

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ***Masses for the Week***

#### **Sunday, January 14**

7:30 A.M. Phil Strack

10:00 A.M. Gerald and Mary Agnes Johnson

#### **Monday, January 15**

**NO MASS**

#### **Tuesday, January 16**

6:00 P.M. Norb Harber

#### **Wednesday, January 17**

8:00 A.M. For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **Thursday, January 18**

8:00 A.M. Betty DeSabatine

#### **Friday, January 19**

8:00 A.M. Special intention: Ben & Elizabeth Davis

#### **Saturday, January 20**

5:00 P.M. Korte & Walsh families

#### **Sunday, January 21**

7:30 A.M. Tom & Kathy Hinen

10:00 A.M. For the People of the Parish

### ***LITURGICAL MINISTRIES January 20 & 21***

#### **LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Travis

7:30 a.m. Joe Peters

10:00 a.m. Doug Ford

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00 p.m. S. Fawbush, R. Travis, P. Bottone, L. Doak

7:30 a.m. B. Tippmann, T. Schortgen, S. Moore, D. Strack

10:00 a.m. T. Frazier, J. Skora, S. Harber, S. Skora

#### **GIFTS**

5:00 p.m. Jerry Fawbush family

7:30 a.m. Bob Tippmann family

10:00 a.m. Dustin Trahin family

#### **USHERS**

5:00 p.m. Volunteers

7:30 a.m. Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Volunteers

#### **SERVERS**

5:00 p.m. Volunteers

7:30 a.m. Seth N, Lincon S, Zane H, Marshall H

10:00 a.m. Jacob K, Isaac F, Owen K, Tyler N

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

January 20 Doug & Nancy Ford, Jill Mickley

### **DISCERNING THE CALL OF GOD IS NOT ALWAYS EASY**

God continues to call all the baptized to grow in deeper friendship with Him and to serve Him in his Church and in our brothers and sisters the way Samuel and the two disciples of John the Baptist were called. Discerning and understanding God's call is not easy, "His call is not for the ears alone but also for the heart." To discern God's call, we need mentors and spiritual directors like the high priest, Eli to help us discern and understand God's voice and message. We must spend time to ponder on God's Word in silence because noise can stifle and make God's word incomprehensible. Let us learn to set aside some moments for silence and reflection and put away the distractions of our time: TV, phone, computer, radio and the like and listen to the gentle and loving call of God in our hearts. To be able to recognize the Lord's voice, we must, like Samuel, seek the guidance and direction of those in our community who have been entrusted with the care of our soul, they can help us discern the Lamb of God and help us listen and follow Him. Every Christian is expected to behave like John the Baptist, not seeking disciples for themselves but directing people to Jesus, the Lamb of God. Christians should never use the name of God to seek or further their own interests. Jesus is the one to be followed and not us.

### **UP-COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY**

- Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> the Third Sunday of the Year in Ordinary Time is to be celebrated as "The Word of God Sunday."
- Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 22 Day of Penance and Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn.

**Keep in mind that this January we honor the Holy Name of Jesus.** Pray the Divine Praises or the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus everyday of this month.

*Fr. John Eze*

January 14, 2024

**Weekly Offertory Collection – January 6 & 7**

Regular Collection	\$2771
Online Collection	<u>\$1878</u>
TOTAL Giving	\$4649

**Pro-Life:** *God created each of us and endowed all of us with the right to life.*

**Collection for the Church in Latin America** will be next weekend at all the masses. Your generosity supports many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Fr. John's email:** [frjohn.stpatarcola@gmail.com](mailto:frjohn.stpatarcola@gmail.com)

Please contact the parish office to schedule any appointments with Fr. John (during scheduled office hours or any appointment time). Thank you! **Please try not to schedule anything on Monday's. It is Fr. John's day off.**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** will be on **Thursday, January 18 at 7pm** in the hall.

**Theology On Tap: Winter 2024!** Young people in their 20s and 30s are invited to Winter 2024 Series "Light in the Darkness." The series is set to explore mental health and the Catholic tradition, love and intimacy, finances, truth, and evil through engaging speakers. Weekly series runs every Tuesday, **January 16 to February 13** at 2Toms Brewing Co (3676 North Wells St) Doors, food, and bar open at **7pm**. More info [diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw](http://diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw).

**Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference** will be on **Saturday, February 24 Fort Wayne.** Confession, Adoration, Catholic Vendors & Mass with Bishop Rhoades. Registration \$60, middle/high school & college students just \$30. Tickets on sale now @ [Rekindlethefire.net](http://Rekindlethefire.net)

**NO First Sunday Mass Association** So-called Mass sodalities are no longer allowed. Wherein people give a certain amount of money per year to be included in a monthly group intention. This is in essence the grouping together of multiple stipends and multiple intentions which is not allowed. However, it is licit, to group multiple names under one intention with one stipend. For example, a family offers one stipend for the intention of multiple names. Mass stipends suggested amount is \$10 per mass. You are welcome to contact the parish office if you have any questions and to schedule any masses or put in the offertory an envelope marked mass intentions. Please clarify who the mass intention is for and if you have a specific date. If a weekend is not available the mass will be scheduled on a weekday mass. Thank you for your kind understanding.

**DOWNLOAD OUR NEW PARISH APP!**

Our new St. Patrick Church app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is a great resource providing daily Mass readings, event calendar, bulletins, Catholic news, prayers, etc. Text APP to phone number 55321, or visit [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) to download or use the QR code.



**Holy Family Gifts:** Please take a Holy Family Gift from the church entrances. Jesus, Mary & Joseph pray for us!

**Congratulations** to Randon & Mary Ripley whose daughter Georgiana Clare was baptized on January 8, 2024 at St Patrick. May the Lord bless you!

**Diocese March for Life Pilgrimage on January 22, 2024 in Indianapolis.** High School & college aged students are invited to join Bishop Rhoades. Cost is \$65. Register at [diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life](http://diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life).

**Life Defenders Trip to the National March for Life** for college-aged and high school students. Leaving the evening of **January 17<sup>th</sup>** and return home early **Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Learn more at [www.ichooselife.org/dc](http://www.ichooselife.org/dc) or call 260.471.1849. We want YOU on the bus for this life-changing experience!

**SAVE THE DATE: Northeast Indiana March for Life on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon** (doors open at 11:30 am) at The University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center (431 W Berry St). Keynote speaker is Senator Liz Brown. The March starts after the rally. For more information: [ichooselife.org](http://ichooselife.org).

**St. Dymphna Presents: The Refuge** 13-month, Christ-centered, residential, drug & alcohol, no cost, recovery ministry on **January 15 at 7pm** at St. Therese Church (2304 Lower Huntington Rd), questions call 260.747.9139.

**St. Patrick's Shamrocks** (Environmental Committee) will be meeting on **Sunday, February 11 after 7:30 am Mass** to discuss Easter decorating. Volunteers are welcome!

**2024 Offertory Envelopes** – Please pick up your 2024 offertory envelopes located on the tables in the back of church.