

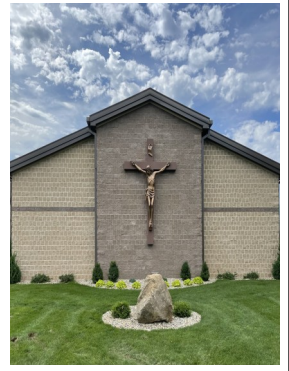


February 22, 2026 –First Sunday of Lent

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Feb. 24th 6:00pm + Deceased members of the Price Family
Feb. 25th 8:00am + Deceased members of the Truex Family
Feb. 26th 8:00am + Deceased members of the Holloway Family
Feb. 27th 8:00am + Celeste Ringuette
Feb. 28th 5:00pm + Nancy Andritsch
Mar. 1st 9:00am Pro Populo
Mar. 1st 11:00am
Mar. 1st 1:00pm + Celeste Ringuette

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention please contact the parish office. We are currently scheduling May 2026

Liturgical Minister Schedule:

Saturday, February 28th - 5pm Mass

Lector: Bill D'Andrea/ Erik Lindquist

Servers:

Sunday, March 1st

9:00am Mass

Lector: John Wendel

Servers: Parick & Peter Nesler & Jameson Ummel & Jeb Blankenship

11:00am Latin Mass

Lector:

Servers:

Counters: Mary Vogel, Patty Hoagland, Ann Snyder

At the parish this week:

Monday, February 23rd

7:00pm Confraternity Rosary

7:30pm St. Paul Street Evangelization

Tuesday, February 24th

5:00pm Adoration

5:15pm Confessions

6:00pm Mass —Vespers following Mass

Wednesday, February 25th

8:00am Mass & Lauds following mass

Thursday, February 26th

8:00 Mass 8:00am— Lauds following Mass

Friday, February 27th

8:00am Mass— Lauds following Mass

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28th

Confession 3:30pm- 4:30pm

Mass 5:00pm

Sunday, March 1st

9:00am Mass

10:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

10:00am Coffee & Donuts

10:15am Bible Study

10:30am Confirmation class

11:00am Mass in Latin

12:15pm Confession en Espanol

1:00pm Mass in Spanish

4:00pm Trail Life

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for supporting tee teens of the parish and helping them have a very successful bake sale fundraiser last weekend. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA (WAF)

Blue Army - Ft. Wayne/So. Bend Division

LENTEN MISSION

Date: Tuesday March 3, 20026

Place: St. Therese Catholic Church 2304 Lower Huntington Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN

Time: 5:30 pm Holy Mass - Fr. Glenn Kehrman

6:30 pm :Lenten Mission Speaker - Fr. Edward Brodsky, FSSP

Topic: They who will persevere to the end, they will be saved. Matthew 10:22

Questions? Contact : judy@fatimafwsb.org

Last Week's Collection:

Envelopes \$2338.00

Loose \$651.25

Votive \$20.25

Coffee & donuts \$28.00

Building Fund \$0.00

Play Ground \$30.00

Eastern Europe \$70.00

\$200.00 every month will go to REACH.

Remember St. Robert's in your will.



Beloved in the Lord,

Lent has begun! During this holy season, may we enter into worthy repentance of our sins and seek the Lord with all our hearts.

For your study and prayerful meditation, I want to share this commentary on the Lenten observance with you from *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Prosper Gueranger, O.S.B. In it he describes the gravity of our spiritual situation, and therefore the necessity of penance:

“Though the divine mysteries whereby our Savior wrought our redemption have been consummated, yet are we still sinners: and where there is sin, there must be expiation. The apostles, therefore, legislated for our weakness by instituting, at the very commencement of the Christian Church, that the solemnity of Easter should be preceded by a universal fast; and it was only natural that they should have made this period of penance to consist of forty days, seeing that our divine Master had consecrated that number by His own fast.

St. Jerome, St. Leo the Great, St. Cyril of Alexandria, St. Isidore of Seville, and others of the holy fathers, assure us that Lent was instituted by the apostles, although, at the commencement, there was not any uniform way of observing it...

“The observance of Lent is the very badge of the Christian warfare. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of the cross of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should mankind grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God’s glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls. Neither can it be doubted that such negligence would become the source of misery to the world, of public calamity, and of private woe” [Encyclical *Non Ambigimus*, Pope Benedict XIV].

“More than two hundred years have elapsed since this solemn warning of the Vicar of Christ was given to the world; and during that time, the relaxation he inveighed against has gone on gradually increasing. How few Christians do we meet who are strict observers of Lent, even in its present mild form. And must there not result from this ever-growing spirit of immortification, a general effeminacy of character, which will lead, at last, to frightful social disorders? The sad predictions of Pope Benedict XIV are but too truly verified. Those nations, among whose people the spirit and practice of penance are extinct, are heaping against themselves the wrath of God, and provoking his justice to destroy them by one or other of these scourges—civil discord, or conquest. In our own country there is an inconsistency, which must strike every thinking mind: the observance of the Lord’s day, on the one side; the national inobservance of the days of penance and fasting, on the other. The first is admirable, and, if we except puritanical extravagances, bespeaks a deep-rooted sense of religion; but the second is one of the worst presages for the future. The word of God is unmistakable: unless we do penance, we shall perish (Luke 13:3).

“But if our ease-loving and sensual generation were to return, like the Ninevites, to the long-neglected way of penance and expiation, who knows but that the arm of God, which is already raised to strike us, may give us blessing and not chastisement?”

Know of my prayers for you this Lent. May we come to the pinnacle feasts of our Faith with holy joy.

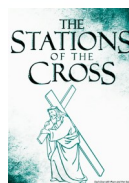
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Prayer Chain: If you are wanting prayers for anything such as an impending surgery, imminent death, safe travel, Holy Spirit for the right words etc. Please contact: **Sharon Shock at 260-341-4412** you may call her or send her a text and she will contact the prayer group for prayers to be said.



Let Us Pray For: Mark Barbara Tibbetts, Mark Bryant, Tom Hardy, Sophia Frieden, Joyce Hardy, Dianne Wion, Nyla Dee Evans, Shawnte Frieden, Anne Steury, Mike Heagy, Diane Cooper, Adriana Howell, John Peters, Dotti Ann Nisbet, Peggy Winters, Jay Sartori, Gary Pennington, Randy & Mary Jo Weiman, George & Joan Pfeiffer, John Weddle, Kevin Shorter, Martha Hancock, Kenny & Nadene Moore, Bob & Martha Bohn, James Thompson, Joe Accetta, Colton Burd, Terry Crull, Josiah Abbott, Marco Martinez, Ashley Ervin, Thiago Lugo, Brie Ann Armstrong, Tom Tatum, John Coonrod, Rex Tharp, Gary D., Chad Alexander, Debby & Doug Hyde, Bob Wagoner, Jesus Diaz, Roger Presl, Jack Davis, Chris Long, Summer West, Sutton Burton, Mason Besore, Jacob Lawrence, Winnie Lautzenheiser, Ann Snyder, Bob & Kay Spangle, Eva Hollowell



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent
at 6:00pm