




March 3, 2024 Third 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 Mar 4	Casimir	5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30	
Tues Mar 5			Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Free Store 4-7 pm SB
Wed Mar 6			Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Mar 7	Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs		Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	AFE 7-8:30 pm WH
Fri Mar 8	John of God Religious	5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	
Sat Mar 9	Frances of Rome, Religious	5:30 pm Noreen McDonald by Jerome, Kelley & Bert Rizk	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Mar 10	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Patrick J. Grady by University of Dayton Alumni 11:00 am Special Intention for Kovalchin Family by Family	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21	 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sanctuary Lamp – Betty McPherson

Holy Family Candle – Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	February 18	February 25
Sunday Offering -	\$ 3,118.00	\$ 2,166.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 125.00	
Total	\$ 3,243.00	\$ 2,166.00
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ 43.00	\$(1,034.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 25,604.81	\$ 24,570.81
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00
Cap. Improvement -		\$ 30.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 419.06	\$ 150.00
Diocese Designated		\$ 25.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	52	46

Available Mass Dates – Weekdays: 5:30 pm: March 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 27, April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 22, 24
Saturdays: 5:30 pm: March 23, April 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25
Sundays: 8:30 am: April 14, 28, May 5, 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23
Sundays: 11:00 am: June 9, July 14, 21, Sept. 15, 22, 29

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.

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.

Lenten information: Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence from meat and meat products and is obligatory beginning at age 14. Make Fridays of Lent special by attending the 5:30 pm Mass, spending some quiet time in prayer and participating in the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.

Lenten Resources: At all doors, you will find copies of our Journey Through Lent handout, Rice Bowls for Lenten almsgiving and copies of Bishop Robert Barron’s Lenten Gospel Reflections. The Diocese of Cleveland has created “**My Daily Prayers**,” a FREE recording of prayers led by the bishops & priests of the diocese. They’re about 7 minutes in length and delivered to your email or through diocesan social media platforms. Sign up at: dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers

Parish Activities Committee: Mark your calendars!!

May 18th: Reverse Raffle. This is a major fundraiser for the parish and we’ll need you to spread the word for ticket sales and help to set up, work and clean up – all hands on deck!

June 9th: Reception to honor and celebrate Fr. Mike’s 50th anniversary of ordination. Also planned: Rubber Ducks game, Euchre tournament, fall hike, Pizza & Pumpkin Decorating. I. C. Spirit – catch it! Next planning meeting on Monday, March 11th at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

Altar & Rosary Society will meet Tuesday, March 12th at 2pm in Hitch Hall.

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

"Caring as God's beloved children is making the effort to be present to, listen to and affectionately embrace a weaker brother or sister who may have been frightened by harsh comments, examined by hostile hands or ignored by deaf ears. We do this even when we can do nothing to change the situation. This is the crux of our challenge. Whether or not we have chosen caregiving as our profession, we do profess that caring is first of all about presence to a beloved brother or sister who at this moment feels powerless. Right here, we accept in ourselves that we are not first of all someone who takes the pain away, but rather someone who is willing to share it."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our reading from Exodus gives us the 10 Commandments. In this day and age of individualism, relativism and all other "isms," we need to keep the 1st Commandment at the forefront of everything we do for if we do, all else will fall into place. "I, the Lord, am your God...You shall not have other gods besides me." We must be vigilant against making things like power, our wants and desires, prestige, possessions, money, ego, love and sex more important than God; making them into gods, pushing the God of the Universe aside and opening the door for the Great Deceiver, Satan. We can't love anything or anyone more than we love our God otherwise all that encompasses our lives, especially our relationships, will be distorted and unhealthy. May we strive to follow the 10 Commandments. May our stewardship be based in Gospel values and may all that motivates us be grounded in love of God and neighbor.

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.

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.

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.

World Marriage Day: Mark & Cherylyn Gruic 42 years

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.

Caring & Sharing: Monday, March 11th, 7-8:30 pm at IHM's convent building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls. The session is for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood. Marlene Maruna, a retired social worker will facilitate. The event is open and free to people of all faiths. For info call Marlene 330-607-6284.

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.

St. Francis de Sales: *Catholic Women's Retreat:* March 16th from 8:15 am -3 pm. This year's theme is "Prayer Changes Things." The day includes Mass, breakfast, presentations, lunch, adoration & Confession. Cost: \$30. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/bdbzz789> or call the parish office at 330-644-2225. *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 4pm; March 18th & 19th at 7 pm.



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