

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the Week

Sunday, September 22

7:30 A.M. Art Lee

10:00 A.M. For living & deceased parishioners

Monday, September 23

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 P.M. Virginia Peterson

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 A.M. Mary Jane Dufallo

Thursday, September 26

8:00 A.M. Tom Junk

Friday, September 27

8:00 A.M. Frank Macciocca

Saturday, September 28

5:00 P.M. Richard and Sharon Fenker

Sunday, September 29 *Special intention:*

7:30 A.M. Pat and Patty Denihan

10:00 A.M. For St. Patrick parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES *September 28 & 29*

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Joe Peters

7:30 a.m. Cindy Trahin

10:00 a.m. Therese Joy Burkett

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m. P. Bottone, L. Doak, B. Duncan, S. Fawbush

7:30 a.m. K.Schaefer, T. Schortgen, D. Strack, A. Strack

10:00 a.m. N. Duffy, R. Rospond, J. Skora, S. Skora

GIFTS

5:00 p.m. Dave Burelison family

7:30 a.m. Paul Nicholson family

10:00 a.m. Brad Stoffel family

USHERS

5:00 p.m. J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordan, M. Moore

7:30 a.m. J. Butts, D. Davis, P. Denihan, A. Hinen

10:00 a.m. C. Brown, J. Deckena, D. Frazier, K. Miller

SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Volunteers

7:30 a.m. Lincon S, Zane H, Matthew U, Matthew N

10:00 a.m. Julian T, Isaac F, Owen K, Paul D

CHURCH CLEANING

September 28 St. Zelig Group

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

25th Yr. 2024

Most people view greatness in relation to positions that one occupies in society or the credentials that one has acquired, the apostles of Christ were not different. Jesus announced to them of his approaching suffering, death, and resurrection but they did not understand and were more concerned with the question of who was the greatest. Jesus disagrees with the worldly notions of greatness and invites his apostles and all of us to see greatness as an invitation to serve others, particularly the poor and most the vulnerable among us. The kingdom that Christ came to establish is not about seeking honor and glory for oneself, but that of service to others. St James examines the root causes of discord between persons and within communities, and points to the uncontrolled quest, selfish ambitions, jealousy, and envy as the root cause of disharmony, he recommends that we should embrace the wisdom that comes down from above which places others first and self-last. To answer the question who is the greatest Jesus says "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all" and to help his apostles and us understand clearly His teaching on this issue Jesus takes a child and set him among them and says "whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me" By giving us a child as a model, Jesus wants us to understand that we must place those who do not count, the marginalized, and the poorest at the center of our concern. May we see greatness in terms of serving others after the example of Christ who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

P.S. Keep in mind that our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults at St. Patrick Arcola will now be on Wednesdays from 7 to 8PM in the Parish Library. The topic for this week **September 25th is "Jesus- Lord and Messiah."** Please join us.

-Fr. John Eze

September 22, 2024

Weekly Offertory Collection – Sept 9 – 15

Regular Collection	\$3,868
Online Collection	<u>\$2,763</u>
TOTAL Giving	\$6,631

Pro-Life: Take my hand, not my life!

Annual Bishop Appeal

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge or gift to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal, which funds roughly half of our diocesan operating budget. We hope for 100% participation from our families as we work together to invite those in our diocese to encounter Christ in the church and each other. Please turn in your pledge card or donate online: diocesefwsb.org/aba. All funds received over our goal will be returned to our parish!

Religious Education

Classes are on Sunday mornings from **8:30am to 9:45am** for Pre-k (4 years old) through Grade 12. Registration forms are located at the church entrances and on the parish website at www.stpatrickarcola.org (click Ministries, then go to Religious Education).

Adult Education Classes will meet on **Sunday mornings** during CCD class time from **8:30-9:45 am** in the Adult Ed Room in the parish hall. All are welcome!!

The Fall 40 Days Prayer Campaign is beginning September 25th and going until November 5th where groups are gathering to pray peacefully outside the Planned Parenthood Clinic (2930 Lake Ave in Fort Wayne). **St. Patrick's Day is Monday, October 7th, from 8 am to 8 pm.** There will be a sign-up sheet available at the Pro-Life Table with instructions and a State of Peace form to sign and return if you will be participating. You can also sign the form online at ichooselife.org We will be sharing the day with Queen of Angels Parishes Pro-Life Group. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cheryl Schortgen at 260-444-7969. **Opening Rally will be Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm in front of Planned Parenthood.**

The Right to Life Memorial to remember the 4,673 babies in Indiana who lost their lives to abortion will be held on **Sunday, October 6th at 2 PM** in the Catholic Cemetery at 3500 Lake Avenue.

Welcome New Parishioners! Welcome Josh and Andrea Lovejoy, and Matt and Julie Rupp to St. Patrick's. We are so glad that you are with us!

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.

Visit **Formed** already on St. Patrick's parish app. **FORMED!** There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His church!



The Order of Christian of Adults (OCIA) (RCIA is now called OCIA) is the process for adults who desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information on the Catholic Church. We will meet on **Wednesday evening September 25 from 7-8 pm in the library.** Topic: "Jesus- Lord and Messiah."

Catholic Financial Planning and Retirement Speaker Series at **St. Jude's Church basement at 7pm on September 26** – Responsible Stewardship: Estate, Trust, and Business Succession planning. No Cost to you. RSVP: <https://forms.gle/VG2gKFXSMwwXgibMA>.

Italian Dinner Experience – St. Patrick's K of C will hold their Italian Dinner Experience on **October 27th from 4-6pm in the parish hall.** The menu includes an appetizer, spaghetti & meatballs, salad, dessert, and beverages. There will be also Italian music, singing and dancing. This year's proceeds will go to Safe Haven Baby Boxes and our guest speaker will be the founder, Monica Kelsey. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses, and are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. These will be a limit of 150 tickets sold for the dinner. Depending on the advanced sales, there may be an opportunity for carry-out dinners to be sold.

National Migration Week (September 23-29) World Day of Migrants and Refugees is on September 29th. Pope Francis has titled this year's celebration "**God walks with His people.**" Please pray for the vulnerable people as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the service opportunities that migration offers.

Candy and Nut Forms! Please turn in your Candy and Nut forms and support St. Patrick Youth Group! They make wonderful Christmas gifts!