



October 15, 2023 Twenty-Eighth 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 16	Hedwig, Religious; Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	5:30 Helen Langton by Joe & Beth Langton	Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32	
Tues Oct 17	Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr		Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Oct 18	Luke, Evangelist		2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Game 11:00 am
Thur Oct 19	John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests		Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54	
Fri Oct 20	Paul of the Cross, Priest	5:30 pm Joseph, Sr., Catherine & Tom Brown by Fr. Mike	Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7	
Sat Oct 21		5:30 pm Special Intention for the Kovalchin Family by The Kovalchin Family	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12	Free Store 9 am - 12 pm SB
Sun Oct 22	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Carolyn Case by Robert Case 11:00 am Carol Schimmoeller & Dorothy Holtz by Nancy Hosier	Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	October 1	October 8
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,864.00	\$ 3,130.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 825.00	
Holy Day -		
Total	\$ 3,689.00	\$ 3,130.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ 489.00	\$ (70.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 9,459.00	\$ 9,389.00
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 112.00	\$ 45.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 70.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$ 395.00	\$ 410.00
Other Gifts -		
Envs used of 240 sent	51	59

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

Masses – Weekdays: 5:30 pm: October 23, 25, 27, 30, 31, November 2, 10, 13, 17, 20, 29

Saturdays: 5:30 pm: November 11, 18, December 2, 9, 30

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

Sundays: 11 am: February 4, 2024

Debt Reduction: Your generosity in using the special yellow envelope will help us pay our monthly assessment of \$2,701.00 to the diocese. Thank you.

Having a Parish Life Coordinator instead of a resident pastor is different and I get it, but we've always been and will continue to be Immaculate Conception of Mary Parish with an amazing legacy and much of which to be proud. Do you have a question about what I do, parish procedure, a ministry or program? Do you have a suggestion that might benefit our parish and parishioners? Please feel free to call and make an appointment with me because I'd love to hear what's on your mind; my door is open for you. Melissa

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.

Operation Christmas Child: Collection week is November 13th - 20th. Brochures with instructions on how to pack your shoebox may be found at all doors of the church. These boxes go to children throughout the world who live in extreme poverty and may be the only gifts they ever receive.

Thrive and Drive Raffle: If you didn't get a chance to purchase a raffle ticket yet or you want some more, there's good news! Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling them the weekend of Oct. 21/22 after all Masses. Tickets are \$10.00 each and all monies raised by I.C. will go to our Food Pantry.

Journey with the Pope

"At the heart of Christianity is an amazing and extraordinary message. If you lose your life, if you make it a generous offering in service, if you risk it by choosing to love, If you make it a free gift for others, then it will return to you in abundance, and you will be overwhelmed by endless joy, peace of heart, and inner strength and support; and we need inner peace."

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Statistics show that only about 30% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In this 2nd Year of Eucharistic Revival, we're going to look more deeply at the Theology of the Eucharist as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other sources. Let's begin with definitions. The Catechism defines Eucharist as: "The ritual, sacramental action of thanksgiving to God which constitutes the principal Christian liturgical celebration of and communion in the paschal mystery of Christ. The liturgical action called the Eucharist is also traditionally known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is one of the seven sacraments of the Church; the Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life." Eucharist means gratitude/thanksgiving. We participate in the Eucharist with gratitude and thanksgiving for all God has done for us. Paschal mystery of Christ: His work of redemption (freeing us from the slavery of sin) accomplished through his Passion, death, Resurrection and Ascension. Passion: The suffering and death of Jesus. Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist. Please take the time to read and reflect on each week's teaching and as stewards of the faith, share what you learn with others.

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., save your Acme receipts and place them in the baskets at the doors to help raise funds for the parish.

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

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.

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.

Arts & Craft Extravaganza: VFW Post #3383 - 690 W. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio, on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 10 am – 3 pm. Free admission. Refreshments, bake sale and raffle items will be available for purchase.

Ohio Defends Life: Saturday, October 28th, 1:00-2:30 pm at Holy Family Parish, Stow (in the church). Information session for voters about the upcoming abortion, transgender, and parenting rights issues presented by Peter Range, Chief Executive Officer, Ohio Right to Life.

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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