



March 16, 2025

Second 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 17	Patrick, Bishop		Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	
Tues Mar 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor		Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Free Store - 4pm-7pm SB
Wed Mar 19	Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary		2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a	Bingo - Open 9:30 am WH
Thurs Mar 20			Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31	
Fri Mar 21			Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 22		5:00 pm Jack Long by Susan Muzljakovich	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	No Confessions Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB
Sun Mar 23	Third Sunday of Lent	10:00 am Betty Molnar by Family	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9	

Sanctuary Lamp - Carol Schimmaeller

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	March 2	March 16
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,287.00	Due to
Daily Offering -	\$ 250.00	the early
Holy Day		submission
Total	\$ 2,537.00	of the bulletin,
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	this part of the
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (663.00)	collection report
YTD Over (short) -	\$(6,167.00)	will be included
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 200.00	in next week's
Capital Improvement -	\$ 123.00	bulletin.
Assessments -		
Diocese Designated -		
Other Gifts -		
Envelopes used of 240 sent	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: The 3 Pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting & almsgiving. Please join us on the Fridays of Lent to **pray** the **Stations of the Cross** at 5:30 pm. At the doors of the church, you'll find **Rice Bowls** to support Catholic Relief Services. Please put in spare change, **fast** and put the savings in your bowl, put in the amount saved by what you've given up during Lent. Your **Lenten alms** will serve to help those who literally have nothing. At the doors, you'll find copies of Bishop Barron's **Lenten Gospel Reflection Books** as well as our helpful **Journey Through Lent** handout.

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

IRA Information: As stewards, we share responsibility for making our parish a community of faith and vibrant source of service to the larger community by providing financial support for now & building a firm financial foundation for the future. If you're 70-1/2 years old or older, your IRA can be a tool to help you do this by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution for up to \$1,000,000 directly to our parish. It doesn't count as taxable income & can satisfy your "required minimum distribution. Speak to your financial advisor or call Moira at 216-696-6525 x8070 (diocese) for more info.

Journey with the Pope

"The Gospel says: He "led them up a high mountain" (v.2). In the Bible, the mountain always has a special significance: it is the elevated place where heaven and earth touch each other, where Moses and the prophets had the extraordinary experience of encountering God. Climbing the mountain is drawing somewhat close to God. Jesus climbs up with the three disciples and they stop at the top of the mountain. Here, He is transfigured before them. His face radiant and His garments glistening, which provide a preview of the image as the Risen One, offer to those frightened men the light, the light of hope, the light to pass through the shadows: death will not be the end of everything, because it will open to the glory of the Resurrection."

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

This week we read of the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus. Jesus went up the mountain to pray and took Peter, John and James with Him. In a scene reminiscent of the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed and His disciples slept. While in prayer, Jesus underwent a radical transformation which allowed the radiance of His glory to be seen. At this point the disciples woke up and saw Him conversing with Moses and Elijah about the exodus He would bring about in Jerusalem through His death and resurrection, something Jesus had just begun to explain to the 12. Then they became enveloped in a cloud and heard the voice of God say, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him." God is with us every moment of every day. Do we recognize His presence or are we sleep-walking our way through life? Are we listening to Him faithfully or only when we want to? Are we willing to carry our own crosses, trust in the Lord and accompany Him to the presence of God? As we enter deeper into the Lenten season, let's reflect on those questions, be honest with our answers and resolve to be more faithful and faith filled every day.

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 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.

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 25th 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. Coffee, tea & milk are free; pop may be purchased. Place orders in person, by phone at 330-773-3410 or online at www.akronkofc.com. Cash & credit cards are accepted.

Sensory-Friendly Mass: St. Francis de Sales, Sunday, March 30th, 4 pm; Lower lighting, no music & shorter homily - Mass will be approximately 30 minutes long.