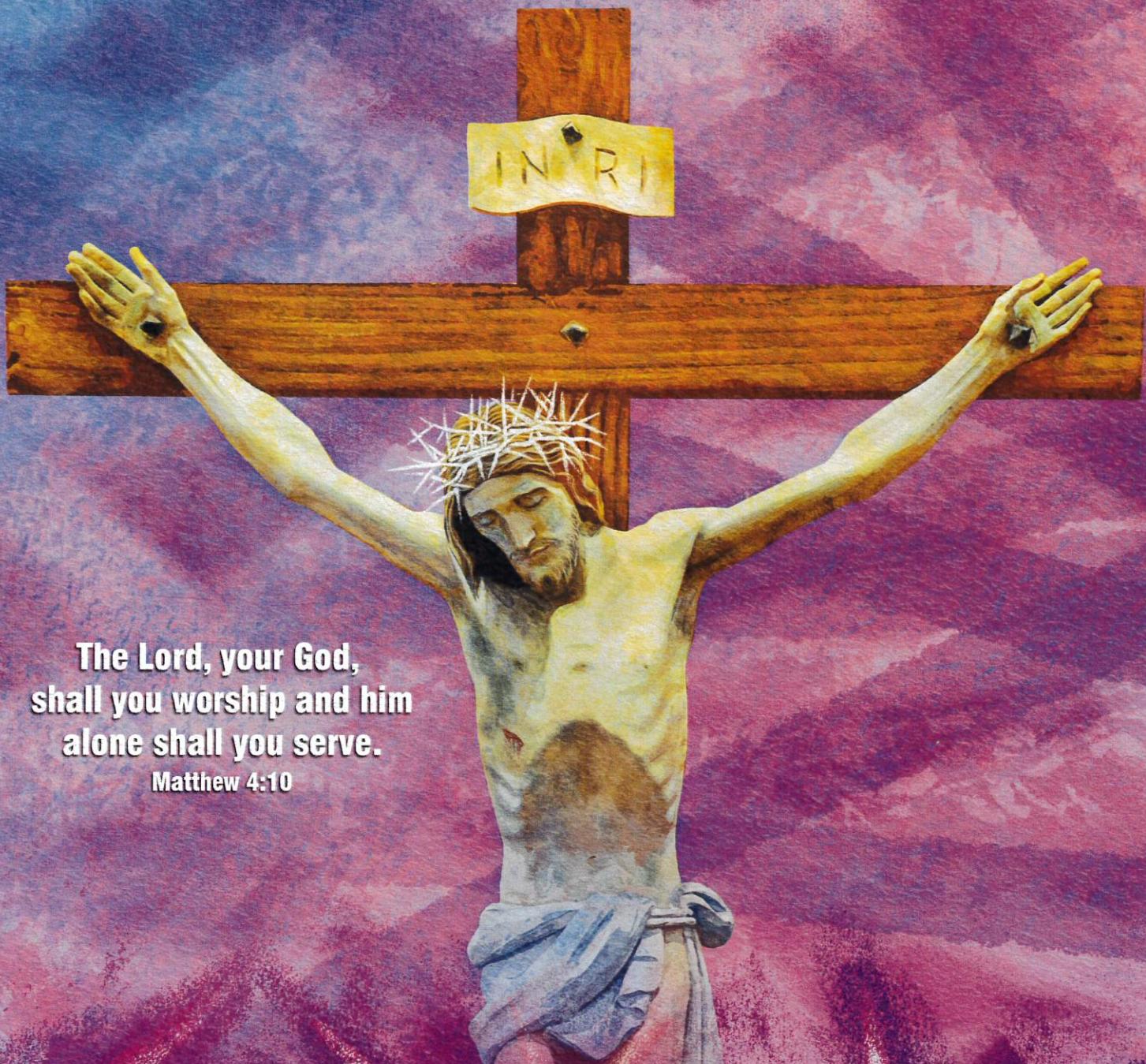


First Sunday of LENT



**The Lord, your God,
shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve.**

Matthew 4:10

First Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 22

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

Monday, February 23

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 24

6:00pm Linda Bubb

Wednesday, February 25 Special intention:

8:00am Kay Derheimer & Maureen Denihan

Thursday, February 26

8:00am Bob & Agnes Schortgen

Friday, February 27

8:00am Donna Slavin
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Soup supper

Saturday, February 28

5:00pm Claude Kroger

Sunday, March 1

7:30am Rev. Robert Van Kempen
10:00am Jane Arata

Liturgical Ministries

February 28 & March 1

Lectors

5:00pm Sue Swangin
7:30am Keith Lipke
10:00am Rob Kruger

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, M. Korte, S. Swangin, S. Fawbush
7:30am D. Strack, R. Strack, B. Tippmann, C. Trahin
10:00am T. Frazier, S. Harber, M. McGrew, N. Millberg

Gifts

5:00pm Dave Burelison family
7:30am Paul Nicholson family
10:00am Dustin Trahin family

