

February
Month of
The Holy
Family



February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall
SB - School Basement
R - Rectory CH - Church
WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Feb 19		5:30 pm Christopher 'Mack' McDonald by Ken McDonald	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	Parish Activities - 6:30 pm R
Tues Feb 20			Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	Free Store 4-7 pm SB
Wed Feb 21	Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor Anointing of the Sick	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Feb 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle		1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19	
Fri Feb 23	Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr	5:30 pm Joe & Paula Kauslick by Joe & Beth Langton	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	
Sat Feb 24		5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Feb 25	Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Tom Hlivko by Ralph DeVoe 11:00 am Paul & Patricia Anthony & Carl Bayless by Dave Anthony	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10:13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10	

Sanctuary Lamp - Tom Hlivko

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	February 4	February 11
Sunday Offering -	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 2,528.05
Daily Offering -	\$ 945.00	
Total	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 2,528.05
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ 860.00	\$ (671.95)
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 26,058.76	\$ 25,386.81
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 1,170.00	
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 500.00	\$ 10.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 737.00	\$ 105.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 50.00	
Diocese Designated -	\$ 364.00	
Envelopes used of 240 sent	60	45

Available Mass Dates - Weekdays: 5:30 pm: Feb 26, March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27, April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15
Saturdays: 5:30 pm: March 2, 9, 23, April 13, 27
Sundays: 8:30 am: April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 19
Sundays: 11:00 am: April 28, June 9, July 14, 21

Anointing of the Sick: THIS Wednesday, February 21st at 5:30 pm. The date was moved up a week because of the Evening of Confession on February 28th. Please share this information with those you know who wish to receive the sacrament.

Lenten information: Abstinence from meat and meat products is obligatory beginning at age 14. **Fridays in Lent** are obligatory days of complete abstinence.

Lenten Resources: At the doors of the church, you will find copies of our Journey Through Lent handout which contains lots of important information, Rice Bowls for Lenten almsgiving and a copy of Bishop Robert Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections. Please take one of each home with you.

Lenten Fridays: 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.

The **Evening of Confession** will take place in all parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland on Wednesday, February 28th from 5-8 pm. Do you know of someone who has been away from the Church and wants to come home? Invite and come with them to offer encouragement and support. Help them feel the weight of sin and be lifted through the love and mercy of God.

Thank you to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities last weekend. Because of your support, hundreds of thousands of people will be given help and hope in the Diocese of Cleveland. If you did not have the opportunity, but want to make a difference, go to CatholicCommunity.org/donate

Lenten reflection: From Henri J.M. Nouwen in God's Abiding Love

"You are a child of God. I want you for a moment, for a few minutes, to think about it not intellectually but go with me and listen to me simply saying the same thing in different ways. See if you can make connections here. Because God is saying to us you are my child. You are written in the palms of my hands. You are hidden in the shadow of my hands. I have molded you out of the secret of the earth. I have knitted you together in your mother's womb. You belong to me. I am yours, you are mine. I have called you from eternity. You are the one who is held safe and embraced in love from eternity to eternity. You belong to me. I am holding you safe and I want you to know that whatever happens to you I am always there. I am always there. I always will be there and hold you in my embrace. You are mine. You are my child."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

At baptism, water was poured over us and the Holy Spirit was invoked on our behalf. In our 2nd reading, St. Peter reminds us that that water wasn't just to wash away dirt from our bodies, it was meant to wash away original sin, cleanse our souls for God and clear our consciences. A lot has happened since most of us were baptized! We've just entered the 40 days of Lent -- why 40 days? In the Gospel, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the desert for 40 days to pray, fast and face Satan, the Great Deceiver. This Lent, where is the Spirit leading you? What's on your conscience that needs to be cleared? What's in your heart that's not of God that's keeping you from being who God created you to be? How are you living out the 3 pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Has the Great Deceiver put something more important in your path that keeps you too busy to pray, read scripture, go to Stations, even go to Mass? Did you pick up a Lenten reflection book? What about fasting? Do you need to fast from power, prestige, material things, anxiety? How about almsgiving? Did you make a pledge to Catholic Charities? Did you pick up a Rice Bowl? Do you support our food pantry or our Free Store? Conversion doesn't happen overnight. It takes time to get our priorities right and it's not always pretty. Conversion takes time, a willingness to look deep within, find those places the Great Deceiver has been busy and turn them over to the Lord and then to surrender to His will with an open heart.

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.

Parish Activities Committee: The committee is working on the following events: Reverse Raffle (major fundraiser), Bowling, Euchre tournament (fundraiser), hike, baseball game, pizza & pumpkin decorating and of course an open house reception for Fr. Mike on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Come, help us plan. Our next meeting will be this Monday, February 19th at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

Acme Cashback: All Acme Cashback receipts MUST be turned in by February 25th. Receipts may be turned in at the doors of the church or the rectory. Thank you for all your help.

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!

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.

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.

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

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

Lenten Fish Frys: The South Akron Knights of Columbus Council 3410 is hosting its annual Friday fish frys during Lent from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at 2055 Glenmount Avenue, 44319. **Menu:** \$12 fried fish dinner, \$13 fried shrimp dinner, \$14 baked cod dinner, \$15 seafood platter and a \$10 chicken tender dinner. All dinners include two sides: fries, hot rice, coleslaw, mac & cheese or baked potato. Dine in or carry out available. Orders can be placed in person at the hall, by phone at 330-773-3410 or online at www.akronkofc.com. Cash and credit cards are accepted.