



Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

March 10	<i>Saturday: Lenten Weekday (3)</i>
4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00pm	Mass (Thomas Meeker)
March 11	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday</i>
8:30am	Mass (People of the Parish)
9:45am	Parish School of Religion (Church)
11:00am	Mass (Patrick Lynn McKinney)
March 12	<i>Monday: Lenten Weekday (4)</i>
8:30am	Mass (Bischof Family)
7:30pm	Bible Study Gospel of John (Church Hall)
March 13	<i>Tuesday: Lenten Weekday (4)</i>
8:30am	Mass (William Vance, SJHS 1966)
March 14	<i>Wednesday: Lent Weekday (4):</i>
7:15pm	Mass (Dante Terzano)
8:00pm	AA Meeting (Church Hall)
March 15	<i>Thursday: Lent Weekday (4)</i>
8:30am	Mass (Philip Wlodarski, SJHS 1966)
7:00pm	Eucharistic Holy Hour
March 16	<i>Friday: Lent Weekday (4)</i>
8:30am	Mass (Romito Family)
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross
March 17	<i>Saturday: Lenten Weekday (4); St Patrick, Bishop</i>
4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00pm	Mass (Frank Krolak)
March 18	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent, Sunday</i>
8:30am	Mass (Louis Marchetti)
9:45am	Parish School of Religion (Church)
11:00am	Mass (Mary Ann Dunn 3/17/2002)

General Intercession

For those imprisoned and for their families, that they might find solace, understanding and support in the Christian community, we pray to the Lord

Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. There are times when darkness can seem comforting when it makes no demands on us. Light disturbs when it forces us to squint, refocus and take action regarding what we see. In light we see others clearly as they are. In families, the challenge is always to live in the light--not in avoidance or denial.

Scriptures for Week of March 11, 2018

Sunday	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Ps137:1-6/ Eph 3:4-10/ John 3:14-21
Monday	Is 65:17-21/ Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12/ Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15/ Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-23/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/ Ps 34:17-21, 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20/ Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12/ Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Jer 31:31-34/ Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/ Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33



Read and pray scriptures daily.



From the Pastor's Desk

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, we are almost to Easter. Instead of purple, the vestment color is rose in joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery. May we renew our prayer, penances, and acts of charity in preparation of the renewal of our baptismal promises and our desire to be more intentional disciples of Christ. In addition, perhaps plan on celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a means of deepening our relationship with our Lord. Let us pray for one another in a very special way in these last days of Lent.

O God, who through your Word reconciled the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

CRS Rice Bowl

This week we encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community-and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Please Pray for...



Ann, Richard Bennett, Terry Balinski, Celia Bican, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, Susan Bormet, Johanna Conner, Allan Cook, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris and Laura Gibbs, James Ging, Richard J. Grabowski, Marilyn Griffith, Angie Grimes, Jennifer Grimes, Crystal Hatzimanolis, Tayha Hostetler, Ralph Jerome, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Ramona Lucas, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Tom Morgan, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Noa, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward Parker, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Steve Sheets, Stefanie, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Mallory Trecaso, Paul Trecaso, Patricia Wiatrowski, and all those who are in need of prayerful support. Amen. (Requests or changes call 330-657-2631 or email us at mospenh@windstream.net)

Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center

Hi everyone, these are the February, 2018 monthly statistics.

1. Food Pantry

Total number of people served: 857
Total number of households served: 286
Total number of children served: 272
Total number of seniors served: 107

2. Clothing Bank

Total number of families served: 203
Articles of clothing given away: 2064
Winter coats given away: 62

It was a little slow this month for food clients, perhaps because there were a few Saturdays that had some pretty bad weather. However, we gave away a lot of clothes. We thank you all for your support.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron will be sponsoring a talk given by Dr. Don Lichi, Psychologist with Emerge Counseling Services. His topic is "Finding Your Mission in Life," which will touch on coming back from loss, grief, failure, and/or grief pain and redefining who you are. This event will be held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls, on Monday, March 12th at 7:30. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments will be at 7:15. Our speaker will start at 7:30. For information call Sue at 330-554-5626.



Do you love Catholic radio?

Have you ever wanted to evangelize through the air waves? Volunteer at AM 1260 The Rock! There are a variety of opportunities; we're sure there will be something to interest you! Opportunities include distributing literature at parishes and events, performing day to day office work at our studios, voicework, answering phones during our upcoming Spirit Drive (April 18th-20th), and so much more! Download the volunteer application here at am1260therock.com/contact! We want to hear from you!

Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is one of the great human rights challenges of this century. Millions of men, women, and children are enslaved and treated as commodities – bought, sold, shared, abused and discarded. Ending SLAVERY is EVERYONE'S WORK. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Prayer for Lent

**O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst.
Amen**

Retreat for Women

You are invited to attend a diocesan-wide retreat for women at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Akron on Saturday, March 24 from 9:30 to 3:00. Set aside the day and "Open Your Heart" to the Lord. Come and experience His love for you through inspiring talks, adoration, confession, and fellowship with sisters in Christ.

For information and to register: visit stfparish.com and click the retreat link or call 234-738-0282

Life In the Spirit Seminar

This seminar will be held in Waldeisen Hall at Immaculate Conception Parish in Akron on April 14th, (1 pm - 10 pm) and Sunday, April 15th (6:30 pm - 10 pm). Our speakers include: Fr. Michael B. Smith, Fr. Pete Colletti, Fr. Jacob Bearer & Larry Vuillemin. Program includes praise & worship, inspiring talks, Mass, Healing Service, great fellowship, dinner on Saturday. Cost is \$10 per person or bring a friend - \$15 for 2 people. Contact Grace at Immaculate Conception Rectory 330-753-8429 or ickenmore@yahoo.org for reservations and information.

Jesus in disguise...

This weekend, March 10-11, our parish is taking up the Catholic Relief services Collection (CRCS). This collection helps provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekend of March 4, 2018

Sunday Offering	2,434.00
Monthly Offering	560.00
Maintenance	210.00
Solemnity of Mary (Additional)	2.00

Thank you for your generosity!