




April 6, 2025 Fifth 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 Apr 7	John Baptist de la Salle, Priest		Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:12-20	
Tues April 8			Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30	Altar & Rosary Society - 2pm HH Free Store - 4pm-7pm SB
Wed Apr 9			Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42	Bingo - Open 9:30 am WH
Thurs Apr 10			Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59	
Fri Apr 11	Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr		Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42	Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm CH
Sat Apr 12		5:00 pm Cindy Brown Latham by Joe & Beth Langton	Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56	No Confessions Free Store - 9am - 12 pm SB
Sun Apr 13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10:00 am Leslie Coffey & Mary Richards by Jeff & Diane Sunderland	Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56	

Sanctuary Lamp - Bob Doerr

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	March 23	March 30
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,636.00
Daily Offering -	\$ 110.00	
Easter -		\$ 75.00
Total	\$ 2,410.00	\$ 1,711.00
Weekly offertory budget	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
(Shortfall) Overage	\$(790.00)	\$(1,489.00)
YTD Over (short) -	\$(6,684.94)	\$(8,173.94)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00
Capital Improvement -	\$ 20.00	\$ 105.00
Assessments -	\$ 150.00	\$ 35.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 350.00	
Envelopes used of 240 sent	45	41

Available Mass Dates

Saturdays: 5:00 pm: *May* 10, 31, *Jun* 21, 28, *Jul* 26, *Aug* 2, 9

Sundays: 10:00 am: *Jan* 4, 18, 25, *Feb* 1, 8, 15, 22, *Mar* 1, 8

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

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

Lent: The 3 Pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting & almsgiving. This Friday, April 11th at 5:30 pm is the last opportunity to pray the Stations this Lent; please join us. **Rice Bowls:** Fast and put the savings in or drop in the money saved from what you gave up for Lent to support Catholic Relief Services. *Rice Bowls may be turned in Easter weekend at the main doors of the church. If writing a check, please make it out to "Immaculate Conception" and put it in your Rice Bowl.* Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence.

Sacred Triduum – 1 service spread out over 3 days:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7 pm. Rather than the Washing of the Feet, we'll observe the Washing of the Hands, symbolizing the service we perform each day on behalf of the Lord and others. All will be able to participate and have the opportunity to wash a fellow parishioner's hands. Please leave the Church in silence. The church will remain open until 10 pm for Adoration (Not 11 pm as previously stated.) **Good Friday:** The Passion of the Lord will be observed at 3 pm. Please enter and exit the church in silence. Your envelope for the Pope's Good Friday Collection will help Christians in the Holy Lands, support Catholic parishes and schools and maintain Catholic shrines there. **Holy Saturday: We will begin the Vigil at 8:30 pm, not 9 pm as was previously announced.** Please enter the church in silence.

Journey with the Pope

“I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!” The fire that Jesus speaks of is the fire of the Holy Spirit, the presence living and working in us from the day of our Baptism. It—the fire -- is a creative force that purifies and renews, that burns all human misery, all selfishness, all sin, which transforms us from within, regenerates us and makes us able to love.”

Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In our Gospel, we read of a woman – no name, only a criminal accused of adultery. She’s dehumanized by those who dragged her before Jesus to be tried. Side bar: what happened to the man who was also involved in the act of adultery? Jewish law dictated that she, not he, be stoned to death. Her accusers saw only her sin; Jesus looked beyond her sin and saw her, a sinner, yes, but a human being created in God’s image. Jesus challenged the scribes and pharisees, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” How many stones have we thrown at others forgetting that we, too, are sinners? After her accusers left, failing to condemn her, Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.” These are the words Jesus speaks to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He offers us, as He did her, forgiveness, compassion and mercy; He sees us, not our sins. How powerful, how beautiful. This Lent, may we remember our sinfulness before acting as accuser. May we seek reconciliation for the times we sinned and the times we failed to forgive others.

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!

Adopt a Plot: Plot holders, please call the rectory to confirm your participation & identify the plot or plots you will maintain so that we can let others know which plots are available.

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: 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.

Altar & Rosary Bake Sale & Raffle will be held after all Masses next weekend, April 12/13. Donations of baked goods, candy, etc. may be brought to Hitch Hall next Saturday before Saturday Mass at 4 pm or before the 10 am Mass Sunday. Coffee & donuts will be available on Sunday after Mass. We have some of the best bakers around so be sure to stop by after Masses.

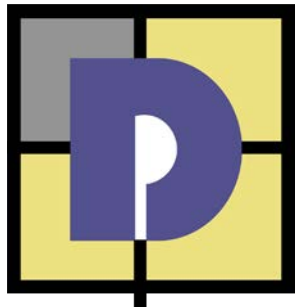
Offsite Events

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.

Tenebrae Holy Week Prayer Service: Chesterton Academy of Akron All School Choir will present Tenebrae at St. Paul Parish on April 16th at 7 pm. All are welcome to this free event.

Catholic Cemeteries Association: Sunday Grief Support meeting, April 27th, at Holy Cross, Akron at 3 pm In-person and 5 pm virtual, via Zoom. Topics are “Easter Season” and “Mother’s Day Grief.” For details call Rhonda at 216-930-4866 or visit www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx

Pre-Baptism Class: Tuesday, April 29th at 7 pm in the St. Augustine Parish rectory. Please call 330-745-0011 to RSVP.



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