

January 21, 2024

Third 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 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	5:30 pm John, Ann Marie, & Beth Ann Kovalchin by Family	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30	
Tues Jan 23	Marianne Cope, Virgin; Vincent, Deacon & Martyr		2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35	Free Store 4-7 pm SB Pastoral Council 6:30 pm HH
Wed Jan 24	Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor		2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Jan 25	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle		Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18	
Fri Jan 26	Timothy & Titus, Bishops	Angie Caruso by Family	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34	
Sat Jan 27	Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious	5:30 pm Frank & Betty Morber by Beth & Joe Langton	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Jan 28	Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time	8:30 am Esther Zumpano by Fred Zumpano 11:00 am Bob Doerr by Kathy Doerr	Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	January 7	January 14
Sunday Offering -	\$ 14,652.80	\$ 1,799.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 565.00	
Christmas		
Holy Day -	\$ 80.00	
Total	\$ 15,297.80	\$ 1,799.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	<u>\$ 12,097.80</u>	<u>\$(1,401.00)</u>
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 28,465.76	\$27,064.76
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 185.00	
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 759.00	\$ 2,630.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 20.00	\$ 300.00
Other Gifts		
Diocese Designated -	\$ 60.00	
Envelopes used of 240 sent	63	35

Available Mass Dates – Weekdays: 5:30 pm: Feb 2, 5, 12, 16, 23, 26, March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27
Saturdays: 5:30 pm: Feb. 3, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23
Sundays: 8:30 am: Feb 4, 25, March 3, 24, 31
Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm: March 28
Holy Saturday: 8:30 pm: March 30
Easter Sunday: 8:30 am March 31

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.

Theft: UPDATE: If you know someone who might want to help us out, they can do that in 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 so all donations go directly back into that account. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with me to discuss them. Melissa

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

Parish Activities Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 30th in Hitch Hall. We've got some great things in the works so come help us plan!

Believe it or not, we're only **3 ½ weeks away from Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of the **Lenten season! Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence, is on February 14th which happens to be Valentine's Day** so please be aware of that as you make your Valentine's Dinner and celebration plans – there is **no dispensation** for that day. FYI: The Rice Bowls are in, we've ordered Lenten reflection books for your use, Stations of the Cross are on the schedule and our Journey Through Lent information sheet is being completed.

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

Journey with the Pope

"First, we listen, then, in silence, we appropriate what we have heard, reflect on it, interpret it, and only then are we ready to offer a response. Prayer teaches us how to do this, for it expands the heart, overturns our egocentrism, shows us how to listen to others and awakens in us the quiet of contemplation. Let us learn contemplation in our prayer, as we kneel before the Lord, not only with our legs but also with our hearts!"

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people of Galilee, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." These are the same words said to us on Ash Wednesday as we receive the mark of Christ on our foreheads. The beginning of the Lenten season is still a few weeks away, but this is a good time to begin to reflect on the things for which we need to repent and to reflect on just how much we believe in and follow the words and teachings of Jesus in the Gospel accounts left to us by the Evangelists. As Jesus walked past the Sea of Galilee, He spotted Simon and Andrew and to these simple fishermen said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." A bit further along He saw James and John and called out to them as well. The four didn't even know Jesus, but dropped everything, left all they had and followed Him. We were called at Baptism. Do we follow Jesus with the same unquestioning faith as the Apostles? If not, why not? When Jesus calls us to use our talents in a particular ministry or for the good of our parish or the Church, do we joyfully answer or ignore Him? These are the kinds of questions to reflect on as Lent approaches.

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.

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.

Offsite Events

A Night of Adoration, Praise, & Worship: January 24, 2024. Adoration with the traveling Monstrance for vocations from the diocese at 6:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 164 W. Market St., for all high school youth, 8th graders & families. Priest: Fr. Eric Garris. Praise & Worship: MarySarah Menkhaus. Fellowship with snacks to follow at STVM.

Retrouvaille Weekend: January 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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