



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 14, 2025 Third 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 15			Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27	
Tues Dec 16			Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32	Free Store 4 pm-7 pm SB
Wed Dec 17			Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Bingo Open 9:30 am WH Games begin at 11:00 am
Thurs Dec 18			Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25	
Fri Dec 19			Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25	
Sat Dec 20		5:00 pm Ida Rea by M/M William Mangieri	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38	Free Store 9 am - 12 pm SB
Sun Dec 21	Fourth Sunday Of Advent	10:00 am Mary Lou & Dick Novitsky by Family	Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24	Parish Town Hall Meeting Following 10 am Mass WH

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	November 30	December 7
Sunday Offering -	\$ 3,080.00	\$ 2,079.03
Daily Offering -	\$ 40.00	
Christmas -		\$ 60.00
Holy Day -	\$ 100.00	\$ 60.00
Total -	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 2,199.03
Weekly offertory budget -	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage -	\$ 20.00	\$(1,000.97)
**YTD Over (short) -	\$(11,853.56)	\$(12,854.53)
St. Vincent de Paul -	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
Capital Improvement -		\$ 20.00
Assessments -		\$ 200.00
Other Gifts -	\$ 318.76	\$ 515.00
Diocese Designated -		\$ 261.00

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

Envelopes used of 240 sent 37 43

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.

Rectory hours: Monday, Dec. 15th will be 9 am-5 pm. Tuesday through Friday will be 10am – 4 pm.

Parish Town Hall Meeting: There will be an important meeting for all current parishioners *only* next Sunday, December 21st following the 10 am Mass in Waldeisen Hall. We do have some good news to share regarding our social justice/outreach ministries.

CHRISTmas Greetings Across the Pews: All greetings must be submitted to the rectory by **THIS** Wednesday, December 17th. If you didn't pick one up yet, please find them at the doors of church.

Church Decorating: Come and help make our church beautiful for Christmas on Monday, December 22nd beginning at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Masses will be celebrated on **Christmas Eve at 5 pm** and **Christmas morning at 10 am**. The rectory will close at noon Christmas Eve and will be closed December 25th and 26th.

Snow Entry: If we get a heavy snow during the weekends, entry to the church will be through Hitch Hall only. We do not have the personnel to remove snow effectively.

Contribution statements: If you will be asking for a copy of your 2025 contribution statements for tax purposes, please call the rectory and let Robbie know so that she can begin to compile a list of requests.

Acme Cashback: The holidays are coming up so consider purchasing 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.

Journey with Pope Leo XIV: "The supreme rule in the Church is love. No one is called to dominate; all are called to serve. No one should impose his or her own ideas; we must all listen to one another. No one is excluded; we are all called to participate. No one possesses the whole truth; we must all humbly seek it and seek it together."

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The season of Advent is one of waiting and one of patience. As we await news of the birth of the Christ Child, we also await news regarding the future of our beloved parish and what that will mean for each of us. There is a heaviness over us, but we must not allow it to overshadow the meaning of this beautiful season and the joy that's all around us. Regardless of our circumstances, Christ will come and with Him will come a sense of peace and hope and new opportunities to serve in His name. We may struggle with the decision and we may never fully understand why, but we need to continue to move forward with eyes and hearts of faith, trusting Him and His plan for us, for our hope is in Christ alone.

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.

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.

Offsite Events

Catholic Cemeteries Support Group: December 21st, "in office" at 3 pm at Holy Cross on Waterloo Rd. and "virtual" at 5 pm. Visit www.clecem.org/Events or call Renee at 216-930-4866 for details.

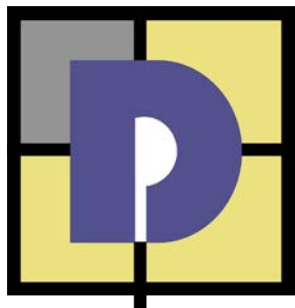
Retrouvaille The next Retrouvaille of Cleveland program begins with a weekend scheduled for February 13-15 at Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center. Registration ends January 3rd. Additional information can be found at www.helpourmarriage.org or call 216-509-0301.

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.

Catholic Charities Summit County Adult Day Services helps older adults stay social, & enjoy engaging activities Monday through Friday. With custom care groups for all levels of ability, compassionate staff & health services, your loved one will be in safe, nurturing hands. Daily programs include exercise, community outings and spiritual reflection, all provided in a supportive, social environment. For information, call 330-762-2000.

The Rock Catholic Radio is offering special programming to help you prepare for Christmas. From devotionals to apologetics and catechesis, there is something for everyone. For a complete schedule, visit www.rockcatholicradio.com and listen at AM 1260.

If you or someone you care about is struggling with mental health or in need of treatment for substance abuse, Catholic Charities Summit County can help. Our licensed counselors will help you with depression, anxiety & addiction concerns. We offer in-person and telehealth appointments. Call 330-762-7481 for information or to schedule an appointment.



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