





**December**  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

## December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall  
SB - School Basement  
R - Rectory CH - Church  
WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
<b>Mon</b> Dec 18		5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gableman</b> by Family	Jer 23:5-6; Mt 1:18-25	
<b>Tues</b> Dec 19			Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25	<b>Free Store 4-7 pm SB</b>
<b>Wed</b> Dec 20			Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38	<b>Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am</b> Game 11:00 am
<b>Thur</b> Dec 21	Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor		Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45	
<b>Fri</b> Dec 22		5:30 pm <b>Patrick Steurer</b> by Family	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56	
<b>Sat</b> Dec 23	John of Kanty, Priest	5:30 pm <b>Sister Francesca Rauckhorst</b> by Carol Hodson & Family	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66	<b>NO CONFESSIONS</b>  <b>Free Store - CLOSED</b>
<b>Sun</b> Dec 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent  Christmas Eve	10:00 am <b>Shirley Felice</b> by The Life in the Spirit  5:30 pm <b>Angie Caruso</b> by Caruso Family  10:00 pm <b>Frank C. Smith</b> by Fr. Mike	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14	

### Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

### Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	December 3	December 10
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,771.00	\$ 2,316.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 450.00	\$ 190.00
Christmas	\$ 265.00	
Holy Day -	\$ 37.00	\$ 949.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,523.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,455.00</b>
Weekly offertory budget	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
(Shortfall) Overage	<b>\$ 323.00</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>
YTD Over (short) -	<b>\$ 8,636.85</b>	<b>\$ 8,891.85</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 235.00	\$ 50.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 325.00	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 357.00	\$ 194.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 50.00	\$ 490.00
Diocese Designated -	\$ 55.00	\$ 362.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	63	66

**Available Mass Dates – Weekdays:** 5:30 pm: December 27, 29; : January 1; 10:00 am  
5:30 pm: January 5, 8, 15, February 2, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19  
**Saturdays:** 5:30 pm: December 30, January 6, 27  
**Sundays:** 8:30 am: January 7, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25  
**Sundays:** 11:00 am: March 24, April 28, May 19, 26

**NOTE:** Next Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, there will only be one morning Mass at 10:00 am for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Church Decorating:** This Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Come and help make our church beautiful for Jesus! All are welcome!

**CHRISTmas Greetings Across the Pews:** All greetings are due at the rectory by this Wednesday. Fliers may be picked up at the doors of the church.

**Rectory Hours:** Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>: 9am-5pm Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10am-4pm The rectory will be closed on Christmas, Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30 and Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mary, Mother of God:** Because January 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Monday, this Holy Day is dispensed, but we will celebrate Mass at 10:00 am. Come, worship and honor our Blessed Mother.

**Anointing of the Sick:** The next opportunity to receive the Sacrament will be Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 pm Mass. This is a regional event so if you know someone who would like to be anointed, please invite them.

### Advent Thought from Thomas Merton

Let us celebrate the coming and indeed the presence of Christ in our world. Let us witness to his presence even in the midst of all its inscrutable problems and tragedies. Let us receive the light of the newborn Savior by faith, in order to manifest it by our witness in common praise and by the works of our charity towards one another. *Seasons of Celebration*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS - Being Stewards of the Eucharist

We'll use the Catechism to break down the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist. Since the early days of the church to today, despite different times, types of liturgies and so forth, Catholics remain bound to the command the Lord gave us at the Last Supper. "Do this in remembrance of me." We do this by "celebrating the memorial of His sacrifice. In doing so, we offer to the Father what He has Himself given us: the gifts of His creation, bread and wine which, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the words of Christ, have become the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ is thus mysteriously and really made present. (#1357) We are called to think of the Eucharist as: "thanksgiving and praise to the *Father*, the sacrificial memorial of *Christ* and His Body; the presence of Christ by the power of His word and of His *Spirit*." (#1358). The word *eucharist* means *thanksgiving* and we'll look at that aspect next week.

### 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 students, women and men to step forward and share their stewardship as altar servers and 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:** 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.

**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 in need. We're asking for individually wrapped snack & cookie packages, cases of individual 8oz. bottles of water, small individual bags of chips, pb&j, snack-size plastic bags & brown paper bags (size 5 or larger). You may also donate cash to be used to buy eggs & cheese sticks. 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.

**Pastoral Council Secretary:** The council is in need of a secretary to take & distribute minutes to council members. If interested, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429. Thank you.

**Christmas Envelopes:** All names submitted on your Christmas Remembrance envelopes must be submitted by Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to be included in the December 23-24 bulletin. Those submitted after the 20<sup>th</sup> will be published in the following week's bulletin.

**MORE:** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary memorial cubes & medallions are on sale after Masses. If you're looking for unique Christmas gifts, consider purchasing a memorial cube (\$25) or a medallion (\$10) for family or friends!

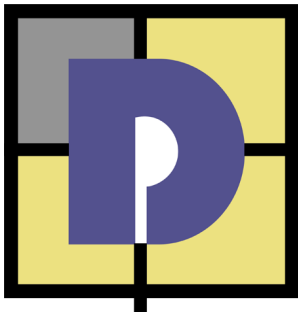
**Debt Reduction:** Your generosity in using the special yellow envelope will help us pay our monthly assessment of \$2,701.00 to the diocese. Thank you.

### *Offsite Events*

**Cancer Spirituality Group:** Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am in the conference room of the former St. Matthew School. For information, contact Pat Flaherty at (330) 671-4613 or at everhiker@sbcglobal.net.

**From Queen of Heaven Parish, Green:** *Lessons & Carols - A Christmas Concert* on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. A social will follow.

**Retrouvaille Weekend:** Jan. 26 - 28, 2024, Cleveland. Retrouvaille (rediscovery), a lifeline for troubled marriages is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths and consists of a weekend experience with six follow up sessions. For more info or to register, please call Shelly or Rob Martinko at 216-509-0301 or 440-836-4810 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)



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