

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

*The vineyard of the Lord
Is the house of Israel.*

-Psalm 80

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders."

Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him – Jesus — and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah.

"And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth – Israel included.



Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 4

7:30 A.M. Dan Harber

10:00 A.M. Ron & Maggie Schrein

Monday, October 5

7:30 A.M. First Sunday Mass Association

Tuesday, October 6

NO MASS

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 P.M. Bob and Agnes Schortgen

Thursday, October 8

7:30 A.M. Mary Fechner

Friday, October 9

7:30 A.M. Catherine Nagy & Rosina Harber

Saturday, October 10

5:00 P.M. Don Cochran

Sunday, October 11

7:30 A.M. Jeff Trahin

10:00 A.M. Special intention: Tyler & Anna Fix

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES *October 10 & 11*

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. to be scheduled

7:30 a.m. Nick Schortgen

10:00 a.m. Teri Queitsch

NOON NO MASS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. none

7:30 a.m. none

10:00 a.m. none

NOON NO MASS

GIFTS

5:00 p.m. none

7:30 a.m. none

10:00 a.m. none

NOON NO MASS

USHERS

5:00 p.m. volunteers

7:30 a.m. volunteers

10:00 a.m. volunteers

NOON NO MASS

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. none

7:30 a.m. none

10:00 a.m. none

CHURCH CLEANING

October 10 Doug & Nancy Ford, Jill Mickley

October 4, 2020

Have You Made Your Bishop's Appeal Pledge?

Thank You! —To all those who have already pledged to the 2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Your gifts have helped our diocesan Church to continue teaching, preaching and serving those most in need of food, counsel, and security. The Church needs everyone's help. Please be as generous as you can to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Please complete a pledge card this weekend, or go online diocesefwsb.org/aba. Thank you!

Weekday Masses – We will have weekday Masses **October 5th through October 23rd** while Fr. Tad is away.

**Indiana Catholic Bishops
Extend Mass Dispensation**

The dispensation from **obligation to attend Sunday Mass** is extended for all Catholics in the diocese through **November 1, 2020**. It is recommended and encouraged that those who are **65 and over** or who have an underlying at-risk health condition to stay home.

All who **attend Mass MUST wear face coverings** (except little children & those who have trouble breathing).

Social distancing MUST be maintained of six feet between people in the pews (unless members of the same household) and during Communion procession and entering and exiting church and outside on church grounds.

Confessions will be on Saturday afternoons from **4:00-4:45pm**.

REMINDER that anyone with a cough or fever, or who may otherwise be feeling sick, should **NOT** come to church for Mass or even for a visit!

Pro-life: All Life is Precious!

October is Respect Life Month! The parish will be having a diaper drive to help needy mothers and their babies. Containers will be at the church entrances. See the insert flyer for more Pro-Life Events. October is also dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

General Election Day is November 3rd. If you are not registered to vote you have until **October 5th**. 1 in 4 Christians do not vote. Go to: <https://www.in.gov/idr/register.htm> to register today!

Memorial for the Unborn on Sunday, October 4 at 2pm at the Catholic Cemetery on Lake Avenue. A memorial for the 372 babies from Northeast Indiana that lost their lives from abortion. This memorial is a chance to honor the short lives of the children and to pray for the mothers and all that have been affected by abortions.

Luxury Bingo! Thursday, October 8th at the Coliseum Conference Center. Benefiting the moms and babies of our community! Sponsored by the Women's Care Center. Space is limited. Contact Stephen Jagla at 260-203-5476 or email stephenjagla.wcc@gmail.com.

The Annual Right to Life Banquet is on October 12th at Ceruti's Banquet and Event Center on Illinois Road. For more information or to purchase tickets call 471-1849 or www.ichooselife.org.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Roxann Trahin whose funeral Mass was on October 1, 2020 at St. Patrick's. Pray for the repose of her soul.

RCIA Classes – (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin this Fall for any adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith through the RCIA program. Please contact the parish office if interested.

Candy and Nut Sales! The Youth Group is selling candy and nuts. They make a wonderful gift for Christmas. Orders are due **NO LATER** than **October 25th**. Thank you for supporting our youth!

40 Days For Life – 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during the 40-Day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Planned Parenthood of Fort Wayne at 2930 Lake Avenue**. **St. Patrick's prayer date is scheduled for Thursday, October 15 from 12-8pm**. Mark your calendars!

Just Desserts virtual date night series for couples in their 20s and 30s on October 10 from 8-9:30 pm. Monthly date night series featuring a speaker and small group discussion over Zoom. Go to the Marriage, Family and Pro-Life Ministry Facebook page for more information at www.facebook.com/familyprolife.

ONLINE GIVING – A new hope for the future. A new way to give. Visit our church website today to sign up and get started at www.stpatrickarcola.org.