

January 28, 2024

Fourth 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 29		5:30 pm Larry Stanley by Melissa Keegan	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20	
Tues Jan 30			2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3; Mk 5:21-43	Free Store 4-7 pm SB Parish Activities – 6:30 pm HH
Wed Jan 31	John Bosco, Priest	5:30 pm Ambrosio Ranaldi and Richard Rea by Ida Rea	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am Anointing of the Sick
Thur Feb 1			1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13	
Fri Feb 2	The Presentation of the Lord	5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40	
Sat Feb 3	Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Ansgar, Bishop Blessing of Throats	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Feb 4		8:30 am Renee L. Markovich by Ralph DeVoe 11:00 am Eggert & Heim Families by Chris Eggert	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39	

Sanctuary Lamp – Renee L. Markovich

Holy Family Candle – Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	January 14	January 21
Sunday Offering -	\$ 1,799.00	\$ 1,823.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 200.00	
Christmas		
Holy Day -		
Total	\$ 1,999.00	\$ 1,823.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	<u>\$ (1,201.00)</u>	<u>\$ (1,377.00)</u>
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 27,264.76	\$25,887.76
St. Vincent de Paul -		
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 2,780.00	\$ 70.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 342.00	\$ 130.00
Other Gifts		
Diocese Designated -		\$ 97.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	35	41

Available Mass Dates – Weekdays: 5:30 pm: Feb 5, 12, 16, 26, March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27
Saturdays: 5:30 pm: Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23
Sundays: 8:30 am: April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 19,

Anointing of the Sick will be offered this 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.

Blessing of Throats: Saturday, February 3rd at 5:30 pm Mass only.

Theft: UPDATE: Because of the generosity of the Free Store Staff, Go Fund Me Page contributors and friends of the parish, we've been able to recoup the money spent on securing both the old school building and the front and back of Waldeisen Hall! I did not put out an appeal to the parish for help because your contributions to Capital Improvements had paid for it upfront and it was time to call for some outside help. If you have any questions about this or anything else, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with me to discuss them. Melissa

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

Catholic Charities In-Pew Appeal will take place throughout the diocese the weekend of February 10-11. Please begin to reflect upon and discern your pledge.

The Lenten season is fast approaching. **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. Stay tuned for more Lenten information.

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

Journey with the Pope

"Each one of us has had the first encounter with Jesus, as a child, as an adolescent, as a young person, as an adult... When did I encounter Jesus for the first time? Try to remember this a bit. And after this thought, this memory, to renew the joy of following Him and to ask ourselves – following Jesus means being a disciple of Jesus – what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? According to today's Gospel we can take three words: to seek Jesus, to stay with Jesus, and to proclaim Jesus. To seek, to stay, to proclaim."

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we all know, at baptism we took on the mission of Christ – to proclaim the Gospel and help to build the Kingdom of God. How do we do that? In the reading from Job, we find a man who looks at life as a drudgery filled with monotonous things and misery. He's restless all night, his days fly by and come to an end without hope. His outlook: "I shall not see happiness again." We probably all know someone like this as there are many in our world with this outlook. We need to help them come to know Jesus and understand that a life lived in Jesus is joyful, challenging, happy, sad, beautiful, difficult, full of meaning and purpose, certainly not boring and definitely NOT without hope! By sharing our lives, our faith stories and accompanying them as they come to know Jesus and the love He has for them, we can help them change their outlook. We can be present and listen to those dealing with anxieties, thus lightening their burden a bit. We can pray for those who struggle with life and with their faith. We can affirm, invite and encourage, we can witness daily to the love of Christ and we can reach out to those in need. These are some of the ways we can live out the mission given to us by Jesus.

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 the need is great. We're in need of individually wrapped snack & cookie packages (Lance, Keebler), cases of individual 8oz. bottles of water, small individual bags of chips, peanut butter & jelly, snack-size plastic bags & lunch size brown paper bags (size 5 or larger). You may also donate cash which the team will use to buy eggs, cheese sticks and other supplies. You may put cash donations in an envelope, mark it "Free Store Lunches," and drop it in the collection basket or write a check to The Kenmore Free Store. Please place donated items in the basket behind the last pew. On behalf of those in need, thank you.

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.

Kenmore Community Meal: The next take-out meal will be available this 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, brownie mixes, taco seasoning. Please place all donations in the basket behind the last pew.

Offsite Events

St. Bernard Parish Presents: Mardi Gras Night at The Races! Saturday, February 10th, 2024, 5:30-9:30 pm in the St. Bernard Parish Hall. For tickets: email events@stbernardstmary.org, call 330-253-5161 or go to www.stbernardakron.org/NATR24. Each entry ticket purchased will automatically enter each ticket holder into a raffle for three cash prizes (must be present to win) and will also include one delicious dinner, one drink ticket for the cash bar, and the opportunity to bid on horses and win other contests. Each dollar will go towards assisting the three hunger programs of St. Bernard: Hot Meals (6x a month), Weekday Bagged Lunch, and Weekly Family Pantry. This is the major annual fundraiser for St. Bernard's Hunger Program.

Theology on the Rocks: Monday, February 12th at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Fairlawn. Fr. Norm Douglas will speak on "A Lenten Quest: Getting Centered in an Off Centered World." Doors open at 7:00 pm; program begins at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$15; light appetizers included – cash bar available. RSVP by February 5th at 330-836-2233, ext. 134 or johnsonk@stsebastian.org.



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