Ushers

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

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Lincoln S, Peter S, Andrew S, Xavier R
10:00am Micah H, Isaac F, Xavier T, Levi T

Church Cleaning

February 28 J. Germano, S. Skora, St. Paula's group

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TEMPTATION TO SIN

On this first Sunday of Lent our readings remind us that temptation is not a sin; giving in is. Our first parents Adam and Eve fell to the tricks and falsehood of the devil, that God gave us rules to limit our happiness, this false image of God led them to rebel against Him and seek to be independent, the consequence was a fall from grace to grass. The story of the fall of Adam and Eve are not just stories of what happened at the beginning of creation but what happened and continues to happen to everyone who ignores God and His laws. Every Christian like Christ emerging from the waters of Baptism is invited to go with Christ into the desert of life to be tempted by the devil. Each temptation strikes at a basic human desire for comfort, power, and control. Jesus resisted not with strength or clever arguments, but with trust in His Father and total obedience to the Word of God.

Lenten Season provides us great opportunities to intensify our efforts in prayer, fasting and acts of charity so that we may grow in grace and be able to overcome temptations the way Christ did. Lenten season is a time of formation in the faith for the Elect who will receive the Initiation Sacraments at the Easter vigil. It is also a time of deepening and strengthening the spiritual life we received during our baptism; so, it is a season of grace, a time of renewal, for all believers. This is a life changing moment, a time to die to self so that we will rise to new life with Christ at Easter. Do you have a plan for your Lenten journey? Please, set targets for your spiritual life, challenge yourself and monitor your progress through daily self-examination.

P.S. We sincerely thank the Diocesan Office of Vocations: led to our Parish Mission by Fr. Daniel Neizer, Fr. Bobby Krish, Sister Mary Augustine and Mr. & Mrs. Daniel and Linda Landigan for helping us with our Parish Mission 2026. May the graces we received from this weekend increase our willingness to love, serve and follow the Lord.

Please pray for us as we start the Saints and Shrines of France Pilgrimage, by God's grace we will be returning on Thursday, March 5. We will be praying for your intentions, and we also beg you to pray for us too.

Congratulations to two of our Elect and seven of our Candidates for the bold step they took last Sunday like Abraham, (Gen. 12: 1-4a) in the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, we also thank their teachers and sponsors who have been preparing and guiding them, let us keep praying for them as they match on to the Easter Sacraments. **Happy Lenten Season!!**

February 22, 2026



St. Patrick FISH FRY

March 13 4-7 pm

Dine In & Drive Thru

Volunteers needed. Please sign up on the Sign-up Genius or sign-up sheets at the church entrances.

OCIA 2026 – Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates that are preparing to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please take a name from the basket by the poster of The Elect at the church main entrance and pray for them during their beautiful journey.

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

Stations of the Cross followed by soup supper on Friday, February 27 at 6pm

40 Days for Life – Spring Campaign Feb 18 – March 29 (2930 Lake Ave). Pray for the end of Abortion! St. Patrick/Queen of Angels Prayer date is **Wed. March 25!**

Pro-Life: Take my hand ... not my Life!

Young Adult Bible Study on Monday Evening (18–35-year-olds) will be held on Monday, February 23 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, March 7 from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the old school building.

Bishop Luers NEW Freshman Registration is NOW OPEN! Applications can be submitted online at www.bishopluers.org. Questions contact Jenny Andorfer at 260.456.1261 ext. 3051. Experience Luers Spirit!

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!

Easter Memorial Flower Envelopes are located at the church entrances which will help decorate the church for Easter!

The Catholic Medical Guild invites anyone in healthcare to come to their annual **Lenten Retreat on February 28**. Spouses are also welcome. Topic: “Man’s Final End: Morality, Happiness, and Beatitude.” Presented by Fr. Royce Gregerson at St. Vincent Spiritual Center. Please RSVP at fortwayne.cathmed.org. (Cost \$10) Starts at 8:15am with Mass at St. Vincent’s Church and ends around 2:30 pm.



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 or the parish office (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!

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

Congratulations to Ben and Elizabeth Davis whose son William Dee was baptized on February 15, 2026 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless you and your family.

Children's Mass will be on **Sunday, March 1 at 7:30 am**. The Religious Education students will sit with their class.

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.

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 9-15

Regular Collection - \$2,725
Online Collection - \$2,978
TOTAL Giving - \$5,703

Parish Financial Report

December 31, 2025, was the end of the second quarter of the 2026 fiscal year. The table below summarizes the parish financial data for this period.

Although our actual expenses Year To Date (YTD) continued to exceed the budget, primarily in the second quarter due to increased operating costs, income for the second quarter in excess of the budget covered these additional costs. This resulted in an overall improvement over the first quarter, where our expenses were approximately \$25,000 higher than our income and \$16,000 over the budget.

Your past and continued support of our parish with your time, talent, and treasures is greatly appreciated and best wishes for a blessed 2026.

	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUALS
Income	\$228,760	\$250,980
Total Expenses	\$223,213	\$248,971
Income-Expenses	\$5,547	\$2,009

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