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**Masses: Saturday at 4:00pm & Sunday at 7:30(Memorial -Labor Day)& 9:00am  
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.**

**Holy Days: check bulletin, Facebook, or website**

**Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass**

**Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Anytime by request**

**Parish Office Hours Tuesdays 10:30-4:30pm**

**REFLECTIONS:... from Father Daniel**

The Gospel tells us that we must not be afraid of division caused by the word of God, which come from the reaction of the "old world" that is trying desperately to remain alive. The first reading gives the example of Jeremiah, a timid. Sensible man whom God entrusts with proclaiming a hard message that goes against the wishes of the kind and of the army. He was persecuted, but God was at his side and freed him. Anybody who becomes a true announcer of the word of God will be persecuted too. The second reading invites us all to be strong and to do our best to overcome our difficulties, like athletes in a race.

Highlighting the supreme importance of God's Kingdom, Jesus decided to warn his followers that they may be in for a lot of pain and suffering if they chose to follow him. Pain and suffering, of course, comes to everyone, whether we are good, bad, or indifferent. Sometimes our inner peace can be destroyed by so many things: such as, big things like

**Canonization Celebration:**

Celebrate the canonization of fifteen year old Saint Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint and creator of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition. Mass at 1 pm on Sunday, September 7 (date of Carlo's canonization) at Saint Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield St, Huntington IN. Fr. Tony Steinacker celebrant. Following is the blessing of a classroom dedicated Saint Carlo and the Eucharistic Miracles. Refreshments, books, medals, prayer cards available.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES – FORT WAYNE AND SOUTH BEND:**

All couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary this year, along with their families, are invited to attend the Jubilee Anniversary Mass with Bishop Rhoades on Sunday, September 14, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral or Sunday, October 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with a ticketed reception to follow. Anniversary couples will receive a commemorative certificate and two free tickets to the reception. Additional reception tickets for family and friends may be purchased for \$10 each. Children 10 and younger are free. To register, please go to [diocesefwshb.org/anniversary-masses](http://diocesefwshb.org/anniversary-masses).

**September  
27th, 2025  
6:00pm**

**MYSTERY  
THEATRE**

**MURDER ON  
THE MENU**

**35.00 per person**

**Sponsor a table: 500.00 (10 seats)**

**Event includes: appetizers and one drink ticket**

**Beer and Wine flights 10.00**

**Silent Auction and Raffle**

**St. Therese Catholic Church  
2222 Lower Huntington Rd**





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## **Kingdom Builders:**

*Kingdom Builders is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper and a part-time Development Coordinator to support our growing mission! To learn more about these opportunities and view the job description, please email Stephanie Weigert at [stephanie.weigert@buildingthroughhim.com](mailto:stephanie.weigert@buildingthroughhim.com).*

### **Prison Pen Pal Program Isaiah 42 Ministry:**

The jail ministry program at Sacred Heart Warsaw has an immediate need for pen pals for prison inmates. There are parishioners from several churches within the Diocese already serving on this ministry team. We currently have five men who are waiting to be matched to someone who will write a monthly letter and be a positive influence by offering encouragement and hope through friendship, scripture and prayer. Our pen pal program has been in place for over eight years and we currently have 32 members on the team. For safety and to protect privacy, only your first name is used and mail is always sent and received using the ministry's post office box address. If you are interested in this ministry and would like more information, please call/text Jody Burns at 574-267-6447 or email [jodyburns6927@gmail.com](mailto:jodyburns6927@gmail.com)

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP - FORT WAYNE:**

Young people in their 20's and 30's are invited to the Summer 2025 Theology on Tap Series titled "Taste of Heaven". The weekly series runs every Tuesday from July 8th - Aug. 5th. Individuals of any faith are encouraged to attend. The event takes place at Charlie's Place. Doors, food, and bar service open at 6:30 p.m. Weekly talks begin at 7:00 p.m. Come for the food and drink, fellowship, explore your faith, and invite a friend. Learn more about the series at: [diocesefwvb.org/tot-fw](http://diocesefwvb.org/tot-fw).

