

January 14, 2024

Second 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 Jan 15		5:30 pm Noreen McDonald by Ken McDonald	1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22	
Tues Jan 16			1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28	Free Store 4-7 pm SB
Wed Jan 17	Anthony, Abbot		1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Jan 18			1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12	
Fri Jan 19		5:30 pm Guy J. Caruso by Caruso Family	1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19	
Sat Jan 20	Fabian, Pope & Sebastian, Martyrs	5:30 pm Guy J. Caruso by Family	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Jan 21		8:30 am Joan Semelsberger Rediger-Felton by Altar & Rosary Society 11:00 am Thelma Esker by Christopher Esker	Jon 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20	

Sanctuary Lamp - Lindsay

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>December 31</i>	<i>January 7</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$ 1,509.00	\$ 14,652.80
Daily Offering -	\$ 135.00	\$ 565.00
Christmas	\$ 165.00	
Holy Day -	\$ 825.00	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 2,634.00	\$15,297.80
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (566.00)	\$12,097.80
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 16,367.96	\$28,465.76
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 24.00	\$ 185.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 759.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Other Gifts -		
Diocese Designated -	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	53	63

Available Mass Dates – Weekdays: 5:30 pm:

Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 5, 12, 16, 23, 26, March 1, 4, 8, 11,
15, 18, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 22, 24

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: June 9, 16, 30, July 14, 21

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.

Theft: UPDATE: The Go Fund Me page is doing well. If you know someone who might want to help us out, they can do that one of two ways: **1.** Go to The Kenmore Free Store Facebook page, tap on the article and donate through Go Fund Me. **2.** Write a check to Immaculate Conception with "Store Security" on the memo line and send it to the parish. All costs were taken from the Capital Improvement Account and so all donations that come in go directly back into that account. The metal grids will be placed on the doors to Waldeisen Hall this coming week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with me to discuss them. Melissa

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 16th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come and help.

Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall.

Parish Activities Committee will meet in Hitch Hall on Tuesday, January 30th in Hitch Hall.

Anointing of the Sick will be offered on Wednesday, January 31st at the 5:30 pm Mass. This is a regional event so if you know someone in need of this sacrament, please invite them.

To receive your 2023 contribution statement, please call the rectory at 330-753-8429, Monday - Friday, 10 am – 4 pm.

Journey with the Pope

"Ephphatha which means 'be open', may the ears be open, may the tongue be open. And it is an invitation that is addressed not so much to the deaf man, who could not hear him, but precisely to the disciples of that time and of every age. We too, who have received the ephphatha of the Spirit of Baptism, are called to be open. 'Be open', Jesus says to every believer and to his Church: be open because the Gospel message needs you to witness it and proclaim it!" Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The call of the Lord is forefront in our readings this weekend. In each case the call comes in the form of an invitation. For Samuel, it was the gentle voice of the Lord calling his name. For Andrew and an unnamed disciple, it is Jesus Himself who invites them to come and see. After Andrew heard Jesus teach, he went in search of his brother, Simon Peter and greeted him with these astonishing words, "We have found the Messiah." They left all they knew to follow Him. Each of us was chosen and called by name by the Lord Jesus at baptism. What are we doing with that call? How faithfully are we following Jesus? How are we using our time, talent and treasure to build up not only our own parish, but the Church of Cleveland as well as the universal Church? While Andrew, Simon Peter and the people of that age were seeking the Messiah, we already know Him; or should we say we know about Him? Knowing about someone and knowing them are two different things. What are you doing to grow your relationship with Him? How's your prayer life? Do you read scripture on a regular basis so that you can come to understand Jesus and the will of the Father He came to teach us? As the Baptized, we should pray the words of Samuel every day, "Speak for your servant is listening."

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.

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.

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.

The next **Kenmore Community Meal** will be available for takeout on Tuesday, January 30th beginning at 4:30 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. **Menu:** Mexican casserole, fruit, bread, brownies.

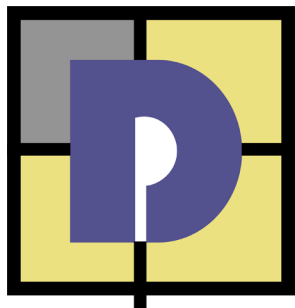
Community Meal Needs: Canned black beans, canned diced tomatoes, brownie mixes, taco seasoning. Please place all donations in the basket behind the last pew.

Offsite Events

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



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