

I HAVE COME TO FULFILL
**THE LAW AND
THE PROPHETS**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 15

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

Monday, February 16

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 17

6:00pm Helen McKinney & Bonnie Davis

Wednesday, February 18

8:00am Sally Harber

Thursday, February 19

8:00am Penny Strack

Friday, February 20

8:00am Katie Cripe

Saturday, February 21

5:00pm Birthday blessings Tom Bergman

Sunday, February 22

7:30am Mary Louise Nagy-Gatton
10:00am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Liturgical Ministries

February 21 & 22

Lectors

5:00pm Dan Palmer
7:30am Caitilin Landrigan
10:00am Doug Ford

Eucharistic Ministries

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

Gifts

5:00pm Brandi Duncan family
7:30am Andy Hinen family
10:00am Brad Stoffel family

Ushers

5:00pm J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordan, Volunteer
7:30am M. Butts, J. Butts, M. Mager, H. Strack
10:00am K. Miller, K. Kammer, T. Wilhelm, S. Wilhelm

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Sean D, James G, Jonah J, Levi S
10:00am Harrison F, Isaac F, Owen K, Julian T

Church Cleaning

February 21 Cathy Mowry, Bob Kokovay

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BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW GOD'S LAWS

The main message of this Sunday's readings is centered on the laws of God; the Psalmist proclaims, "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord." Many people are of the opinion that laws are meant to restrict human freedom and deprive them of happiness, but the truth is that the laws of God were given for our own good and for order and harmony in human interactions. The author of the Book of Sirach reminds us that God does not force his laws on humans but has set before us, fire and water, life and death, good and evil and invites us to choose wisely.

St. Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses, the greatest law giver who has come not to abolish the law or the prophets but to fulfill them and He calls on his followers to a righteousness that surpasses that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. Mtt.5:20. Jesus challenges us with these words: "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors.... But I say this to you..." by so doing He calls us to a greater fidelity to the laws of God, not just at the level of actions but that we also examine our interior dispositions and intentions that are underlying our actions, because it is often within our desires, thoughts and feelings that most sins and evil are conceived before they come to fruition.

P.S. Lenten Season begins this Wednesday, February 18. We shall celebrate Masses and distribute ashes at the 8am and 6pm Masses. Please return your old palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday celebration.

Our Parish Mission 2026 will start with the **Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 20th at 6pm, followed by soup supper and a talk.**

Rite of Election: 7 Catechumens and 2 Candidates with their sponsors and godparents from St. Patrick, Arcola will be going to St. Charles Parish for this important step on their journey to the Easter Sacraments to be led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

The Saints and Shrines of France Pilgrimage will start next Sunday, February 22. Out of the 25 people on this holy trip, our Parish has 8 people, feel free to give us your prayer intentions, we will be glad to carry your prayers with us on this pilgrimage. **Happy Valentine's Day!! Happy Valentine's Day!!!**

- Fr. John Eze

February 15, 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!

Ash Wednesday Masses on February 18 will be at 8am and 6pm with distribution of Ashes. **The collection to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** will be at both masses.

Rice Bowls are at the church entrances for Lent for Life! Help our global family and work for a world where all can thrive.

Black & Indian Missions Collection at all masses the weekend of February 21 & 22. Your generosity helps spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Holy Hour for Peace is on **Thursday, February 19th** after 8am mass. Adoration and Confessions from 8:30-9:30 am. As we pray for peace, let us also ask our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace, to intercede for our nation.

Our Condolences to the family and friends of Al Bowser whose funeral mass was on Thursday, February 12 at St. Patrick's. Pray for the repose of his soul.

Rocking Horse Winner (Custom made by Pat Doyle) Congratulations to Shirley Kay Zorger who was the winner. \$245 was raised to benefit The National Kidney Foundation. Thank you for your support.

40 Days for Life – Spring Campaign Opening Rally will be on **February 17** at **5:30 pm** outside Planned Parenthood (2930 Lake Ave). Pray for the end of Abortion!

Pro-Life: Choose Love, Choose Life!

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.

Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening (18-35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, February 16** from **6-8 pm** in the Conference Room.

Life Teen! Leading Teens Closer to Christ! All 8th -12th grade on **Saturday, February 28** 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.

Blessed candles are in the sanctuary for your use at home.



GET YOU TICKETS! 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 for all parishioners 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!

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. **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.

Ladies Kingdom Builders on **Thursday, February 26** from **7-8:30 pm** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. All women welcome!

Queen of Angels hosting video series “The Perfect Prayer: The Mass”, the study group will meet in the school 9 consecutive Mondays, beginning the first Monday of Lent, **February 23** at **6pm**. Free series.

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!

Brunch with His Brides (mothers with daughters in 2nd grade – high school) **Saturday, February 28** at the **Cathedral with Mass at 8:30 am with Bishop Rhoades**. Cost \$25 per ticket, register at www.brunchwithhisbrides.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Feb 28 – March 1 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, apply at www.wwme.org.

Weekly Offertory Collection February 2 - 9

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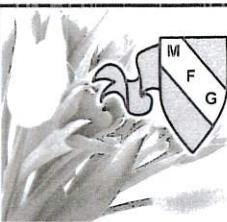


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