

May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother



May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon May 6		No Mass	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 – 16:4a	
Tues May 7			Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11	Free Store 4-7 pm SB
Wed May 8			Acts 17:15, 17:22 – 18:1; Jn 16:12-15	Bingo: WH - Open 9:30 am Games begin at 11:00 am
Thurs May 9			Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20	
Fri May 10	Damien de Veuster, Priest	No Mass	Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23	
Sat May 11		5:30 pm Gary Currans by Currans Family	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28	Confessions 9 am – 10 am CH Free Store 9 am – 12 pm SB
Sun May 12	The Ascension of the Lord	8:30 am Mary Lou Novitsky by Family 11:00 am Shirley Felice by Kathy Franz	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>April 21</i>	<i>April 28</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,847.00	\$ 1,743.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 285.00	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 3,132.00	\$ 1,843.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage (1,357.00)	\$ (68.00)	\$(1,357.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$28,471.02	\$27,114.02
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$ 100.00	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 135.00	\$ 800.00
Other Gifts		
Diocese Designated -	\$ 212.00	\$ 25.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	53	42

Available Mass Dates

Saturdays: 5:30 pm: June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 20, Aug 10, 17
Sundays: 8:30 am: May 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 21
Sundays: 11:00 am: June 9, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 20, 27, Dec. 8

Town Hall Meeting: We invite all parishioners to attend an important Town Hall Meeting on **Monday, May 20th at 7 pm** in Waldeisen Hall. We will be discussing some capital improvement projects and the liturgy schedule. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Daily Mass: Until further notice, the Monday & Friday Masses are being suspended. We hope to be back to the regular schedule sooner rather than later.

Parish Activities Committee: The **Parish Reverse Raffle** is only 2 weeks away! Be sure to get your tickets for our big event on **Saturday, May 18th**. Tickets **are \$40.00** which includes entry into the raffle, dinner, beverage, and dessert and other opportunities to win prizes. No tickets will be sold at the door.

WE NEED YOU TO: 1. BUY TICKETS 2. SPREAD THE WORD. 3. INVITE family, friends, co-workers, neighbors to purchase tickets & join the fun. ***A person doesn't need to be present to win: they need to appoint a proxy, give that person their ticket & tell them whether they want to split the pot or go for it all if they are one of the last 5 tickets left. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory during office hours.
4. HELP: It's time to **sign up to help** so **please call the rectory to let us know when you can come for: Set-up** on Friday the 17th at 7 pm. **The Event:** Ticket or no ticket – you can help. The team is coming at 4 pm or you can come later to help during the event with food service and other needs. If you buy a ticket you're entitled to all aspects of the raffle. If you don't buy a ticket, you will receive a delicious meal. **Clean-up:** After the event on the 18th; about 9 pm.
Cookie Elves: **Call the rectory** to let us know what you're bringing: Cakes, pies, brownies, cookies, cupcakes, etc. Bring them with you to the raffle, drop them off at the Knight's Hall after 4 pm on Saturday, May 18th or at Hitch Hall between 3:30 & 3:45 pm on Saturday, May 18th. We've got the list of helpers going so please add your name to it.
I.C. Spirit - catch it!

Journey with the Pope

“The two different paths of those first disciples tell us, Jesus’ disciples today, that in life we have two opposite directions before us: there is the path of those who, like those two on the outbound journey, allow themselves to be paralyzed by life’s disappointments and proceed sadly; and there is the path of those who do not put themselves and their problems first, but rather Jesus who visits us, and the brothers who await His visit, that is, our brothers who are waiting for us to take care of them. Here is the turning point: to stop orbiting around one’s self; the disappointments of the past, the unrealized ideals, the many bad things that have happened in our life. Very often we tend to keep going around and around....To leave that behind and to go forward looking at the greatest and truest reality of life: Jesus lives, Jesus loves me. This is the greatest reality.”

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our readings center around the theme of love and the words of St. Peter, St. John and our Lord are challenging. Peter reminds us that Christ came for *everyone* and that the waters of baptism should not be withheld from anyone who wishes the sacrament. Jesus doesn’t see people in categories as we do; He just sees people in need of His love. St. John reminds us that God is love and love is of God. Created in God’s image of love, we as His Children, must also love and love fully – as Jesus did, not judgmentally. Our Lord commands us twice in the same Gospel to love one another and to do so as He loves us. We know He loved us enough to willingly give up His life for us and you know what – He calls us to do the same. Are we willing to lay down our lives for others? Those in the military, law enforcement and firefighters do. Are they a special breed? Not really, they just understand more than others the command Jesus gave us. Again, not just for people that look, speak or act like us – everyone. Jesus further reminds us that He has chosen and appointed us to go out and bear fruit and the best way to do that is to share His love; this is our command.

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.

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.

Funeral Dinner Ministry can use help. Be a 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.

Free Store Sack Lunch needs: Our Kenmore community is hungry and the need is great. **What is needed:** Individually wrapped snack & cookie packages, cases of water bottles, 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 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’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.

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.

MORE

Anointing of the Sick: Beginning Friday, May 31st, Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the **last Friday of each month** at the 5:30 pm Mass.

Cleaning Service: We’re looking for a professional, reputable and bonded cleaning service to help out at the rectory. If you have experience with such a company, please let the rectory know.

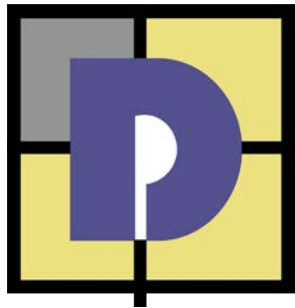
Kenmore Free Store: Here are some numbers from our recent 1st quarter 2024 report: Volunteer hours–1223.45 Households who shopped this quarter-791 New households-143 Clothes-11,242 Shoes-542 Coats-182 Underwear-577 Household items-1322 Lunches-3125 Blessing bags-309 Laundry soap-195 This amazing ministry is preparing to celebrate its 10th anniversary and its reputation is growing! Thank you for your support and donations of both clothes etc. and snacks, bags, PB&J. Join with other parishioners in helping better the lives of others. Stop by Tuesdays 4-7 or Saturdays 9-noon to check it out and join the team.

St. Augustine School Enrollment: St. Augustine School has begun enrollment for the 2024/25 school year. Packets and Ed Choice Scholarship request forms may be found on the bottom shelf of the book rack at the back of the church.

Offsite Events

Theology on the Rocks: Monday, May 20th, 7 pm at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Fairlawn. Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler, Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron will speak on the topic: “What I Have Learned from the Game of Golf.” Doors Open at 7:00 pm. Program begins at 7:30 pm. \$15 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. To ensure an accurate count for our venue, RSVP to Keith Johnson by May 13th at johnsonk@stsebastian.org or 330-836-2233, ext. 134. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.

A “Caring & Sharing” session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood: Monday, May 13th, 7-8:30 pm at IHM’s convent building. The event is free to people of all faiths. For info call Marlene at 330-607-6284.



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