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WORLD

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 8

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

Monday, February 9

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 10

6:00pm 92nd Birthday blessings Donna Rospond

Wednesday, February 11

8:00am Ron Wurst

Thursday, February 12

8:00am Richard and Sharon Fenker

Friday, February 13 For the Nicholson family

8:00am Paul, Ingrid, Isaac, Seth, Caleb, Cecilia, Lucy, Frank

Saturday, February 14

5:00pm Al and Betty Bowser

Sunday, February 15

7:30am For living & deceased parishioners
10:00am Living & deceased McCann family

Liturgical Ministries

February 14 & 15

Lectors

5:00pm Kirk Giant
7:30am Abby Johnson
10:00am Raylene Rospond

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, R. Rospond, S. Swangin, S. Fawbush
7:30am R. Davis, B. Harber, K. Lipke, A. Lushis
10:00am N. Millberg, K. Miller, S. Miller, K. Pirrung

Gifts

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Mark Butts family
10:00am John Pirrung family

Ushers

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

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Caleb G, Jonah G, Zane H, Marshall H
10:00am John D, Charles D, Paul D, Laura D

Church Cleaning

February 14 Stefanie Umberg, Anna Knitter

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PARISH APP QR CODE

CHRISTIANS ARE SALT AND LIGHT

The reading of this Sunday invites us to reflect on the importance of our Christian witness; God is more interested in our deeds of love and mercy than our solemn worship and ceremonies. Christ used two essential everyday commodities to describe the vocation of every Christian. “You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world...” Therefore, to be a Christian is to be and do what salt and light does. Salt gives flavor and sweetness to our food and acts as a preservative while light dispels darkness and brightens our vision. Christians by the witness of their daily living must give meaning and direction to our world. Christians are called to bear witness, to stand out; and not allow themselves to be swallowed up by the world. We must stand out and shed some light and add some flavor to our world through our little day- to- day acts of kindness, our deeds of love and mercy without drawing attention to ourselves but always seeking the praise of God. May your light always shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

P. S. Parish Mission 2026: Save the date, spread the word and invite your families, friends, and neighbors to our Lenten Parish Mission: Date: **Friday, 20th – Sunday, 22nd February 2026.** Here at St. Patrick Church Arcola. The Diocesan Vocation Office will be leading us on this Mission.

World Marriage Day is celebrated today as well as **World Day of Prayer** and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. Pray for love, peace and joy in marriages and for end to human trafficking.

World Day of the Sick: Join us on **Wednesday, February 11 from 8:00AM –9:30AM for Mass, Adoration, and Anointing of the Sick.** Come let us pray for the sick and their Caregivers. **-Fr. John**



February 8, 2026

Parish Mission Lent 2026

"Come Follow Me" (Matthew 4:19)

February 20, 21, 22

Friday, February 20 – 6pm Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper, Talk topic: *"Family the Cradle of Vocations."*

Saturday, February 21 – 9am Mass, 9:30-4:30 Adoration, Confessions 9:30-10:30am, 3:30-4:30pm, Noon Service to the needy, 5pm Mass – Fr. Daniel Neizer (second talk within mass)

Sunday, February 22 – 7:30 & 10:00 am Mass – Fr. Bobby Krisch (Third & Fourth talk within mass), 8:45am-9:45am – Vocation discussions, Q & A in parish hall (Sister Mary Augustine Warrell & Fr. Bobby Krisch)

The Lord is inviting you: Come discern and discover your vocation in life: Priesthood, Religious, Married or Single life!

World Day of the Sick on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, February 11. Mass and the anointing of the sick will be at 8am followed by Adoration.

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: *A person is a person no matter how small.*

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

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.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser! The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne reminds you to please remember to return you 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 9 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 21st from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the old school building.

Old Palms for Ashes Please bring in your old palms and place in the containers at the church entrances to be burnt for Ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 18th.

Fish Fry and Bake Sale on Saturday February 14 at Suburban Bethlehem Church (6318 West California Rd) from 4-7pm. \$15 adult, \$7 child (4-12 years), Free child 3 & under. You may also purchase carry-out. Enter door # 10.

Blessed Home Use Candles are available in the sanctuary for your use in your home.



St. Patrick's Party on Saturday, March 21st after 5pm. All proceeds benefiting The Ave Maria House Shelter in Fort Wayne. Tickets will be sold this weekend for all parishioners at the Knight's breakfast and available during the month of February after all masses in the parish hall (after March 1 tickets will be open). Tickets priced at \$5.00ea, \$20/per immediate family. You must have a ticket to attend this event; 300 tickets will be sold which aligns with our parish hall capacity limit.

Silent Auction during the Fish Fry on Friday, March 13. If you are interested in donating anything (item, gift card, service, themed basket, etc) for the auction, please call or text Michelle Fenker at 260.615.0109. We can make arrangements to pick it up. Thanks in advance for your donation!

Congratulations to Robert and Olivia Tremblay whose son Robert Joseph was baptized on February 1 2026 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless you and your family.

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 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)

Lector training for new and current lectors to attend a free training offered by the Diocese. **Lector training on Saturday, February 21.** All trainings are from 9am to Noon. Advanced registration is required, visit diocesefwsb.org/trainings.

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, 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 Shamrocks 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 26 – February 1

Regular Collection - \$3,015

Online Collection - \$1,933

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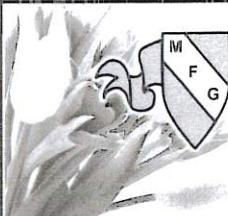
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