

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*At once they  
left their nets &  
FOLLOWED HIM*

MATTHEW 4:20



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Masses for the Week

#### Sunday, January 25

7:30am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
10:00am Joan Greene

#### Monday, January 26

NO MASS

#### Tuesday, January 27

6:00pm Helen McKinney

#### Wednesday, January 28

8:00am Bob and Agnes Schortgen

#### Thursday, January 29

8:00am Donna Slavin

#### Friday, January 30

8:00am Monica Gribus

#### Saturday, January 31

5:00pm Don Swangin

#### Sunday, February 1

7:30am Cate Kuhmichel  
10:00am For living & deceased parishioners

### Liturgical Ministries

#### January 31 & February 1

##### Lectors

5:00pm Jim Bottone  
7:30am Roberta Davis  
10:00am Josie Trahin

##### Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, R. Rospond, S. Fawbush, M. Korte  
7:30am K. Schaefer, T. Schortgen, Z. Schortgen, D. Strack  
10:00am R. Rospond, J. Skora, S. Skora, W. Mathenge

##### Gifts

5:00pm Brandi Duncan family  
7:30am Nathaniel Strack family  
10:00am Brad Stoffel family

##### Ushers

5:00pm C. Keefer, E. Keefer, B. Lane T. Lane  
7:30am D. Davis, A. Hinen, P. Hinen, Z. Hinen  
10:00am K. Kammer, J. Deckena, C. Deckena, D. Frazier

##### Servers

5:00pm Volunteers  
7:30am Lincon S, Pater S, Andrew S, Matthew U  
10:00am Harrison F, Isaac F, Owen K, Julian T

##### Church Cleaning

**January 31** Kris Giant, Joan Kegerreis

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**PARISH APP QR CODE**



### JESUS IS OUR LIGHT

Jesus began His public ministry in Galilee in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali among the despised and abandoned Gentile people; those who needed a Savior most. St. Matthew sees this as the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah: "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen" Jesus is the light that has come to dispel the darkness that has cast a gloom on our world. It is strange that after more than two thousand years after the birth, suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ our world still fumbles in darkness. There are many notable works of darkness in our world today; we hear and watch sad news of the effects of hatred, malice and violence from every corner of our world, we also experience the darkness of oppression, despair, loneliness, and fear.

The reason evil continues to reign supreme in our world is because many of us have refused to accept the Savior born for us, the light sent to drive away our darkness. As St. John said: "He came to His own people, they did not accept Him but to those who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God" Jn.1:11-12. Jesus continues to call all of us to conversion and repentance. To be the light that dispels every work of darkness in our life, families and within our Church communities. He continues to invite and recruit new disciples to spread His light of love and mercy wherever darkness is found, may we respond promptly and generously like Andrew, Peter, James and John who "immediately left everything and followed Him."

**P.S.** Today, we celebrate "**The Word of God Sunday.**" In September of 2019, Pope Francis declared that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year 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."



January 25, 2026



**Mustard Seed Drive** during the month of January we will be collecting new or gently used bed linens, blankets, and bath towels for families in need. (Please put on table in the parish hall)

**New Church Directories** are in the back of the church on a table for all parishioners. If your photo is in the directory a label will be on your directory to pick up.

**Rocking Horse Raffle** (Custom made by Pat Doyle) Tickets will be sold at the February Knights Breakfast, in the parish office, and after January Masses in the hallway. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds to benefit The National Kidney Foundation.

**Pro-Life:** *"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."* – St. Mother Teresa

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser!** Please take an empty baby bottle from the main church entrance home with you and fill with spare change. Please return bottle to the boxes for the Christ Child Society where love leads to action! Your spare change can make a difference. If desired, checks may be made payable to the Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne. **Please bring your filled baby bottle and place them in a box at the church entrances by February 14.**

**Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening** (18–35-year-olds) will be held on Monday, January 26th from 6–8 pm in the Conference Room.

**Life Teen!** Leading Teens Closer to Christ! All 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade on Saturday, January 31 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the old school building.

