

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Repay to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God*

MATTHEW 22:21

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 18

7:30am +Phil Strack
10:00am Parishioners of St. Patrick

Monday, October 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, October 20

6:00-7:00pm Adoration and Confessions
7:00pm Special intention: Chris Nowak

Wednesday, October 21

8:00am Special intention: Isaac Nicholson
8:30-9:30am Adoration Holy Hour

Thursday, October 22

8:00am +Victor and Ada Lipke
8:30-9:30am Adoration and Confessions

Friday, October 23

8:00am Special intention: Zach Schortgen

Saturday, October 24

3:30-4:30pm Adoration and Confessions
5:00pm +Ed Morken

Sunday, October 25

7:30am +Denise McNerney
10:00am Parishioners of St. Patrick

Liturgical Ministries

October 24 & 25

Lectors

5:00pm Jim Bottone
7:30am Zach Schortgen
10:00am Rob Kruger

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, N. Schortgen, S. Swangin, C. Trahin
7:30am M. Butts, D. Strack, R. Strack, B. Tippmann
10:00am T. Frazier, S. Harber, K. Miller, S. Miller

Gifts

5:00pm Les Mangis family
7:30am Nathaniel Strack family
10:00am Dustin Trahin family

Ushers

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

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am James G, Lincon S, Peter S, Andrew S
10:00am John D, Chuck D, Paul D

Church Cleaning

October 24 Kris Giant, Joan Kegerreis

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Fr. Bobby's Column

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As of this weekend, we have had five weddings here in the church over the course of the last four weeks. Five weddings! This is a new personal record for me, and I'm told that it's a record for St. Pat's too. It seems that fall has become the new wedding season. But this is really great to have so many people desiring to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony. Men and women are still falling in love, but so many are simply choosing to not get married, or to get married outside of the Church. Let us pray that couples would seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church, and so have their union filled with the grace of Jesus Christ.

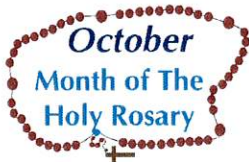
Let's also pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life to come from our parish as well. I'm told that in the 164-year history of our parish, we have not had any vocations to the priesthood come from our parish (as far as we know). The Church is always in need of "laborers for the harvest," especially today. Most are called to serve the Lord in the context of marriage, but others are called to another vocation. I know that the Lord is calling some to serve Him in this way, so let's pray that these young people would hear His voice when He calls them.

Regardless of which vocation we are called to, each of us is called to be holy, first and foremost. Marriage prep happens long before a couple enters my office to start planning their wedding. So too, a young man or woman's path to priesthood or religious life starts long before they enter the seminary or monastery. Our homes must be little "domestic churches," and our families must be deeply rooted in the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us be the saints the Lord is calling us to be, that way, each of us may respond generously when the Lord calls us to serve Him and build up the Kingdom of God.

October 18, 2026



United in Mission! The Annual Bishop's Appeal invites each of us to participate in the life and mission of the Church across our diocese. To make a gift, donate online at diocesefwsb.org/aba or by returning the pledge card that you received in this year's mailing. (Blank Pledge Cards are available at the church entrances) All funds received over our goal will be returned to our parish!



October is the month of the Holy Rosary and Respect Life Month! Monthly devotions on Wednesday mornings after 8am Mass. Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Pray the Rosary daily!

Young Adult Bible Study (18-35-year-olds) will meet on **Monday, October 19 from 6-8 pm** in the conference room.

Life Teen – Leading Teens Closer to Christ (6-12th grades) on **Saturday, October 24 from 3-5 pm** in the old school hall.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign (September 23- November 1) 40-day campaign to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigil in front of Planned Parenthood (2930 Lake Ave).

Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child before or after birth on **Monday, October 19 at 6:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, FW**. Siblings and grandparents are also welcome.

Trunk or Treat at Branning Park (near Arcola Elementary School) in Arcola on **Friday, October 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm**.

Mini-Retreat on Blessed Solanus Casey on **Saturday, October 24 at St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington**. **Franciscan Jubilee Year Retreat** on **Wednesday, October 21 through Sunday, October 25**. Details at www.penitents.org/retreats or phone 260-341-7117

Fort Wayne's Vita Dei Houses offers free housing for ten hours of volunteer work in Catholic ministry. Positions open: women's house administrator, religious gift shop workers, operations manager and finance officer. Phone 341-7117 or visit www.VitaDeiHouse.com.

Donating: Recliner, twin bed with mattress and box spring, and bath bench to anyone who is in need. Please contact Joyce Faith at 260.445.2986 or email jmfg43@gmail.com.

Catholic Community Foundation Now Hiring! Two positions – Foundation Administrator and Foundation Services Manager. Apply at ccfnei.org/blog/452-now-hiring.



Mission belongs to the entire Church! Through prayer, generosity and witness, every baptized person shares in the Church's mission to bring Christ's love to the world. This World Mission Sunday, please pray for missionaries serving communities in need!



Diaper and Maternity Clothing Drive for the Month of October! Respect Life Month! We are currently accepting Diapers and gently used, clean maternity clothes for the Women's Care Center. Donation containers are at the church entrances. Help us support Mothers and their babies!

Congratulations to Ethen Witte and Rachel Steinbacher who were married on October 10, 2026 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless your life together!

Welcome New Parishioners Eric and Nancy McDermitt to St. Patrick's. We are so happy that you have joined St. Patrick's parish family!

Congratulations to Louis and Sara Henry whose son Louis Vincent was baptized on October 2, 2026. May the Lord bless Louis and his family!

White Mass will be celebrated by Father Royce Gregerson at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel at **6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 21**. Anyone is welcome, especially anyone in healthcare, and their families. A dinner will follow below in the chapel lower level. Dinner cost is \$15. RSVP for dinner at fortwayne.cathmed.org or call 222.6978.

ITALIAN DINNER EXPERIENCE- St. Patrick's K of C will hold their Italian Dinner Experience on **October 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 in the church hall**. Last opportunity to purchase tickets! Tickets will be on sale after all Masses **October 17 and 18 and are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under**. The menu includes an appetizer, spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert, and beverages. There will also be Italian music, singing and dancing. This year's proceeds will go to The Heart of Jesus Home for the Dying which will provide hospice care to those in need.

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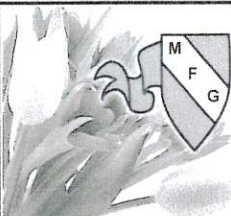
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