

January 5, 2025 Epiphany of the Lord

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Jan 6	Andre Bessette, Religious		1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	
Tues Jan 7	Raymond of Penafort, Priest		1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44	Free Store - 4pm-7pm - SB
Wed Jan 8			1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52	Bingo - Open 9:30 am - WH
Thurs Jan 9			1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4; Lk 4:14-22	
Fri Jan 10			1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16	
Sat Jan 11		5:00 pm Renee Markovich by Ralph DeVoe	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30	No Confessions Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB
Sun Jan 12	Baptism of the Lord	10:00 am Bill Drexler by Anonymous	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending Due to early submission deadlines, updates to this report will be delayed for another week.

Sunday Offering -
Daily Offering -
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Daily Offering -
Christmas -
Holy Day -

Total

Weekly offertory budget
(Shortfall) Overage

YTD Over (short) -
St. Vincent de Paul -
Capital Improvement -
Debt Reduction -
Diocese Designated -
Other Gifts -
Envelopes used of 240 sent

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

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.

What goes up must come down: It would be great if we could leave the Christmas decorations up all year, but that's just not possible. We will be taking down the decorations on Tuesday, January 14th beginning at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come and help.

Additional names: Due to rectory error, these names were omitted from the **Christmas Remembrance** list: Andrew & Teresa Misbrener, John & Anna Letz, June Lasky, Paul Hehn, Fr. Michael B. Smith.
by Stefen & Lisa Woods

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, January 28th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Adult Faith Enrichment does not meet in January nor February because of the uncertainty of the weather. Our next session will be Thursday, March 6th.

Snow: Because we have very limited personnel, 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.

Holy Hour: The church is open 9:30 am until 4:30 pm Mon. thru Fri. for prayer. Come to the back door of the rectory for entry. We may not have daily Mass, but the church is available for quiet time with our Lord.

“Lord Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, infant born of the Virgin Mary, your star led the Wise Men to the manger and they paid homage to you in your mother’s arms. We pray to you: For each person, light this star – a reason for hope and for love – a star that rises in the heavens of our hearts and leads to you. Together with the Wise Men, we can then offer you as gifts the gold of our faithfulness, the incense of our prayer, and the myrrh of our sacrifice.”

“Your Star Led the Wise Men” from Come Lord Jesus by Lucien Deiss

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world (Catechism # 528). Those in Israel knew of the birth and of the prophecies of the coming Messiah, but those outside of Israel would not have known. The arrival of and homage by the Magi who were representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, to Jesus, king of the Jews, brought the birth of the Christ to the entire world. The magi sought, in Israel, the messianic light of the star of David, the one who would be king of the nations (CCC #528). This event is the manifestation or revelation of Jesus as the Son of God, Savior and King of the world – the entire world. The homage given by the Magi shows that pagans, not just Jews, could worship Jesus. To us today, this Solemnity gives light to the fact that Jesus came for everyone of every nation. How do we show our gratitude? What gifts do we offer to our King?

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!

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.

Ministers: We're in need of altar servers, lectors and ministers of hospitality. Please call the rectory for info.

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.

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!

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.

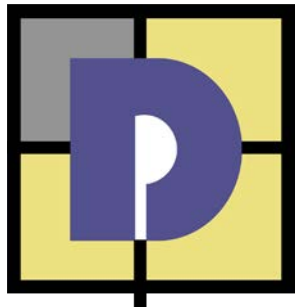
Offsite Events

St. Augustine Youth Groups: High School: "Growing Closer to Christ Together" on Sundays, 3:30-5:15 pm in Room 207 of the school. **Middle School Youth Program:** "Edge" on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm in Room 207 of the school. All are welcome.

Divorced Educational Support Group: 9-week support group at St. Hilary Parish, Fairlawn. Group meets Thursdays beginning January 16th thru March 13th, 7-9 pm; limited to 10-12 participants. Call 330-867-1055 ext. 200.

Catholics in Recovery is beginning a new book/retreat in February - a 12-step approach to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius - a contemporary pathway to healing, deeper prayer, recovery & growth by Fr. Jim Harbaugh, S.J. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm at St. Paul Parish, Firestone Park. To sign up, call Ellen Barber, 330-801-0463 by January 18th.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association: Grief Support meeting at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron will be Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 pm for in-person support & 5:00 pm for virtual support. Topic is "Facing the New Year With Hope and Love". For information, go to: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> For virtual meeting: <https://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login info.



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