

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DOERS OF THE WORD

*The one who does justice will live
in the presence of the Lord.*

-Psalm 15

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.”

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 29

7:30 A.M. Jeff Trahin

10:00 A.M. Greg Pressler

Monday, August 30

7:30 A.M. **NO MASS**

Tuesday, August 31

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 1

7:00 P.M. **NO MASS**

Thursday, September 2

7:30 A.M. **NO MASS**

Friday, September 3

7:30 A.M. **NO MASS**

Saturday, September 4

5:00 P.M. First Sunday Mass Association

Sunday, September 5

7:30 A.M. Patrick Muhler

10:00 A.M. Richard and Ruth Nix

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES September 4 & 5

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Dan Palmer

7:30 a.m. Roberta Davis

10:00 a.m. Susie Fawbush

NOON NO MASS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. Nancy Fecher

7:30 a.m. Ken Schaefer

10:00 a.m. Gerald Johnson

NOON NO MASS

GIFTS

5:00 p.m. volunteers

7:30 a.m. volunteers

10:00 a.m. volunteers

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. to be scheduled

7:30 a.m. to be scheduled

10:00 a.m. to be scheduled

CHURCH CLEANING

September 4 Hope Parish, Patty Denihan

Humbly welcome the word
that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b

August 29, 2021

Updated Liturgical directives

Masks – Masks or face coverings are now optional at public liturgies but individuals that are unvaccinated should still wear masks.

Social distancing – Strick social distancing is no longer required in churches. An area in the back of church still will be specifically set aside with social distance seating and wearing masks for those who want to continue going that way.

REMINDER: Anyone (whether vaccinated or not) with a cough or fever, or who may otherwise be feeling sick, should **NOT** come to church for Mass.

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

NO WEEKDAY MASSES until **October 11** when Fr. Tad returns.

Pro-life: “There is no more important issue than restoring the protection of the law to prenatal infants.”

Altar Servers Parents please contact Nick Schortgen at 693-2052 if you have a son(s) middle school age or older that would be interested in returning to serving at Mass for training and scheduling.

Religious Education Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 12 from 8:30-9:45 am** for 4-year-old thru High School. Registration forms are at the church entrances.

Adult Education Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from **8:30-9:45 am** during Religious Education Classes beginning on **Sunday, September 12th**. Please come and join us on our continuing faith journey.

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.

Parishioner Help Needed! Please contact the parish office if you would be interested in staying with a parishioner a couple times a week for a few hours. Thank you!

Fort4Fitness! Bishop Dwenger is a charity partner with Fort4Fitness! If 100 people sign up to run for Bishop Dwenger on **September 18**, they receive 10% of the registration fees.

Pro-Life Meeting will be on **Monday, September 13 at 7pm in the parish hall**.

On First Fridays in September and October there will be a **communion service offered at 11:25am in the church**. All are welcome to participate in the First Friday devotion honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. “I promise you, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that it is all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure or without receiving the Sacraments, My Divine Heart becoming their assured refuge in that hour.”

Are you interested in joining 4-H Club in Allen County? This year our Club will explore Geology, Arts & Crafts and Gardening! Enrollment opens soon! Contact Stefanie Umberg at 260-452-8437, for more information about the Southwest Stewards 4-H Club of Allen County!

Father/Son Retreat for the Year of St. Joseph **Boys ages 13-17** and their fathers/male relatives are invited to join Bishop Rhoades for a special retreat to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph! **The retreat will be on September 19 from 2-8 pm at St. Patrick’s County Park in South Bend**. The cost is \$20 per family includes entry fee to park, snacks, dinner and a keepsake crucifix. More information and registration available at <https://diocesefwsb.org/joseph-retreat>.

Calling All Golfers “Golfing for Kids” – All FORE Charity on **Thursday, September 9** at Coyote Creek Golf Club. An **8:30 am** shotgun start. Registration is open for teams or individuals. \$100 per golfer – includes golf, cart, 2 drink tickets and buffet lunch. Go to: www.christchildfw.org/golf-registration

Ordination to the Diaconate – With praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, Bishop Kevin Rhoades will call LeeAllen Fortin to the diaconate through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on **September 4 at 11am** at the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**. This event is open to the public.

Dive Coach Needed at Bishop Dwenger for the winter season. Dive experience is necessary. Please contact Athletic Director Greg Slee at 496-4733, gslee@bishopdwenger.com for more info.

A Fall Life in the Spirit Retreat will begin on **September 13** and continue for seven consecutive Mondays until October 25 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Cathedral Hall Lower Level. Please call to register 385-5717. Suggested \$10 donation for materials.