



## February 4, 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 Feb 5	Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	5:30 pm <b>Dorothy Gableman</b> by Family	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56	
Tues Feb 6	Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs		1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13	<b>Free Store 4-7 pm SB</b>
Wed Feb 7			1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23	<b>Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am</b> Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Feb 8	Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita, Virgin		1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30	
Fri Feb 9		5:30 pm <b>Patrick J. Grady</b> by University of Dayton Alumni	1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37	
Sat Feb 10	Scholastica, Virgin	5:30 pm <b>Louie Kelley, Jr.</b> by Diane & Jeff Sunderland	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10	<b>Confessions 9am - 10 am CH</b> <b>Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB</b>
Sun Feb 11	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time  <b>World Marriage Day</b>	8:30 am <b>Mary Lou Novitsky</b> by Family 11:00 am <b>Ellin Compton</b> by Ray Compton	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Tom Hliwka**

**Holy Family Candle - Special Intention**

### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	January 21	January 28
Sunday Offering -	\$ 1,823.00	\$ 1,731.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 295.00	\$ 260.00
Christmas	\$ 5.00	
<b>Holy Day -</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,123.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,991.00</b>
<b>Weekly offertory budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>\$ (1,077.00)</b>	<b>\$ (1,209.00)</b>
<b>YTD Over (short) -</b>	<b>\$ 26,187.76</b>	<b>\$24,978.76</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -		\$ 20.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 270.00	\$ 320.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 130.00	\$ 220.00
Other Gifts -		\$ 50.00
Diocese Designated -	\$ 97.00	\$ 364.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	41	40

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

This Sunday is *World Day for Consecrated Life*. We recognize and give thanks for those who consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

**World Marriage Day** information must be received at the rectory by this Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to be included in the upcoming bulletin.

**The Catholic Charities In-Pew Appeal** will take place throughout the diocese **next weekend**, February 10/11. **Our parish goal is \$13, 589.00.** Your generous support will transform the lives of the most vulnerable by offering them dignity, possibilities and companionship. For stories of inspiration and information go to: [CatholicCommunity.org/2024Appeal](http://CatholicCommunity.org/2024Appeal). Whether or not you received a mailing from Bishop Malesic, you'll be asked to complete the in-pew envelope. **Please pray about your pledge this week in preparation for this important appeal.**

**Lenten Season:** *Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence, is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. Ashes will be distributed at Liturgy of the Word services at both Noon and 5:30 pm – there will be NO Mass. Make Fridays of Lent special by attending the 5:30 pm Mass, spending some quiet time in prayer and then participating in the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.

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

**Debt Reduction:** Your generosity in using the special yellow envelope will help us pay our monthly assessment of \$2,701.00 to the diocese. Thank you.

## Journey with the Pope

“Let us look at Him, let us wonder at His humility. Contemplating Jesus, staying before Him, adoring Him in the Eucharist: it is not wasting time, but giving meaning to time. To worship is not to waste time, but to give meaning to time. This is important, I repeat: to worship is not to waste time, but to give meaning to time; it is rediscovering the course of life in the simplicity of a silence that nourishes the heart.”  
Pope Francis

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Well, it seems we got a bit mixed up on weeks! Last week's reflection should have been for this week's readings – sorry about the confusion. Let's try this again. Our reflection is based on this week's reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians. “If I preach the Gospel, there is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me...” We're not “preachers” in the traditional sense; we think of priests and deacons when we hear the term. However, we **are** called to be preachers by virtue of our baptism. We may not get up in the pulpit, but we preach our faith every day by what we say, how we treat others and how we use our stewardship. Imagine what others, who know we're Christians, think when they see us gossiping, cheating on homework, using others to get ahead on the job, promising our help and then not showing up, treating others unjustly. Would those actions draw them to God or away from God; would it cause others to label us as hypocrites? More importantly, what would our Lord think? As we head towards the Lenten season, let's reflect on our actions and our intent and strive to live each day according to Gospel values; not to get noticed, not to boast, but to live out the obligation imposed on us at Baptism.

### 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Thank you.

**Parish Activities Committee:** Check out next week's bulletin for some fun and exciting activities!

**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.

A parishioner who is shut-in is looking for someone to help out 2 days a week – 2 hours a day. Duties: wash dishes, clean microwave & toaster over, clean kitchen and bathroom; possibly some assistance for her if needed. Pay \$17.00/hr. Please call the rectory if interested.

### *Offsite Events*

**St. Bernard Parish Presents: Mardi Gras Night at The Races!** Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30-9:30 pm in the St. Bernard Parish Hall. For tickets: email [events@stbernardstmary.org](mailto:events@stbernardstmary.org), call 330-253-5161 or go to [www.stbernardakron.org/NATR24](http://www.stbernardakron.org/NATR24). Each ticket purchased enters the 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: This is the major annual fundraiser for St. Bernard's Hunger Program.

**Caring and Sharing session** for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's convent building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a retired social worker, will facilitate. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call 330-607-6284.

**Catholics in Recovery:** 12 Step Study for alcoholics, addicts and their families at St. Paul Parish, Room 111 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 1 pm. Upcoming dates, Feb. 17, Mar. 16, Apr. 20. Call 330-801-0463 for info.