natural disasters, to issues with bad health or death of a family member, to disagreement with someone we love. Many years ago a good friend who was pushing a person in a wheelchair at his synagogue and while he was doing this he suffered a stroke. He would often cynically say to his friend "No good deed goes unpunished". I think at times we all feel that way, that life is not fair. I believe most of us have the unexpressed expectation that if we do what God wants, God should do what we want. Well, sometimes he does, and sometimes he doesn't, at least not right away. Today's Gospel called for a radical way of life that often stood in contradiction to the popular beliefs of the people. Pope Francis said, "If our heart is closed; If our heart is made of stone, then stones will end up in our hands, and we will be ready to throw them at someone." Like Jesus and Jeremiah, I would rather die on my feet than live on my knees. Pope Leo XIV said, "Salvation does not come about by magic but by grace and faith."

### **Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Paper Products!**

**Homes:** please contact the Parish Office.

**Homebound:** Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick** is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated as needed.  
One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

**Marriage:** Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

**In the Event of a Death:** Please notify the parish office

**Those interested in being put on a prayer list:** Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

**Register w/the Parish:** There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

**Parish Hall:** Parishioners may rent the hall, as long as the rental doesn't conflict with parish events/meetings. Contact the office for more info.  
Suggested Donation \$50.00



### **Last Week's Collection:**

Loose: \$343

Envelopes: \$1,030

*ABA- Goal \$9,581.85*

Current cards returned: 020/168

### **Readings for 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times:**

**Reading 1** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

**Psaln** Psaln 40:2, 3, 4, 18

**Reading 2** Hebrews 12:1-4

**Gospel** Luke 12:49-53

### **Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:**

Saturday, August 16, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Kent Wildman

Sunday, August 17, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 + Joe Smyjunas

Monday, August 18, No Mass Judges 2:11-19 Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 19, 8:00 + Frank Jones

Wednesday, August 20, 8:00 + Janet Iavangilio

Thursday, August 21, 8:00 + Sue Stevens

Friday August 22, 8:00 + John Huhn

Saturday, August 23, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + Dennis Lemmon

Sunday, August 24, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 Our Parish

9:00 Living & Deceased Members of the Lauer Family

### **Upcoming Calendar Events:**

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Heirloom Tomato Festival 10-4pm

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, Last Summer Mass of Season 7:30am

Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30pm

Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Adoration 8:30am

Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Women's Fellowship Meet up 8am

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Parish Breakfast Following Mass

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Religious Education Following Mass

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Parish Council 6:30pm

*Saturday, September 13 & Sunday, September 14 Bishop Address*

Monday, September 22, RTL Banquet 6pm (doors open at 5pm)

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, Kingdom Builders 8:30-5pm

(Memorial Coliseum)

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Donuts & Coffee

Following Mass

### **Ministers Schedule:**

*Saturday, August 23, 4:00pm*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Rick Zydek

**Lector:** Angie Burkhardt

*Sunday, August 24, 9:00am*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Tracy Gaunt

**Lector:** Greg Rostochak

### **Please Keep in Your Prayers this Week:**

Sue DeLaCruz, Tom & Jena Brovont, Brent Widman, Niece of

Carolyn Perry, Sharon DeLong, William (Liam) Bindley, Andre

Martinez & Maggie Elpusan.

### **Parish Announcements:**

We are still in need of a few more counters for collections for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month. Counting happens after Mass on Sunday.

Contact the office for more info. You may begin submitting ABA pledge cards immediately.

### **Knights of Columbus:**

Even if you missed recruitment night, you can still join to help us reach our recruiting goal for our own council. Contact the office or Nick Walenga to find out how you can help. Knights meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

### **Women's Fellowship Group:**

Don't forget to join your fellow women of the parish every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday for Mass/adoration then meet up for breakfast after at BlueSky Café on SR 13.

### **ABA Bulletin announcement:**

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has begun. Donors who prefer 10 or 12 months of payments are encouraged to enter their pledge online, at <https://diocesefwbsb.org/aba/> any time after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Credit card payments are also easily processed through the website. Misplaced the card that was mailed to your home in July or didn't receive one? Cards & return envelopes will be in pew starting this weekend.