

# January 7, 2024

## The Epiphany of the Lord

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> Jan 8	The Baptism of the Lord	5:30 pm <b>Patrick J. Grady</b> by University of Dayton Alumni	Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11	
<b>Tues</b> Jan 9			1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28	<b>Free Store 4-7 pm SB</b>
<b>Wed</b> Jan 10			1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39	<b>Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am</b> Games begin at 11:00 am
<b>Thur</b> Jan 11			1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45	
<b>Fri</b> Jan 12		5:30 pm <b>Special Intention for Kovalchin Family</b> by Family	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12	
<b>Sat</b> Jan 13	Hilary, Bishop & Doctor	5:30 pm <b>Frank J. Powell</b> by Caruso Family	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17	<b>Confessions 9am - 10 am CH</b> <b>Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB</b>
<b>Sun</b> Jan 14	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am <b>Mary Lou Novitsky</b> by Family 11:00 am <b>Walter Wincki</b> by Lauree & Rich Bandelow	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Lindsay**

**Holy Family Candle - Special Intention**

### COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>December 24</i>	<i>December 31</i>
<b>Sunday Offering -</b>	\$ 2,064.00	Due to
<b>Daily Offering -</b>	\$ 1,220.00	the early
<b>Christmas</b>	\$ 5,661.11	submission
<b>Holy Day -</b>		of the bulletin,
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,945.11</b>	this collection
<b>Weekly offertory budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	report will be
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>\$ 5,745.11</b>	included in
<b>YTD Over (short) -</b>	<b>\$ 16,933.96</b>	next week's
<b>St. Vincent de Paul -</b>	\$ 250.00	bulletin.
<b>Cap. Improvement -</b>	\$ 570.00	
<b>Debt Reduction -</b>	\$ 560.00	
<b>Other Gifts -</b>	\$ 12,550.00	
<b>Diocese Designated -</b>	\$ 25.00	
Envelopes used of 240 sent	75	

**Available Mass Dates – Weekdays:** 5:30 pm:

Jan. 15, 31, Feb. 2, 5, 9 12, 14, 16, 19, 23, 26, March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29

**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

**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.

**Thank you** to all who came to decorate and make our church so beautiful for Christmas. Unfortunately, what went up must come down. We will remove all Christmas decorations on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come and help.

**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.

### Journey with the Pope

“Let each one of us ask ourselves this question, let us ask ourselves: Do I truly love the Lord to the point of wanting to proclaim him? Do I want to become his witness or am I content to be his disciple? Do I take to heart the people I meet, bringing them to Jesus in prayer? Do I want to do something so that the joy of the Gospel, which has transformed my life, may make their lives more beautiful? Let us think about this, let us think about these questions and go forward with our witness.”

Pope Francis

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

**Theft:** As you may have heard, the Kenmore Free Store was broken into 3 times and we have 3 separate police reports. Thieves stole clothes, food, toiletries, a laptop and a toolbox – all from a FREE store. The 1<sup>st</sup> time, they broke one of the back doors and I had the 2 back doors and side panels replaced with polycarbon which was expensive, but I honestly thought that would be the end of it. However, the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, they pried open the vent going to the school boiler room to gain entry. The same week, they broke one of the big windows in the store itself which was boarded up while we looked at a variety of options. I chose to put metal grids across all the windows in the store, over the boiler room vent and the front doors of the school which adds security & allows light in so it doesn't look like a prison. The total cost was \$5,750.00 which was taken from Capital Improvement. Then thieves broke into Maher Hall and all doors that had been secured. From St. Vincent de Paul, they stole the laptop, a case of Coca-Cola and some frozen food. From the parish they stole the old lawn tractor & battery charger, a 5-drawer Craftsman tool chest along with 100s of dollars worth of tools; that building has also now been more heavily secured and a police report was made as well. We're working to get as complete a list as possible for the diocese. Our insurance deductible is \$1,000.00 and will cover anything over that amount – which it did when we had the floods back in May; it will not cover upgrades such as polycarbon and the grids. The big window was \$200 so that wasn't covered either. The Free Store Board knows this wouldn't have happened if the store weren't in the building so they started a Go Fund Me page and asked store staff to help so that the parish could recoup monies we paid out. WOIO channel 19 saw the Kenmore Free Store Go Fund Me page and came out to do a story!! We're going to be putting cameras around the property and I've chose to put metal grids over the doors to Waldeisen Hall to protect that building and our assets there. I pray that 2024 will be kinder to us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with me to discuss them. Melissa

### 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.*

**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.

**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.

### **Additional Christmas Remembrance Names:**

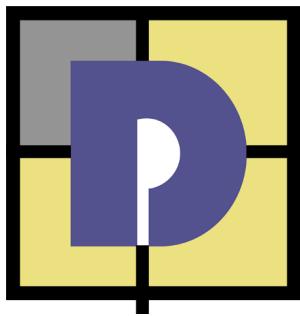
Gruic Family by Cheryl & Mark Gruic  
Heminger Family by Cheryl & Mark Gruic  
Weidlich Family by Cheryl & Mark Gruic  
Zganjar, Bob by Mary Jane Zganjar

### *Offsite Events*

**Theology on the Rocks:** Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 330-836-2233, ext. 134 or johsonk@stsebastian.org.

**Theology of the Body Introductory Course:** Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> to jenricard@tobcle.org.

**The Catholic Cemeteries Association:** The next Grief Support meeting at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron is Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 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>.



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