



# March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Mar 10			Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46	
Tues Mar 11			Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15	Free Store - 4pm-7pm SB
Wed Mar 12			Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32	Bingo - Open 9:30 am WH
Thurs Mar 13			Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12	
Fri Mar 14			Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26	Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 15		5:00 pm <b>Fr. Mike</b> by Helen & Patrick Milo	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48	No Confessions Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB
Sun Mar 16		10:00 am <b>Bob Doerr</b> by Kathy Doerr	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36	

### Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

### Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

#### COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	February 23	March 2
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,387.00	\$2,287.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Holy Day</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,432.00</b>	<b>\$2,537.00</b>
Weekly offertory budget	<b>\$ 3,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>
(Shortfall) Overage	<b>\$ 232.00</b>	<b>\$ (663.00)</b>
YTD Over (short) -	<b>\$(5,504.00)</b>	<b>\$(6,167.00)</b>
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 25.00	\$ 200.00
Capital Improvement -		\$ 123.00
Assessments -	\$ 365.00	
Diocese Designated -	\$ 120.00	
Other Gifts -	\$ 100.00	
Envelopes used of 240 sent	55	36

#### Available Mass Dates

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

**Sundays:** 10:00 am: 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.

Do you know anyone shut-in who can't get to Mass? Let us know so we can reach out to connect with them.

**Lent: Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 pm. **Rice Bowls** to support Catholic Relief Services, Bishop Robert Barron's **Lenten Gospel Reflection Books** and the helpful **Journey Through Lent** flier may be found at all doors of the church.

**Fast & Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of fast & abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all between 18 and 59 years old. Fasting allows a person one full meal & two smaller meals, not to equal one full meal; no snacking between meals. Abstinence from meat and meat products is obligatory beginning at 14. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence.

**IRA Information:** As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes not only providing financial support for now, but also building a firm financial foundation for the future. Did you know that your IRA can be a tool to help you do this? If you're 70-1/2 years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution for up to \$1,000,000 from your IRA directly to our parish. It doesn't count as taxable income and it can satisfy your "required minimum distribution." Have you considered naming I.C. as a beneficiary of your IRA or even in your will? Speak to your financial advisor about this, contact <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira> or contact Moira Wopershall at 216-696-6525 x8070 (diocese) for more information. I.C. Spirit - catch it.

## Journey with the Pope

"Lent is indeed the "favourable time" to return to what is essential, to divest ourselves of all that weighs us down, to be reconciled with God and to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit hidden beneath the ashes of our frail humanity. Return to what is essential. It is the season of grace when we put into practice what the Lord asks of us: "Return to me with all your heart" (Jl 2:12). Return to what is essential : it is the Lord."

*Pope Francis*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today's Gospel tells the story of the Temptation of Jesus in the Desert. We are often tempted by the same things: material goods, power and the desire to forego the will of God and set out on our own. How do we handle these secular and worldly enticements which are often so powerful? We go to the beginning of the Gospel to see what Jesus did to avoid being lured by false gods, "Filled with the Holy Spirit..." The Holy Spirit will never lead us into temptation nor steer us away from the will of God; It will sustain us especially in times of difficulty. The fast that Jesus endured was not from food, but was symbolic of His desire to be filled with the Spirit as well as His acknowledgment of His dependence on the Spirit. This Lent, let's acknowledge our helplessness, humble ourselves before God and call upon the Spirit to sustain and strengthen us.

### 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.

**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 Bingo workers need help. Bingo income is critical to our parish finances so will you please share a few hours on Wednesdays to 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, please call Bingo manager, Lorie at 330-22-7414. 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

**Lenten Mission: St. Sebastian:** March 16-18; 7 pm. Bishop Michael Woost will speak on "Called To Be Pilgrims of Hope." This mission will offer participants the opportunity to obtain the Jubilee plenary indulgence.

**Lenten Mission: St. Joseph:** March 16-18; 7 pm. Fr. Sal Shevchuk, Pastor, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church & Family on "The Call to Holiness: Man, Woman, Marriage & Family.

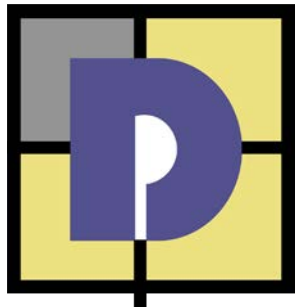
**Lenten Evening of Recollection: St. Anthony,** Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 pm with P.J. and Miguel Chavez; Benediction included.

**Lenten Fish Fry:** Knights of Columbus Council 3410. 2055 Glenmount Ave., 44319 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

**Menu:** baked cod, fried pollock, breaded shrimp, & chicken tenders. Dinners include 2 sides (extra sides available): baked potato, hot rice, fries, slaw, mac & cheese. Dessert: pies. Coffee tea & milk are free. Pop may be purchased at the pop bar. Place orders in person, by phone at 330-773-3410 or online at [www.akronkofc.com](http://www.akronkofc.com). Cash & credit cards are accepted.

**Pre-Planning Seminar:** Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. invites you to attend a 1-hour educational seminar on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the cemetery office at Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron. Learn more about the necessary steps of burial pre-planning, types of burials (including cremation) and the Rites of Christian Burial. Please RSVP to 216-641-7575 ext., 7 or email [bstrauchon@clecem.org](mailto:bstrauchon@clecem.org) Go to [clecem.org](http://clecem.org) for info.

**Sensory-Friendly Mass:** St. Francis de Sales Parish, Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. Lights are lower than normal and there will be no music. The homily will be short, practical & literal and Mass will be approximately 30 minutes long.



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