



February 25, 2024 Second 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 26		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Feb 27	Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church		Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12	Free Store 4-7 pm SB Community Meal 4:30 pm WH Pastoral Council 6:30 pm HH
Wed Feb 28	Evening of Confession 5 - 8 pm	NO Mass	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Feb 29			Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	
Fri Mar 1		5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	
Sat Mar 2		5:30 pm Noreen McDonald by Charles & Marybeth Abraham	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Mar 3	Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Renee L. Markovich by Ralph DeVoe 11:00 am Tom & Annabelle Reed by Altar & Rosary Society	Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25	

Sanctuary Lamp - Betty McPherson

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	February 11	February 18
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,528.05	\$ 3,118.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 175.00	
Total	\$ 2,703.05	\$ 3,118.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (496.95)	\$ (82.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$25,561.81	\$25,479.81
St. Vincent de Paul -		\$ 25.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 10.00	
Debt Reduction -	\$ 180.00	\$ 330.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	45	52

Available Mass Dates – Weekdays: 5:30 pm: March 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27, April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15
Saturdays: 5:30 pm: March 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

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.

Community Meal: Tuesday, February 27th beginning at 4:30 pm. **Menu:** chicken jambalaya-like casserole, apple sauce, bread, brownies. Needs: chicken stock, apple sauce.

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

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. The Diocese of Cleveland has created "**My Daily Prayers**" which is a FREE recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the diocese. They're about 7 minutes in length and are delivered to your email or through diocesan social media platforms. Sign up at: dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers

Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall.

The **Evening of Confession** will take place in all parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland **THIS** 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 to feel the weight of sin lifted through the love and mercy of God.

AFe: Thursday, March 7th 7-8:30 pm in Waldeisen Hall. Series: The Mystery of God. Topics: "Atheism & What We Mean By God" and "The Paths to God". Doors open at 6:45 pm.

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

"Some people's lives are destroyed often because of what people say about them. Often our lives look like a zigzag on that line of our little life. If we are above the line when we have what we need and people speak well about us, we are quite excited. That gives me a sense of goodness. But as soon as we start losing things or people start talking negatively about us, we are quickly depressed...When you go back and forth from excitement to depression, whether you have or have not, you are very much a victim of the world. You are very much the victim of your environment. What I want you to sense, just for a moment, is that if you believe that you are what you have or that you are what other people say about you, the world around you has a lot of power, it can make you feel bad or make you feel good."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

St. Paul poses an interesting and very important question: If God is for us, who can be against us? I'm sure we can come up with a lot of responses based on personal life experiences. We've probably all felt mistreated, alienated, abandoned, harassed or betrayed at some point in our lives; unfortunately, it's part of the human condition. The critical thing to remember is that regardless of what someone says, does or doesn't say or do, our God is there for us - always. In our lowest moments, God is there to give comfort, strength and courage so we may continue on with our lives and His mission with heads held high because we are His children. Knowing that God is for us, makes all the difference. Words and actions against us can hurt, but remember what Jesus told his disciples when He sent them out, "If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town." (Mt. 10:14) Read this week's Lenten Reflection from Henri Nouwen and reflect on the last line. Don't let others control you; your God is for you.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Offsite Events

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.

St. Francis de Sales: Praise and Worship Evening featuring Fr. Jacob Bearer, March 1st at 7:30 pm. Parish Mission: "Knowing Francis & Living Francis" presented by Fr. Brian Stacy, OFM Cap., March 18th & 19th at 7 pm. Tetelestai: "It Is Finished" presented by the Cleveland Performing Arts Ministry is a musical portrayal of the trial, execution and Resurrection of Jesus - March 22nd at 8 pm; March 23rd at 8 pm; March 24th at 2 pm.

Our Lady of Victory: "Unconditionally: Finding Jesus in the Eucharist" presented by Greg Wasinski, March 17th at 7pm; March 18th & 19th at 7 pm.

St. Vincent Parish: "Experience in the Real Presence of Christ in a Too Often Unreal World" presented by Fr. Pete Colletti, Jeffrey Lindholm and Fr. Pat Anderson. Sunday, March 10th - Tuesday, March 12th from 7-8:30 pm.