



March 10, 2024

Fourth 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 11		5:30 pm Patrick Steurer by Family	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54	Parish Activities - 6:30 pm R
Tues Mar 12			Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16	Altar & Rosary - 2pm HH Free Store 4-7 pm SB
Wed Mar 13			Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thur Mar 14			Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47	
Fri Mar 15		5:30 pm Dorothy Gabelman by Family	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30	
Sat Mar 16		5:30 pm Betty & Lynn Molnar by The Molnar Family	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53	Confessions 9am - 10 am CH Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB
Sun Mar 17	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Mary Lou Novitsky by Family 11:00 am Bob Doerr by Kathy Doerr	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	February 25	March 3
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 2,815.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 430.00	
Easter		\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 2,596.00	\$ 2,870.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (604.00)	\$ (330.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 25,000.81	\$ 24,670.81
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 25.00	\$ 205.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 308.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 190.00	\$ 175.00
Other Gifts		\$ 20.00
Diocese Designated	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	46	52

Available Mass Dates – Weekdays: 5:30 pm: March 18, 22, 25, 27, April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 22, 24, 29, May 6, 10, 20
Saturdays: 5:30 pm: March 23, April 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25
Sundays: 8:30 am: April 28, May 5, 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Sundays: 11:00 am: June 9, July 14, Sept. 22, 29

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.

The Kenmore Free Store will be closed on Saturday, March 30th. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd.

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

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. 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

Triduum schedule: This is the holiest week of the church year so please make every effort to come to church to worship. Holy Thursday: March 28th at 7:00 pm. Adoration until 11 pm. **Good Friday:** March 29th at 3:00 pm. This is a day of *fast and abstinence*. **Holy Saturday:** Blessing of food at noon. **Easter Vigil** at 8:30 pm. **Easter Sunday:** 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

Parish Activities Committee: Mark your calendars!! **May 18th:** Reverse Raffle. This is a major fundraiser 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. I. C. Spirit – catch it! **Next planning meeting:** This Monday, March 11th at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall. Note date change because of Holy Week.

Lenten reflection: From Pope Francis

"Let us return, brothers and sisters. Let us return to God with all our heart. During these weeks of Lent, let us make space for the prayer of silent adoration, in which we experience the presence of the Lord, like Moses, like Elijah, like Mary, like Jesus. Have we noticed that we have lost the sense of worship? Let us return to worship. Let us lend the ear of our hearts to the One who, in silence, wants to say to us: 'I am your God – the God of mercy and compassion, the God of pardon and love, the God of tenderness and care... Do not judge yourself. Do not condemn yourself. Do not reject yourself. Let my love touch the deepest, most hidden corners of your heart and reveal to you your own beauty, a beauty that you have lost sight of, but will become visible to you again in the light of my mercy.' "

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our Gospel is one that is very familiar, if not from church, then from signs held up at sporting events! Even with all that exposure, the message of this gospel is one that many have never heard and because of that, live in the darkness of sin. They don't know Jesus, they don't know of His love, mercy and forgiveness, they can't hear His voice calling them to come to Him. Whatever they've done grips them like a vice and they live each day thinking they can never be forgiven; their sin is too great. But that's a lie and they need to hear the truth. They need to know that God didn't send His son into the world to condemn it, them, but to save it and them. As disciples of the Lord, it's our responsibility to help them know that God loved us so much that He sent his only Son to save, to redeem and to offer life eternal. Who do you know who desperately needs to hear this message?

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 God's house looking clean by vacuuming & dusting. Can you 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're in 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 so we can rotate our workers. Bingo income is critical to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

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 K of C Council 3410, 2055 Glenmount Ave., 44319 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Menu: \$12 fried fish dinner, \$13 fried shrimp dinner, \$14 baked cod dinner, \$15 seafood platter & a \$10 chicken tender dinner. Dinners include 2 sides: fries, hot rice, coleslaw, mac & cheese or baked potato. Dine in or carry out. Place orders in person, by phone at 330-773-3410 or online at www.akronkofc.com. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

Caring & Sharing – this Monday, March 11th, 7-8:30 pm at IHM's convent building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood. Marlene Maruna, a retired social worker will facilitate. The event is open & 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. This Sunday, March 10th – Tuesday, March 12th from 7-8:30 pm.

St. Francis de Sales: *Women's Retreat:* March 16th from 8:15 am - 3 pm. The 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.

Dr. Peter Kreeft, renowned author and speaker, will present "How to Win the Culture War – The Call, The Enemies, and the Battlefields" in two separate talks on Saturday, April 6th at St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull Ave., Akron, 44320. There will be an optional 8:00 am Mass followed by the program from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Cost is \$25 per person. All are welcome! More details at <https://one.bidpal.net/wscppeterkreeft>.