



November
Month of
The Souls in
Purgatory

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

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

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 1			Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11	
Tues Dec 2			Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24	Free Store – 4 pm-7 pm SB
Wed Dec 3	Francis Xavier, Priest		Is 25:6-10A; Mt 15:29-37	Bingo - Open 9:30 am WH
Thurs Dec 4	John Damascene, Priest & Doctor		Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21-24-27	
Fri Dec 5			Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31	
Sat Dec 6	Nicholas, Bishop	5:00 pm Bob Doerr by Kathy Doerr	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8	Free Store 9 am – 12 pm SB
Sun Dec 7	Second Sunday of Advent	10:00 am Ralph & Ina Keegan by Melissa Keegan	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15: 4-9; Mt 3:1-12	

Sanctuary Lamp – Special Intention

Holy Family Candle – Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	November 16	November 23
Sunday Offering -	\$ 2,718.14	Due to
Daily Offering -		the early
Holy Day		submission
Total	\$ 2,718.14	of the bulletin,
Weekly offertory budget	\$ 3,200.00	this collection
(Shortfall) Overage	\$ (481.46)	report will be
**YTD Over (short) -	\$(10,979.48)	included in
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 2.00	next week's
Capital Improvement		bulletin.
Assessments		
Other Gifts		

****YTD has been adjusted to reflect the new fiscal year which began on 7/1/25.**

Envelopes used of 240 sent 45

Available Mass Dates

Saturdays: 5:00 pm: Jan 10, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 28

Sundays: 10:00 am: Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar 8, 22, 29, Apr 5, 12

Daily Mass & Confessions: Because we have no priest, we no longer offer daily Masses nor Confessions. Please use this guide: **St. Augustine:** Confessions – Saturdays, 3 pm & Mondays, 6 pm. Daily Mass: M, W, Th, F, 12:05 pm & Tuesdays, 5:15 pm. **St. Francis:** Confessions – Saturdays, 9-9:45 am & Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 pm. Daily Mass: M-F, 8:15 am & Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Holy Day: Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation and our parish feast day. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm and we invite you to wear something blue to Mass to honor our Blessed Mother.

Adult Faith Enrichment: Thursday, December 11th. We will study the life of St. Augustine and his amazing transformation. We will begin the evening at 7 pm. For our 12 Apostles, please come at 6:30 pm.

Please note: Due to a scheduling conflict, **Communion Calls & Exposition & Adoration** are being **moved** from this Friday, December 5th to **Friday, December 12th**.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Next weekend is the special collection which helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have spent their lives in service to the Church – many receiving little or no pay. Their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication and daily living needs. Your generosity will ensure they can age with dignity and a sense of peace. Envelopes for this important special collection may be found at the doors of the church so please pick one up as you leave and bring it back with your contribution next weekend.

Bambinelli Sunday: On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, tradition has it that people bring the Christ Child figurine from their nativity scenes to St. Peter's Square in Rome to be blessed by the Pope. We don't have the Pope, but we'll be happy to bless your Christ Child figurines so be sure to bring them with you to Mass the weekend of December 13th and 14th.

Journey with Pope Leo XIV: “If Christ shows us the face of a compassionate God, then to believe in Him and to be His disciples means allowing ourselves to be changed and to take on His same feelings. It means learning to have a heart that is moved, eyes that see and do not look away, hands that help others and soothe their wounds, shoulders that bear the burden of those in need.”

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

As we bid goodbye to the previous Year of Grace and welcome the new Year of Grace this weekend, our thoughts begin to turn to the Christmas Season. WARNING: Do not get caught up in all the secular temptations. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child and the peace, love and light He brings to our world, which unfortunately too many overlook or deny. Before we get too far into the Advent season, let's look back and give thanks for all God has done for each of us and for our parish this past year. Let's give thanks for all the parishioners who stepped forward to share their stewardship to make ministry happen here. Let's give thanks for the priests came to celebrate Mass with us and for our hard-working staff. Let's give thanks for our social justice outreach and all those our efforts have helped. Let's give thanks for all the prayers said by our family of faith on behalf of others and for the answers God gave us. Let's give thanks for time we've spent together in worship and in celebrating milestones. Let's give thanks for the fun events we had and the laughs we shared AND let's keep one another in prayer as we begin this new Year of Grace and the opportunities it will hold.

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.

In His Name: Trial size toiletry items (things that will easily fit into a backpack) like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, floss, new combs, brushes, soap, socks etc. for the homeless who go to the Peter Maurin Center may be placed in the basket at the main doors of the church.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of volunteers Thursdays noon – 2:00 pm in our food pantry to distribute food & hygiene items to those in need. If interested and available, please call Lorie Papp at 330-322-7414. Thanks.

Free Store Help: Have a heart for those in need, like to work with friendly, faith-filled people? Stop by Tuesdays, 4 pm-7 pm or Saturdays, 9 am-noon, to check it out and join the team! Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Acme Cashback: With holidays are coming up, purchase items from the brands that will also help our parish with cashback rewards. Please see the fliers at the main and main side doors for information.

Free Store Sack Lunch needs: What's needed:

Individually wrapped snack & cookie packages, small individual bags of chips, snack-size plastic bags and lunch-size brown paper bags (size 6 or larger). Cash donations will be used to buy cheese sticks, water & 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.

Christmas Across the Pews: We're once again offering you the opportunity to send Christmas Greetings to your fellow parishioners! Fill out the form in this week's bulletin and return it by Wednesday, December 17th so that we can have them in the pews for the weekend of December 20th & 21st for you to take home and read.

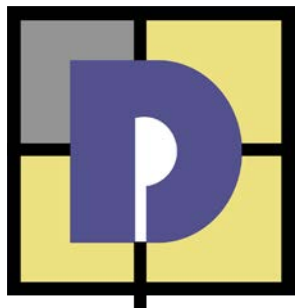
Offsite Events

Advent Mission at St. Francis de Sales, Thursday, December 4th, 7:10 pm Dr. John Bergsma from the St. Paul Center in Steubenville, will speak on “Jesus and the Jubilee”. The event is free but registration is requested. To register call 330-644-2225.

Christmas Open House Thursday, December 11th from 4 pm to 7 pm at Right to Life of Northeast Ohio, 300 N. Cleve-Mass Rd., Akron. The event is free but please call 234-334-0088 to register.

Guided Tour of Bethlehem Cave & Nativity Museum: Saturday, December 6th, 10 am at Nativity of the Lord Jesus Catholic Church, 2425 Myersville Rd. On this tour, visitors can get a hands-on experience of the Holy Land of Jesus: grind herbs, weave a mat, make an oil lamp. Registration is required as space is limited. Go to www.nativityofthelord.org Cost; \$3 per person. Email tours@nativityofthelord.org for info or call 330-699-5086.

Separated and Divorced Support Group: The Diocese of Cleveland is offering a 9-week divorce recovery group beginning January 16th through March 13th from 7-9 pm at St. Hilary Parish. The group will be limited to 10-12 participants and will focus on dealing with complex feelings and finding coping strategies. For initial inquiries, contact St. Hilary's at 330-867-1055, ext. 200.



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