

January 12, 2025

Baptism 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 13	Hilary, Bishop & Doctor		Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20	
Tues Jan 14			Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28	Free Store - 4pm-7pm - SB
Wed Jan 15			Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39	Bingo - Open 9:30 am - WH
Thurs Jan 16			Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45	
Fri Jan 17	Anthony, Abbot		Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12	
Sat Jan 18		5:00 pm Thelma Esker by Christopher Esker	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17	No Confessions Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB
Sun Jan 19	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am Cartie Antonelli by Nancy Peltier	Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

<i>Week Ending</i>	<i>December 29</i>	<i>January 5</i>
Sunday Offering -	\$ 7,246.00	\$ 1,722.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 1,121.00	\$ 415.00
Christmas -	\$ 385.00	\$ 50.00
Holy Day -	\$ 750.00	\$ 45.00
Total	\$ 9,502.00	\$ 2,232.00
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ 6,302.00	\$ (968.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$ 3,258.05	\$ (968.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 10.00	\$ 173.00
Capital Improvement -		\$ 480.00
Debt Reduction -	\$ 440.00	\$ 160.00
Diocese Designated -	\$ 20.00	
Other Gifts -	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 475.00

Envelopes used of 240 sent 36 30

Available Mass Dates

Saturdays: 5:00 pm: Mar 29, Apr 12, May 3, 10, 17, 31

Sundays: 10:00 am: May 25, Aug 31, Sep 28, Nov 23, Dec 14

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.

Please continue to pray for all the priests who come to celebrate Mass with us. We appreciate them very much.

Thank you to all who came to decorate the church for Christmas and those who came to help with flower delivery and set-up of the manger scene, altar cover, banners, etc. as we changed over from the Advent season to the Christmas season. The church looks beautiful.

However, 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 **THIS** Tuesday, January 14th beginning at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come and help.

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

Adult Faith Enrichment does not meet in 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.

Journey with the Pope

“This is God’s work: to come among us. If we consider ourselves unworthy, that does not stop Him: He comes. If we reject Him, He does not tire of seeking us out. If we are not ready and willing to receive Him, He prefers to come anyway. And if we close the door in His face, He waits. He is truly the Good Shepherd.”

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let’s take time to reflect on our own baptisms. On that beautiful day we became adopted Children of God – think about that – we are God’s Children! We read in the Gospel that the Holy Spirit descended and a voice from heaven said, “you are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Now think about it this way. At our Baptisms, the Holy Spirit descended and God said: you are my beloved Son or Daughter; in you I am well pleased. We became a Child of God with the rights to heaven, our souls were cleansed of Original Sin, we were given the gifts of the Holy Spirit, became members of the Body of Christ, were marked and claimed for Christ and admitted into Christ’s roles of priest, prophet and king. That’s quite a responsibility and not always easy to live out daily. How well are you living out your Baptismal call? Do you reject Satan and sin? Do you follow the teachings of Christ and His Church? Do you participate faithfully in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church? Do you serve others by sharing and witnessing to the faith? Do you willingly share your stewardship of time, talent and treasure? In this new year of grace, let’s strive to live out our baptismal call with greater purpose & intensity.

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.

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!

Kenmore Community Dinner is back: Our next take-out meal will be available on Tuesday, January 28th beginning at 4:30 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. Know someone shut-in who would love a delicious meal – pick one up and deliver it! Menu: Italian casserole – pasta, vegetable, bread and brownies – yummy!

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

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!

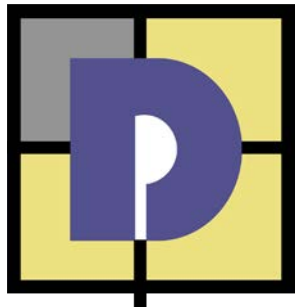
Free Store Sack Lunch needs: You’re making a difference! **What’s needed:** Individually wrapped snack & cookie packages, cases of water bottles, small individual bags of chips, snack-size plastic bags and lunch-size brown paper bags (size 5 or larger). You may also donate cash which will be used to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

Theology on the Rocks: Monday, January 20th, 7 pm at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd., Fairlawn. Fr. Michael Marcelli will speak on “Suicide and Euthanasia.” \$15 admission; light appetizers included; cash bar available.

Catholic Faith Languages: Tuesday, February 11th, 7-8:30 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Family Center, 164 W. Market Street, Akron, 44303. Fr. Ed Estok will offer participants an expanded vision of church community and a path to sharing one’s Catholic faith in the world today. RSVP by February 7th to Ellen@stvincentchurch.com or call 330-535-3135 x100.



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