

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the Week

Sunday, September 19

7:30 A.M. Special intention: Madailein

10:00 A.M. Mary Agnes Johnson

Monday, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 21

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 22

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

Thursday, September 23

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

Friday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 25

5:00 P.M. Roxann Trahin

Sunday, September 26

7:30 A.M. Richard and Sharon Fenker

10:00 A.M. Fred Gruettert

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES September 25 & 26

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Nancy Fecher

7:30 a.m. Noble Hinen

10:00 a.m. Tom McGovern

NOON NO MASS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. Barb Harber

7:30 a.m. Susie Fawbush

10:00 a.m. Nancy Duffy

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 25 Sally & Sarah Strack, Kathleen M.

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Lord upholds my life.

-Psalm 54

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

September 19, 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: *Love Life as a heavenly Gift!*

Adult Education Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from **8:30-9:45 am** during Religious Education Classes. 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.

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!*

40 Days for Life (Sept 22 -Oct 31) Opening Day Rally on Wednesday, September 22 from 1-2pm at the Right-of-Way in front of the Planned Parenthood (2930 Lake Avenue). Special guest Mayor W. SuzAnne Handshoe, the first female mayor of Kendallville. Fr. J. Steele will open the campaign with a blessing. **Mark your calendars for St. Patrick's prayer date on Thursday, September 30 from Noon-8pm.** Sign up sheets at the church entrances.

Join us on Wednesdays for prayers at Planned Parenthood on Lake Avenue from 9am – Noon. Help babies, moms and families. – *Pro Life Committee*

New Maintenance/custodial staff needed for Bishop Dwenger High School. One full-time day shift and one full-time second shift and two part-time positions. Visit <https://theapplicantmanager.com/careers?co=df>.

CALLED TO CARE AND TO SHARE

Next weekend is Pledge Sunday and every parish family is asked to contribute to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Bishop's Appeal to support the work of the Church. The Appeal helps our parish, since all overage beyond our parish goal will come back to St. Patrick's!

To Change the World! Join Catholic Relief Services as we build a movement of people across the country – and right here in Indiana! – addressing the world's most pressing needs. CRS Chapters are communities of volunteers who take meaningful action to make the world a better place. Come and learn more about CRS Chapters and see how you can live out our call as missionary disciples. Bishop Kevin Rhoades invites you to join him for an information session on **Thursday, September 30 from 7-8 pm** at St. Mary Mother of God Parish, Msgr. Oechtering Hall. Registration encouraged at diocesefwsb.org/crs. More info contact Beth Knobber at beth.knobbe@crs.org or 312-471-8935.

World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Holy Mass and Breakfast on Saturday, October 2nd at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, **7:30 am** Confession, Holy Rosary, First Saturday Devotion. **9:00 am Holy Mass**, after Holy Mass a Marian procession followed by breakfast at the Grand Wayne Center. Look for more detail on their website at fatimafwsb.org.

Mother/Daughter Quinceanera Retreat on Saturday, October 2 in the St. John the Evangelist parish in Goshen. The retreat will begin at **8:30 am** in the gym and will consist of talks, fun activities, conversation, and prayer. Also, will be a special session just for moms in the afternoon, and the retreat will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration in the church. The cost is \$20 per family payable at the door and includes lunch and a special keepsake. For more info: diocesefwsb.org/quinceanera-retreat.

Rite to Life Annual Banquet will be on **Monday, October 4** at Ceruti's Banquet and Event Center on Illinois Rd. Visit www.ichooselife.org/banquet for more information and reservations.