

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 1

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

Monday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

9:00 am For all families of St. Patrick's

Tuesday, February 3

6:00pm Catherine Nagy

Wednesday, February 4

8:00am Ben Layer

Thursday, February 5

8:00am Paul Braun

Friday, February 6

8:00am Bob & Agnes Schortgen

Saturday, February 7

5:00pm Jane Arata

Sunday, February 8

7:30am Jane Knafel
10:00am For living & deceased parishioners

Liturgical Ministries

February 7 & 8

Lectors

5:00pm Susie Fawbush
7:30am Katelyn Germann
10:00am Therese Joy Burkett

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, R. Rospond, S. Swangin, M. Korte
7:30am M. Butts, R. Strack, B. Tippmann, C. Trahin
10:00am A. Deckena, T. Frazier, S. Harber, M. McGrew

Gifts

5:00pm Dave Burelison family
7:30am Volunteer
10:00am Therese Joy Burkett, Maria Jones

Ushers

5:00pm J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordon, M. Moore
7:30am J. Butts, P. Denihan, M. Magers, H. Strack
10:00am C. Brown, K. Miller, J. Pirrung, T. Wilhelm

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Bentley D, Wylo D, Tyler N, Matthew N
10:00am Micah H, John D, Xavier T, Levi T

Church Cleaning

February 7 Home-school Coop

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NEW IDEALS FOR TRUE HAPPINESS

In today's Gospel Jesus gave us the Sermon on the Mount, known as the Beatitudes, which is at the heart of Jesus' teaching as it forms the ideals of Christian living and practice. Jesus tells us the things that lead to true happiness and a life of blessedness in God's eyes. For the world happiness comes from power, comfort, and success but Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit... the meek... the merciful... the peacemakers." In other words, true joy is found not in grasping, but in trusting God, not in attachment to the things of the world but in detachment, not in dominating, but in loving others.

The demands of Beatitudes are not easy, but they are possible, because Jesus lived by them and has given them to us as the new standard for all God's children. When we follow His ideal ways to happiness, even in very little ways, like choosing kindness, over selfishness, forgiveness, over hatred, and trust over doubt, we shall discover a deeper happiness that the world cannot give. May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace to live one Beatitude more intentionally every week, and believe that God's promises are real, even when the path that leads to it looks upside down.

Pope's Intention for February: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Monthly Devotions: The Catholic Church dedicates the month of February to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. May our families imitate them.

Happy birthday and anniversary to all those celebrating in this month of February, may God bless and keep you in His care! -Fr. John Eze

February 1, 2026

The Presentation of the Lord is on Monday, February 2nd. Mass will be at 9:00 am and blessing of candles. February 2 is also observed as World Day for Consecrated Life for Religious men and women.

Sunday Full Breakfast on Sunday, February 8 from 8:00 – 11:30 am in the parish hall! Free will offering. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

Rocking Horse Raffle (Custom made by Pat Doyle) Tickets will be sold at the February Knights Breakfast. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds to benefit The National Kidney Foundation.

Pro-Life: *Every human has Equal value!*

Pro-Life Meeting will be held on Monday, February 9 at St. Patrick's parish hall at 6pm.

24th Annual Legislative Forum on February 7 at 8:15-11:00 am at Parkview Field Suite Level Lounge. More details at www.ichooselife.org/forum.

Right to Life Workshop on February 21 from 9am – 12pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Open to adults, and students' 7th grade and older. \$5 at the door or online. Register at www.ichooselife.org.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Mary Louise Gatton-Nagy whose funeral mass was January 27, 2026 at St. Patrick's. Pray for the repose of her soul.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser! The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne reminds you to please remember to return your baby bottle filled with spare change to boxes located at the church entrances by February 14. The organization is grateful for your generosity and support.

Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening (18–35-year-olds) will be held on Monday, February 2 from 6-8 pm in the Conference Room.

Life Teen! Leading Teens Closer to Christ! All 8th -12th grade on Saturday, February 14 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the old school building.

Encounter Youth Group for all 6th and 7th grade students on Saturday, February 7th 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.

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.

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.



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. **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)**

Catholic Schools Week 2026 – Our Catholic schools strive to form students who recognize their God-given dignity and use their gifts in service to others. Families interested in learning more about Catholic education are encouraged to explore the schools in our diocese: diocesefwsb.org/schools.

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.

Welcome New Parishioner Sarah Gigli to St. Patrick's! So glad you have joined our parish family!

Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Thursday, February 19 at 7pm in the parish hall.

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, kklv0531@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 19 – January 25

Regular Collection - \$2,905
Online Collection - \$1,948
TOTAL Giving - \$4,853

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