



## February 2, 2025 Presentation 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 Feb 3	Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; Ansgar, Bishop <b>Blessing of Throats</b>		Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20	<b>Blessing of Throats - 1 pm CH</b>
Tues Feb 4			Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43	<b>Free Store - 4pm-7pm SB</b>
Wed Feb 5	Agatha, Virgin & Martyr		Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6	<b>Bingo - Open 9:30 am WH</b>
Thurs Feb 6	Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs		Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13	<b>Baptism Class - 7 pm HH</b>
Fri Feb 7			Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29	<b>Exposition &amp; Adoration 1-2 pm - CH</b>
Sat Feb 8	Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	5:00 pm <b>Patrick J. Grady</b> University of Dayton Alumni	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34	<b>No Confessions Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB</b>
Sun Feb 9	Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time	10:00 am <b>Irene Tramonte</b> Ken McDonald	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11	

### Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

### Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

#### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	January 19	January 26
Sunday Offering -	\$ 1,899.00	\$ 1,909.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 170.00	
Holy Day -	\$ 20.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,089.00</b>	\$ 1,909.00
Weekly offertory budget	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	\$ 3,200.00
<b>(Shortfall) Overage</b>	<b>\$(1,111.00)</b>	\$(1,291.00)
YTD Over (short) -	<b>\$(2,115.00)</b>	\$(3,406.00)
St. Vincent de Paul -		\$ 130.00
Capital Improvement -	\$ 1,220.00	
Assessments -		
Diocese Designated -	\$ 232.00	\$ 306.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 75.00	
Special Collection -		\$ 521.00
Envelopes used of 240 sent	37	34

#### Available Mass Dates

**Saturdays:** 5:00 pm: May 3, 10, 31, Jun 14, 21, 28, Jul 26

**Sundays:** 10:00 am: Aug 31, Sep 28, Dec 14, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25

**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.

If you'd like a copy of your 2024 contributions, please call the rectory between 10 am & 4 pm M-F.

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

**Blessing of Throats:** This Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise and it is the tradition of the Church to offer the Blessing of Throats on that day. Our Parish Life Coordinator, Melissa, will offer the Blessing of Throats at 1:00 pm in the church.

The rectory will be closed this Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am until 1 pm so that Melissa and Robbie may attend an important Catholic Charities meeting.

**Baptism Class:** This Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Hitch Hall for all parents seeking baptism for their children age 6 and under.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration:** The church will be open from 1-2 pm this Friday for prayer and reflection.

**Adult Faith Enrichment** does not meet in February because of the uncertainty of the weather. Our next session will be Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Pastoral Letter:** Copies of Bishop Malesic's Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Cleveland have been placed at the doors of the church. We highly encourage you to read this important letter from our bishop.

## Journey with the Pope

"Sin distanced us from God and broke the bond between heaven and earth, thereby determining our misery and failures in our lives. The opening of the heavens indicate that God granted His grace in order that the land bear its fruit (cf. Ps 85[84]f: 11-12). This is how the earth became the dwelling place of God among men, and it is possible for each one of us to meet the Son of God, experiencing all of His love and infinite mercy." *Pope Francis*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is part of a series of responses to questions and reservations Jewish Christians living in Jerusalem were having regarding Jesus. They were tempted to abandon their new faith and return to their Hebrew faith. The writer of Hebrews, who is unknown, is trying to reassure them that Jesus is indeed the Messiah and Savior who came as one of us, flesh and blood, that through His death He would destroy the one who has power over death, the Devil, the Great Deceiver. Do you know someone who has been deceived by the Devil – someone who is living in sin, fear and guilt who thinks they can never be forgiven by God? That thinking is strictly from the Devil for God loves all He created and is calling them to Himself. As stewards of faith, it's important that we share this truth with those who are lost and encourage them to seek the Lord. Share your stories, invite them to Mass or a parish event and walk with them on their journey back to God.

### 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.

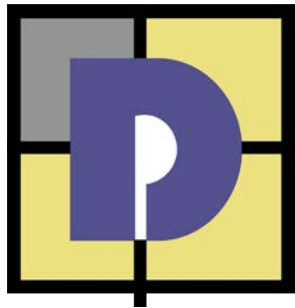
### Offsite Events

**Catholic Faith Languages:** Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> by calling 330-535-3135x100 or contacting [Ellen@stvincentchurch.com](mailto:Ellen@stvincentchurch.com)

**Night at the Races Mardi Gras Celebration:** Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-9:30 pm at St. Bernard's Parish Hall, 44 University Avenue, Akron. \$75-per-person tickets may be purchased at <https://stbernardakron.org/natr25>. Included is admission, beverage ticket for the bar, your meal & entry into the door prizes raffle. **Early bird tickets are \$60 per person through 1/31/2025.** This event supports St. Bernard's three Hunger Programs For questions, contact Jane Killian at [janekillian@gmail.com](mailto:janekillian@gmail.com)

**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.

**Knights of Columbus:** Members, men 18 and over, seek to strengthen their faith, serve the needs of others, and protect their families. To join go to [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) & click on Join Us. For more info contact Grand Knight Steve Dort at 330-212-7315 or [steve\\_dort@att.net](mailto:steve_dort@att.net)



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