**March for Life** will be held on Saturday, January 31, at Parkview Field (1301 Ewing St) Doors open 12:00pm, Pre-March Rally: 12:30 – 1:00 pm, March begins at 1:00pm. Parking is available in the Parkview Field Silver Lot and the two adjacent lots; all conveniently located in front of the stadium. **St. Patrick has been chosen to carry the banner at the front of the march this year!**

**Encounter Youth Group** for all 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the old school building.

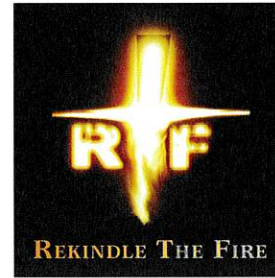
**Food Pantry!** St. Patrick's Food Pantry is in the Library in the hallway between the church and parish hall for anyone who is in need. Please help yourself.

**2026 Offertory Envelopes** are located on the table at the back of church for you to pick up. Thank you!

**Become a local catholic reporter or photographer!** Learn more at [todayscatholic.org/freelance](http://todayscatholic.org/freelance).

**Pick a Saint companion for the New Year 2026!**

Pick a slip of paper with a saint name on it out of the basket at the church main entrance. *No matter who you get, he or she is sure to look down on you with love from Heaven and watch over you!*



**Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference** on Saturday, February 21 at 7:30 am at the Century Center, 120 N St Joseph St, South Bend. The Conference is a one day event with opportunities for prayer, reconciliation, adoration, and fellowship with other men that want to grow in their faith. The conference concludes with a holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Rhoades. Featured speakers Dom Quaglia, Robert Rogers, Fr. Larry Richards. Register at [Rekindlethefire.net](http://Rekindlethefire.net). **Charter Bus Transportation is available from Fort Wayne to South Bend. Reserve a round-trip seat by first purchasing your conference ticket, then selecting Bus Tickets. (one bus ticket per person)**

**Lector and Extraordinary Minister Trainings** for new and current lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend a free training offered by the Diocese. **Extraordinary Minister training will be held on Saturday, February 7 and Lector training on Saturday, February 21.** All trainings are from 9am to Noon. Advanced registration is required, visit [diocesefwsb.org/trainings](http://diocesefwsb.org/trainings).

**Young Adult Retreat with Ablaze Mission** from Friday, January 30, through Sunday, February 1 at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center in Plymouth, IN. For more info and to register, visit [ablazemission.org](http://ablazemission.org).

**Art Exhibition** on February 7 at St. Therese Parish Hall at 6pm. (2222 Lower Huntington Rd, 21 and older event) \$10 Entry fee, appetizers included. Hatfield and Sons cocktails for purchase. Come and see Religious Artists and enjoy an evening out.

**Welcome New Parishioners:** Sarah Wilson, Emily Mooney, Carol Hartshorn, John Ueber, and Erika Martin to St. Patrick's! So glad you have joined our parish family!

**Lenten Mini Camp!** (Children ages 4 years – Grade 5) **"Walking with Jesus to Easter"** on Saturday, February 28 from 3–5pm in the parish hall. Let's learn about Lent and how it is a special time to grow closer to Jesus. Please email [ccdstpatsarcola@gmail.com](mailto:ccdstpatsarcola@gmail.com), [kkly0531@gmail.com](mailto:kkly0531@gmail.com) or email the parish office attention Nancy Beyhan or Kam Schaefer with your child's name, age and grade if you would like to have them attend! If you can help with your time, donation, or have questions, please call/text Nancy @ 260-580-2772 or Kam @ 260-450-0323!

**St. Patrick's Environmental Flower Committee** will be meeting on Sunday, February 8 at 8:30 am in the parish hall to discuss the upcoming church flower schedule. All are welcome to attend if you would like to be apart of this ministry.

**Weekly Offertory Collection January 12 – January 18**

Regular Collection - \$3,369  
Online Collection - \$2,343  
TOTAL Giving - \$5,712



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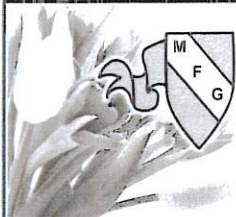
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