



**December**  
Month of The  
Immaculate  
Conception

# December 8, 2024

## Second Sunday of Advent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 9	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 pm <b>Fr. Michael B. Smith</b> by South Akron K of C Council 3410	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
Tues Dec 10	Our Lady of Loreto		Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	<b>Free Store 4 pm -7 pm SB</b>
Wed Dec 11	Damasus I, Pope		Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30	<b>Bingo - Open 9:30 am - WH</b> Games begin at 11:00 am
Thurs Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe		Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:39-47	
Fri Dec 13	Lucy, Virgin & Martyr		Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19	
Sat Dec 14	John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	5:00 pm <b>Candi Caruso</b> by Family	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	<b>No Confessions</b> <b>Free Store 9 am - 12 pm SB</b>
Sun Dec 15	Third Sunday of Advent	10:00 am <b>Deceased Members of the</b> <b>Brosch, Beckford &amp; Doerr</b> <b>Families</b> by Kathy Doerr	Zep 3:14-18a  Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18	

**Sanctuary Lamp - Carol Schümmeoller**

**Holy Family Candle - Bob Doerr**

### COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>November 24</i>	<i>December 1</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$ 1,558.00	\$ 1,877.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 360.00	
Christmas -	\$ 20.00	\$ 100.00
Holy Day -	\$ 60.00	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,998.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,982.00</b>
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	<u>\$(1,202.00)</u>	<u>\$(1,218.00)</u>
YTD Over (short) -	\$(8,058.25)	\$(9,276.25)
St. Vincent de Paul -		\$ 162.00
Debt Reduction -		\$ 325.00
Diocese Designated -	\$ 221.00	\$ 50.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 20.00	\$ 703.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	36	39

**Available Mass Dates**

**Saturdays:** 5:00 pm: Mar 29, Apr 12, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
**Sundays:** 10:00 am: May 25, Aug 17, 31, Sep 28, Nov 23, 30

**Daily Mass & Confessions:** Because we have no priest, we no longer offer daily Masses nor Confessions. Please use this handy guide: *St. Augustine:* Confessions - Saturdays at 3 pm & Mondays at 6 pm. Daily Mass: M, W, Th, F, 12:05 pm & Tuesdays, 5:15 pm. *St. Francis:* Confessions - Saturdays from 9-9:45 am & Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 pm. Daily Mass: M-F, 8:15 am & Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

**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.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Observed:**

Because the 8th fell on a Sunday, the **Holy Day** was moved to **Monday, December 9th**. Mass will be celebrated **this Monday at 5:30 pm**.

**Prayers:** Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Mlazovsky, will be having shoulder surgery on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers for a swift and complete recovery.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, children and families gather in St. Peter's Square for a special papal blessing of the Christ Child or "Bambinelli" figurine from their nativity scene. We will offer this blessing at all Masses next weekend, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, so bring your Christ Child figurine with you to Mass for a special blessing.

**Christmas Greetings Across the Pews:** This week's bulletin includes a flyer for you to use to share your Christmas greetings with fellow parishioners, so be sure to take a bulletin with you.

**Christmas Remembrance Names** must be received at the rectory December 18<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the December 21-22 bulletin.

**Snow:** Because we have very limited personnel to remove snow, if we receive a heavy snowfall, entry to the church will be through Hitch Hall only. We have snowblowers and shovels, so if anyone is able to help with snow removal, please call the rectory.

### Journey with the Pope

“At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look, look at those who are more in need. There is so much hunger, even in the heart of our cities; and many times we enter into that logic of indifference: the poor person is there, and we look the other way. Hold out your hand to the poor person: it is Christ.” *Pope Francis*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we decorate our homes, work on finding just the right presents and getting them wrapped, plan Christmas dinner and more, let's not forget the reason for the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. This season is extraordinary – think about it. God became man. God *chose* to enter our sinful world and become one of us, unfortunately we become so caught up in the secular at this time of year, that we forget the holy. We need to slow down and take time to prepare our hearts for the Coming One. St. Paul (writing from prison) gives us some things to reflect on in our second reading. For the people of Philippi (Gentile Christians in northern Greece), he prays that God will continue the good works He began in them. What are the good works God is doing in you? Are you receptive to doing the will of God? He also prays that their love will increase more and more in knowledge so that they can discern what is of value that they may be pure and filled with righteousness. What is of true and lasting value to you? The things of this world or the things of heaven? Being righteous sounds complicated, but simply means to be a person who is just, moral, good and devout. Are you righteous? What can you do, what can you eliminate that would help you become more righteous and ready to welcome our Lord? Let's be good stewards of this season by holding on to the holy and sharing it with others.

### 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.*

**Funeral Dinner Ministry:** Be a part of the serving team or sign up to be called when food is needed. Please call the rectory to help with this ministry.

**Free Store Help:** Looking for a fulfilling opportunity? 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 – noon, to check it out & join the team!

**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.

**Adopt-A-Plot:** It's time for all plot holders to trim and clean up their plots before winter.

**St. Vincent de Paul** is in need of volunteers in our food pantry. The pantry is open Thursdays noon – 2:00 pm distributing food & hygiene items to those in need. If interested and available, please call Lorie Papp at 330-322-7414. Thank you!

**Acme Cashback:** The current program runs through February 15th. Please be sure to place any Acme receipts with Cashback Rewards on them in the baskets by the doors of the church.

**Bingo Help!!** Our dedicated group of Bingo workers need some help. Bingo income is critical to our parish finances so will you please share a few hours of your time to help call Bingo, pass out computers, collect money at the door, call back winners, sell instant tickets or work in the kitchen? If you're available Wednesdays, please call parishioner & Bingo manager, Lorie at 330-322-7414. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.; games begin at 11 a.m. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**Free Store Sack Lunch needs:** You're making a difference! **What's needed:** Individually wrapped snack & cookie packages, cases of water bottles, small individual bags of chips, snack-size plastic bags and lunch-size brown paper bags (size 5 or larger). You may also donate cash which will be used to buy cheese sticks & other supplies. 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.

**Decorating:** Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 17th and come to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will begin at 6:30 pm.

### Offsite Events

**St. Augustine Youth Groups: High School:** "Growing Closer to Christ Together" on Sundays, 3:30-5:15 pm in Room 207 of the school. All are welcome.

**Middle School Youth Program:** "Edge" on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm in Room 207 of the school. All are welcome.

**The Catholic Cemeteries Association:** Grief Support meeting at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron is Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm for in-person support & 5:00 pm for virtual support. Topic is "The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone". For information, go to: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

**Catholic Charities Counseling** is available to those feeling overwhelmed during the holiday season. Call 1-(800) 860-7373 for info or to schedule an appointment.