

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

7:30 A.M. Tom & Kathy Hinen

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

#### **Monday, January 22**

**NO MASS**

#### **Tuesday, January 23**

6:00 P.M. **NO MASS**

#### **Wednesday, January 24**

8:00 A.M. **NO MASS**

#### **Thursday, January 25**

8:00 A.M. **NO MASS**

#### **Friday, January 26**

8:00 A.M. **NO MASS**

#### **Saturday, January 27**

5:00 P.M. Francis Godfrey

#### **Sunday, January 28**

7:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish

10:00 A.M. Helen McKinney

#### ***LITURGICAL MINISTRIES January 27 & 28***

#### **LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Jim Bottone

7:30 a.m. Becky Berry

10:00 a.m. Raylene Rospond

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00 p.m. R. Travis, P. Bottone, B. Harber, sub

7:30 a.m. Z. Schortgen, S. Moore, K. Schaefer, K. Lipke

10:00 a.m. N. Duffy, E. Evans, B. Davis, L. Doak

#### **GIFTS**

5:00 p.m. Dave Burelison family

7:30 a.m. Nathaniel Strack family

10:00 a.m. Philip Frazier 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. Jack J, Matthew N, Caleb N, James G

10:00 a.m. Jacob K, Isaac F, John D, Julian T

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

January 27 Beth Fiato, Mary Ripley

### **A CALL TO REPENTANCE**

Today, we celebrate “**The Word of God Sunday.**” In September of 2019, Pope Francis declared that “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.” The Pope says that “A Day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures.”

The central message of this Sunday's readings reminds us that God wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. So, in our first reading Prophet Jonah was sent by God and compelled to go and preach to the people of Nineveh to save them from destruction. This is the same reason Jesus began His ministry with the reminder: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.” The urgency and importance of this message made Jesus go out to recruit more persons to help announce this good news to all peoples. The urgency of this message is more today than ever, St. Paul reminds us that “the time is running out” and because “the world in its present form is passing away” so, Jesus is calling each of us to come to Him and become a missionary disciple ready and willing to go and evangelize our brothers and sister and win them over to the kingdom of God. Are you ready to abandon some of your comfort, and securities and respond urgently to God’s call to repentance and participate in calling others to repentance?

**P.S.** I thank all of you my beloved parishioners for your prayers and show of love to me with my shoulder surgery and recovery.

**Fr. John Eze**

January 21, 2024

**Weekly Offertory Collection – January 13 & 14**

Regular Collection	\$2675
Online Collection	\$1505
TOTAL Giving	\$4180

**Pro-Life:** No Life is unworthy of being lived.

**\*\*NO\*\* WEEKDAY MASSES** this week on **January 22-26** on **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** as Fr. John continues to heal and recovery from his shoulder surgery.

**Parish Council Bulletin Points:** Parish Council Meeting was on January 10<sup>th</sup> and the Council discussed the six parish missions: Evangelization, Education, Pastoral Ministry, Liturgy, Social Concerns and Outreach, and Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations. The goal is to involve different groups and individuals in the parish to grow the whole parish and involvement to mobilize them. Additional information in the upcoming weeks. Our parish mission statement is to Know, Love & Serve!

**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.

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

**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.



**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).

**Join Adult CCD** between Sunday Masses as we Study Catholic Apologetics. Help to answer questions presented by our non-Catholic brethren. The Eucharist, Confession, baptism, Mary, adoring statues and more.

**Lector and Extraordinary Minister Trainings:** Extraordinary Ministers will be held on **February 3** and **Lector Training on February 17**. Details and advanced registration are required at [diocesefwsb.org/trainings](http://diocesefwsb.org/trainings).

**Arcola Thrift Store** (by post office) – Open on **Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am – 4pm, and Saturday 10am – 1pm.** Come in and browse!