.00	\$ 2,122.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	<u>\$ (445.00)</u>	<u>\$(1,078.00)</u>
YTD Over (short) -	\$10,111.00	\$ 9,033.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 55.00	\$ 10.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 330.00	\$ 90.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 170.00	\$ 440.00
Other Gifts -		\$ 20.00
Envs used of 240 sent	46	41

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: **October 6, 9, 13, 23, 25, 27, 30;** Saturdays, 5:30 pm: **October 14, 21, 28;** Sundays, 8:30 am: **October 8; 11 am: February 4**

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Fr. Mike is on vacation thru this Tuesday. There will be NO Mass this Monday, Sept. 25th. The regular weekday, Sunday and Confession schedules resume.

Robbie will be out of the office from Sept. 29th thru Oct. 8th. Melissa will be off the property Oct. 7th thru Oct. 13th for a family wedding. No one will be in the office Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.

Adult Faith Enrichment: Registration is now open after all Masses. We'll be using two excellent series by Bishop Robert Barron: *David the King* and *The Mystery of God*. Schedules & registration forms may be found at the doors of the church. The cost is \$10 per person and our first session will be held Thursday, October 5th.

Parish Activities Committee will meet this Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall. All are welcome.

Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 in Hitch Hall.

Pizza and Pumpkin Decorating: Sunday, October 15th, 12:30-2:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Mark your calendars, invite family and friends and begin thinking about how you want to decorate your pumpkin; no carving needed. Watch for the flier.

Beautification Watch Award: We've once again been recognized by Keep Akron Beautiful for our well maintained property! Their volunteers drove around all 10 wards of the city to check out and record properties deserving recognition. **Thank you** to all our Adopt-A-Plot holders, Ralph Waszak and those who worked so hard to distribute mulch around the property. I.C. Spirit - catch it!

Journey with the Pope

"When I profess my faith in Jesus Christ, the son of God, do I do so with the awareness that I must always be learning, or do I assume that I 'already have it all figured out'? And again: In difficulties and trials do I become discouraged, do I complain, or do I learn to make them an opportunity to grow in trust in the Lord? For He, in fact – Paul writes to Timothy – delivers us from all evil and brings us safely to heaven (2 Tim 4:18). May the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, teach us to imitate them by progressing day by day on the path of faith."

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our Gospel parable reminds us that it's never too late to get "on board" with God. The laborers who worked all day were paid the same as those who had labored only an hour. Instead of being grateful for what they received and happy for those who received the extra pay, they began to grumble against the land owner who basically said it was his money and he could do what he wanted with it. Jesus teaches that it's much the same in the Kingdom of God. Whether you've been a faithful believer working in His vineyard all your life or whether you come in at the last hour, God has grace enough for all and room enough for all in heaven! As stewards of the faith, let's seek out those who have fallen away or who don't know Jesus. Let's share our faith stories, listen to their stories, invite them to Mass and to parish events, then encourage and walk with them on their new journeys of faith.

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 have 6 active servers so we can't even cover all the Masses. We need men, women and students to step forward to assist at the altar. We're also seeking students & adults to minister as **Lectors**. Training will be provided for both ministries. Please call the rectory.

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. 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 will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be sold after Masses next weekend.

Community Meal: This Tuesday, Sept. 26th beginning at 4:30 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. **Menu:** Mexican Delight, fruit, bread, brownies.

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 learn how Issue 1 will affect families & communities.

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. We have many parishioners buried at Holy Cross, some may be family members, so please consider making this walk in their memory. Fliers with registration information may be found at all doors of the church.

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
Rain or Shine

SVdP Blanket Sunday collection will be held the weekend of Oct. 14-15. Rather than blankets, monetary donations are being requested for bulk purchases of blankets & other needed items for the poor. Envelopes are at the doors of the church and can be returned in the collection basket or to the rectory. You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org.

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