



March 23, 2025

Third 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 24			2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30	
Tues Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord		Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38	Free Store - 4pm-7pm SB Community Meal - 4:30 pm WH Pastoral Council - 7pm HH
Wed Mar 26			Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Bingo - Open 9:30 am WH
Thurs Mar 27			Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	
Fri Mar 28			Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm CH
Sat Mar 29		5:00 pm Mary Grannan by Joe & Beth Langton	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14	No Confessions Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB
Sun Mar 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent	10:00 am Noreen McDonald by Ken McDonald	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	

Sanctuary Lamp - Carol Schimmoeller

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	March 9	March 16
Sunday Offering -	\$ 3,895.25	Collection report will appear in
Daily Offering -		next
Holy Day		week's
Total	\$ 3,895.25	bulletin.
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ 695.25	
YTD Over (short) -	\$(5,426.75)	
St. Vincent de Paul -		
Capital Improvement -	\$ 230.00	
Assessments -	\$ 50.00	
Diocese Designated -		
Other Gifts -		
Envelopes used of 240 sent	54	

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. Join us on Fridays as we *pray* the **Stations of the Cross** at 5:30 pm. Come and *pray* during **Exposition and Adoration** from 1-2 pm on Friday, April 4th. **Fast** and put the savings in your **Rice Bowls** to support Catholic Relief Services. Your **Lenten alms** will serve to help those who literally have nothing. Also at the doors, you'll find copies of our *Journey Through Lent* flier.

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.

Kenmore Community Meal This Tuesday, March 25th, 4:30-5:15 pm in front of Waldeisen Hall. Menu: Johnny Mac, vegetable, Cole slaw, bread, pudding. Why not deliver one to someone who'd love a meal.

Parish Pastoral Council: This Tuesday, March 25th at 7 pm in Hitch Hall.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Friday, April 4th from 1-2 pm in the church. All are welcome to come and spend an hour with Jesus.

Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 2 pm in Hitch Hall to discuss our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

Journey with the Pope

"Take away the stone: the pain, the mistakes, even the failures. Do not hide them inside you, in a dark, lonely, closed room. Take away the stone: draw out everything that is inside. "Ah, but I am ashamed". Throw it to me with confidence, says the Lord; I will not be scandalized. Throw it to me without fear because I am with you, I care about you and I want you to start living again."

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Are you bearing fruit for the Kingdom? It may seem like a strange question, but as the baptized, it's our mission to bear fruit by witnessing to the faith, inviting others to experience the beauty of the Catholic faith, rearing our children in the faith, sharing our stewardship of time, talent and treasure, working for justice and speaking out against injustice, participating at Mass and receiving the Sacraments, taking advantage of opportunities to grow in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, living with hope and relating to all others as our brothers & sisters, living faithful and faith-filled lives, being open to and responding positively to God's call, being obedient to God's commands and more. St. Paul warns us of the sins of complacency, self-sufficiency and smugness. These sins welcome "death by the destroyer." Satan doesn't need much to get hold of you and begin chipping away at your relationship with Christ. We're also reminded that "whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." How secure in your spiritual life do you feel? Jesus reminds us of the importance of repentance. We're all sinners. During this Lenten season, let's bring to mind our sins, accept and be accountable for them. Then as individuals and as a Family of Faith, let's receive the healing and growth Jesus offers us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.

We're looking for people interested in ministering as Lectors & Altar Servers. Please call the rectory for more information.

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

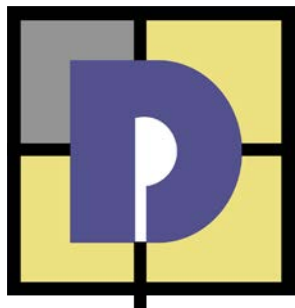
Lenten Evening of Recollection: **St. Anthony**, Tuesday, March 25th from 7-8 pm with P.J. and Miguel Chavez; Benediction included.

Lenten Fish Fry: Knights of Columbus Council 3410. 2055 Glenmount Ave., 44319 from 5-7pm. Place orders in person, online at www.akronkofc.com or by phone at 330-773-3410. Cash & credit cards are accepted.

Lenten Evening Retreat: Monday, March 24th, 7-8:30 pm at St. Vincent Parish Family Center. Deacons Robin Adair, Bob Bender, & Andy Davis will present St. Oscar Romero & El Salvador: Land of the Martyrs

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.

Women's Retreat: Saturday, April 12th, 8:15 am - 3 pm at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Akron for women of all ages. Fr. Joe Robinson will present "Sacred Heart, Gift of Mercy." Cost \$30. Register by April 5th at www.stfparish.com or call 330-644-2225.



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