

December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	10:00 am Joe Kauslick by Altar & Rosary Society	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	Rectory Closed
Tues Jan 2	Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors		1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28	Free Store 4-7 pm SB
Wed Jan 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus		1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Jn 1:29-34	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Jan 4	Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious		1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42	
Fri Jan 5	John Neumann, Bishop	5:30 pm Linda Coletta by Altar & Rosary Society	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51	
Sat Jan 6	Andre Bessette, Religious	5:30 pm Betty Molnar by Altar & Rosary Society	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:33-38	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Jan 7	The Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am Steve Zamesko by Dolores & Jerry Paterson 11:00 am Bob Doerr by Kathy Doerr	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>December 17</i>	<i>December 24</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,412.00	Due to
Daily Offering -		the early
Christmas	\$ 175.00	submission
Holy Day -		of the bulletin,
Total	\$ 2,587.00	this collection
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	report will be
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (613.00)	included in
YTD Over (short) -	\$10,953.85	next week's
St. Vincent de Paul -		bulletin.
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 30.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$ 570.00	
Other Gifts -	\$ 170.00	
Diocese Designated -		
Envelopes used of 240 sent	53	

Available Mass Dates – Weekdays: 5:30 pm: Jan. 8, 15, Feb. 2, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 23, 26, March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27, 28

Saturdays: 5:30 pm: Feb. 3, 10, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23

Sundays: 8:30 am: January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25

Sundays: 11:00 am: April 28, May 19, June 9, 16, 23, 30

Do you know anyone who's been away from the Church or is shut-in and can't get to Mass? Please let us know so we can reach out to connect with them.

Do you have questions about what a Parish Life Coordinator does or a parish procedure, ministry or program? 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. Melissa

Rectory Hours: The rectory will be closed on Monday, January 1st.

Kenmore Free Store: The store will reopen this Tuesday, January 2nd

Mary, Mother of God: Because January 1st falls on a Monday, this Holy Day is dispensed, but we will celebrate Mass at 10:00 am. Come, honor our Blessed Mother and begin the new year in worship.

AFE will take a winter break in January and February as we never know what the weather will be like. Our next session will be in March.

Snow Removal: If we get a heavy snow, entrance to the church will be through Hitch Hall only until we get some help to remove snow in the entryways.

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.

Journey with the Pope

"Never by proselytism, never: by witness. One does not evangelize by proselytism, but by witness, by attraction. So lastly, let us ask ourselves whether we carry within us and to others, Christian joy, Christian meekness, Christian tenderness, Christian compassion, Christian closeness.

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS - Being Stewards of the Eucharist

As Catholics, when we come to Communion to receive the Eucharist, we're receiving, from Christ, His body which He gave up for us on the cross and the blood He shed for us. The sacrificial nature of the Eucharist is contained in the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper, "Then He took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And then, "And He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my Blood.'" (Lk. 22:19-20) Matthew records the moment with these words, "While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it He broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them saying 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Mt. 26:26-28) Jesus did not say, this is LIKE my body or this is LIKE my blood. The Catechism tells us that "the Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it *re-presents* (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross..." (1366) *There is a definite fundamental and theological difference between Who is received at Communion in the Catholic Church and what is received at Communion in non-Catholic faith traditions. Please do not be led to believe anything else. The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice as the victim is one and the same.*

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 looking for dedicated 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.

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.

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.

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.

Offsite Events

Theology on the Rocks: Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd, Fairlawn. Fr. John Valencheck will speak on "Sorting through the Chaos of Confusing Times." Doors open at 7 pm; program begins at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$15; light appetizers included - cash bar available. RSVP by January 15th at 330-836-2233, ext. 134 or johsonk@stsebastian.org.

Theology of the Body Introductory Course: Saturday, January 27th 9 am - 3:30 pm at St. Mary, Hudson. Discover how our bodies reveal the mystery of God. Cost \$45-includes study materials, breakfast & lunch. Register by January 19th to jenricard@tobcle.org.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association: The next Grief Support meeting at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron is Sunday, January 21st at 3:00 pm or 5:00 pm for virtual support and the topic is "Facing the New Year With Hope and Love. For info: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

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