



October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth 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 Oct 2	The Holy Guardian Angels	5:30 Howard Clauss by Bea Clauss	Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5	
Tues Oct 3			Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Oct 4	Francis of Assisi		Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Game 11:00 am
Thur Oct 5	Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest		Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12	Adult Faith Enrichment 7 pm - WH
Fri Oct 6	Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin	Elizabeth Kovalchin by Kovalchin Family	Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16	
Sat Oct 7	Our Lady of the Rosary	5:30 pm Dick Blondin by Joe & Beth Langton	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24	Free Store 9 am - 12 pm SB
Sun Oct 8	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am George Janky by Don May 11:00 am Justine Sendelbach by Ken McDonald	Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	September 17	September 24
Sunday Offering -	\$ 1,972.00	\$ 2,202.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 205.00	\$
Holy Day -		
Total	\$ 2,177.00	\$ 2,202.00
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$(1,023.00)	\$ 998.00
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 9,088.00	\$ 8,090.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 30.00	\$
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 130.00	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 440.00	\$ 10.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 20.00	\$
Envs used of 240 sent	41	38

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 9, 13, 23, 25, 27, 30, 31, November 2, 10, 13, 17, 20, 29

Saturdays: 5:30 pm: October 28,
November 11, 18

Sundays: 8:30 am: **November** 12, 19, 26

Sundays: 11 am: **February** 4, 2024

Door Repair: North Hill Glass has replaced both doors and side panels at the back of the school with poly carbon sheets which can't be broken. The cost was \$2,000.00 which was taken from the Capital Improvement account.

PLEASE NOTE:

- * 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: Our first session will be held this Thursday, October 5th at 7 pm in Waldeisen Hall.
Topic: *David the King* - The Law and The Gift and Your Servant Is Listening. If you haven't registered, you may do so this Thursday; \$10/per person. PLEASE take this opportunity to learn and grow in your Catholic faith.

Pizza and Pumpkin Decorating: Sunday, October 15th, 12:30-2:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Invite family and friends, fill out the flier in this week's bulletin and return it by October 11th. Let's gather for some fall fun!

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!

Debt Reduction: We would ask you once again to use the special yellow envelope in your packets to make a donation towards Debt Reduction. Your generosity will help us pay our monthly assessment of \$2,701.00 to the diocese. When using the specialty envelopes, please clearly mark the ministry to which you are donating. Thank you.

Journey with the Pope

"Brothers and sisters, we might ask ourselves: How do I live faith? Is it a matter of calculations, formalism, or a love story with God? Am I content merely with not doing harm, of keeping the "façade" in good order, or do I try to grow in love for God and others? And every now and then, do I check myself on Jesus' great commandment, do I ask myself if I love my neighbor as He loves me? Because perhaps we are inflexible in judging others and forget to be merciful, as God is with us." May Mary, who observed the Word of God perfectly, help us to give fulfillment to our faith and our charity."

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

From our first reading, Ezekiel writes, "Thus says the Lord: You say, 'The Lord's way is not fair!' Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair or rather, are not your ways unfair?" This is a wonderful moral question. Do we follow the Lord's ways only when it benefits us or do we faithfully follow the Lord's way even when what we want to do or choose goes against the Lord's way? Do we begin to compromise our faith when the Lord's way becomes inconvenient or difficult claiming it's unfair? Are we hot, lukewarm or cold followers? If where we are now in our faith is not where we should be and want to be, it's never too late to change as Jesus teaches in our Gospel parable of the two sons. The first son refuses to follow his father's request, but later changes his mind and obeys. The second son agrees, but then refuses to do his father's will. Which "son" are you?

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 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 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. Your cards are distributed during First Friday Communion Calls. 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. Purchase Acme Brand, Top Care, etc. and save your Acme receipts to 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. Please place donated items in the basket behind the last pew. Thank you so much.

Adopt-A-Plot: Be sure to continue to weed and maintain your plots. Soon enough it will be time to prepare them for winter.

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.

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.

Hoban Future Knights: Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to join the Hoban Future Knights! Membership is FREE and includes a FREE t-shirt, admission to theatre productions, most athletic and special events! Join the fun and register for upcoming events at hoban.org/future-knights.

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