



# March 17, 2024

## Fifth 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  |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Mon</b><br>Mar 18  | Cyril of Jerusalem,<br>Bishop & Doctor          | 5:30 pm<br><b>Leonard Borden</b><br>by Karen & John Sboray  | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,<br>19-30, 33-62;<br>Jn 8:1-11  |  |
| <b>Tues</b><br>Mar 19 | Joseph,<br>Spouse of the<br>Blessed Virgin Mary |   | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;<br>Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;<br>Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a                | <b>Free Store 4-7 pm SB</b><br><b>Pastoral Council 6:30 pm HH</b>    |
| <b>Wed</b><br>Mar 20  | <b>Anointing of the Sick</b>                    | 5:30 pm<br><b>John Belik</b><br>By Helen & Pat Milo   | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;<br>Jn 8:31-42   | <b>Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am</b><br><b>Games begin at 11:00 am</b>    |
| <b>Thur</b><br>Mar 21 |   |   | Gn 17:3-9<br>Jn 8:51-59  |  |
| <b>Fri</b><br>Mar 22  |   | 5:30 pm<br><b>John Belik</b><br>by Family   | Jer 20:10-13;<br>Jn 10:31-42   |  |
| <b>Sat</b><br>Mar 23  | Turibius of Mogrovejo,<br>Bishop                | 5:30 pm<br><b>Special Intention<br/>for Vince Sboray</b><br>by parents, Karen & John                      | Ez 37:21-28;<br>Jn 11:45-56  | <b>Confessions 9am - 10 am CH</b><br><b>Free Store 9 am-12 pm SB</b> |
| <b>Sun</b><br>Mar 24  | Palm Sunday of the<br>Passion of the Lord       | 8:30 am<br><b>Tom Hlivko</b><br>by Ralph Devoe<br>11:00 am<br><b>Carol Schimmoeller</b><br>by Sandy Mason | Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16;<br>Is 50:4-7;<br>Phil 2:6-11;<br>Mk 14:1 – 15:47 or 15:1-39 |  |

### Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

### Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

### COLLECTION REPORT

| Week Ending                | March 3             | March 10             |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday Offering -          | \$ 2,815.00         | \$ 1,725.00          |
| Daily Offering -           | \$ 500.00           |                      |
| Easter                     | \$ 75.00            |                      |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$ 3,390.00</b>  | <b>\$ 1,725.00</b>   |
| Weekly offertory budget    | <b>\$ 3,200.00</b>  | <b>\$ 3,200.00</b>   |
| (Shortfall) Overage        | <b>\$ 190.00</b>    | <b>\$ (1,475.00)</b> |
| YTD Over (short) -         | <b>\$ 25,190.81</b> | <b>\$ 23,715.81</b>  |
| St. Vincent de Paul -      | \$ 455.00           |                      |
| Cap. Improvement -         | \$ 308.00           |                      |
| Debt Reduction -           | \$ 175.00           | \$ 2,500.00          |
| Other Gifts                | \$ 40.00            | \$ 5.00              |
| Diocese Designated         | \$ 60.00            |                      |
| Envelopes used of 240 sent | 52                  | 42                   |

**Available Mass Dates – Weekdays:** 5:30 pm: April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 22, 24, 29, May 3, 6, 10, 20, 31, June 3, 7, 10, 14  
**Saturdays:** 5:30 pm: 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

**Anointing of the Sick:** This Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm Mass. Please note date change.

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

**Lenten information:** Fridays in Lent are days of complete abstinence from meat and meat products and is obligatory beginning at age 14. Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6:30 pm. The last opportunity to pray Lenten Stations will be this Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm; there will be no Stations prayed on Good Friday. The diocese has created “**My Daily Prayers**,” a FREE recording of prayers led by the bishops & priests of the diocese. Sign up at: [dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Adoration until 11 pm. **Good Friday:** March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. This is a day of *fast and abstinence*. **Holy Saturday:** There will be NO Confessions heard. Blessing of food at noon. **Easter Vigil** at 8:30 pm. **Easter Sunday:** 8:30 am and 11:00 am. The rectory will close at noon on Good Friday.

**Parish Activities Committee:** Mark your calendars!! **May 18<sup>th</sup>:** 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 9<sup>th</sup>:** Reception to honor and celebrate Fr. Mike's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. I. C. Spirit – catch it!

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Hitch Hall. Note date change because of Holy Week.

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

"What counts in your life and mine is not successes but fruits. The fruits of our life are born often in our pain and in our vulnerability and in our losses. The fruits of our life come only after the plow has carved through the land. God wants us to be fruitful. The question is not: 'How much can I still do in the years that are left to me?' The question is: 'How can I prepare myself for total surrender so my life can be fruitful?' Our little lives are small, human lives. But in the eyes of the One who calls us the beloved, we are great – greater than the years we have. We will bear fruit, fruit that you and I will not see on this earth but whose reality we can trust."

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We're coming to the end of our Lenten season and will soon celebrate Palm Sunday, observe the holiest week of the entire church year and then rejoice at the Resurrection of our Lord. How well have you been living out the 3 pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Have you taken the time to reflect on behaviors and attitudes that need adjusting so that you can more fully be who God created you to be? Are you planning to attend Mass on Holy Thursday to receive Christ's mandate to serve and His gift of the Eucharist? Will you spend some time in prayer with Jesus during adoration following Mass? Will you be at church Good Friday to participate in the reading of the Lord's Passion and venerate the Cross? Our church should be packed. It is your choice. What will you choose? You know what Christ chose.

### 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.

### MORE

**Altar & Rosary Bake Sale & Raffle** will be held after all Masses next weekend, March 23/24. Donations of baked goods, candy, etc. may be brought to Hitch Hall next Saturday beginning at 4:00 pm or dropped off before Masses on Sunday. Coffee & donuts will be available on Sunday after both Masses. We have some of the best bakers around so be sure to stop by after Masses.

**Community Meal:** Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. **Menu:** ham, au gratin potatoes, green beans, bread & brownies **Needs:** brownie mixes, green beans. Know someone shut-in who would love a meal – pick one up and deliver it.

Our **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Board** will be taken down at the end of the month so be sure to take a final look at the wonderful I.C. memories people shared.

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

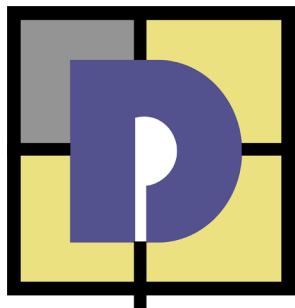
### *Offsite Events*

**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](http://www.akronkofc.com). Cash and credit cards are accepted.

**St. Francis de Sales: Parish Mission:** "Knowing Francis & Living Francis" presented by Fr. Brian Stacy, OFM Cap., March 18th & 19th at 7 pm. *Tetelestai:* "It Is Finished" 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>.



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