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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 8, 2026

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Weekdays: Mass is celebrated at 8 AM Monday through Friday.

Adoration & Benediction Fridays, after the 8 AM Mass.

Confessions are scheduled for Saturdays, from 3 to 3:40 PM and by appointment.

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4 PM, Sunday, 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

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Sat.	Feb.	7	4:00 pm	+Robyn Huschak req. by Mom & Family					
Sun.	Feb.	8	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH					
			10:30 am	+Veronica Novak req. by Lori & Ed Zatek					
Mon.	Feb.	9	8:00 am	+Leonard Gentile req. by People Helping People					
Tues.	Feb.	10	8:00 am	+Greta “Krisco” Jones req. by Shirley Walls					
Weds.	Feb.	11	8:00 am	+Edward & Anna Mae Polo req. by Daughter: Michelle & Family					
Thurs.	Feb.	12	8:00 am	+Ronald Martynuska req. by Joe & Pam Scoran					
Fri.	Feb.	13	8:00 am	+Robert Warner, Sr. req. by Wife: Mary & Family					
Sat.	Feb.	14	4:00 pm	+Jeffrey Vaughn req. by Mom, Dad & Family					
Sun.	Feb..	15	8:00 am	+Jennifer Schrift req. by Roseanne & Ray Krug					
			10:30 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH					

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Kathryn Stanchek** req. by Family.

The Rectory Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Special Intention** req. by Anonymous.

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February 8, 2026 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us as Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: “Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed, and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.” The Lord gives no wiggle room here – care for our brothers and sisters in need is a “must-do” for the Christian steward. Note, too, that these instructions require action – to share, to shelter, to clothe, and to hang in there with your family members, even the demanding ones.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale, and light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do – the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships, and, above all, our love for God – and then give Him glory!

COMFORT AND CONNECTION POTLUCK DINNER & BINGO – We will be hosting a Potluck Dinner, along with Bingo & Prizes, for all those who have experienced a loss or need connection on Sunday, February 15th from 2 to 4 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Parish Hall. The main entrée will be provided, and those attending may sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

SYMPATHY – Our Parish family wishes to extend their sincerest sympathy to Susan Cyran & family on the recent death of her husband, **David**. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 02/01/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$5,443.00
Children	20.50
Loose	93.00
Holy Day	35.00
Church Improvement	55.00
Energy	130.00
Initial	45.00
All Souls	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 5,841.50

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026

- Feb. 8 – Respect Life Presentation 3:00 PM
- Feb. 9 – K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
- Feb. 15 – Potluck Dinner & Bingo 2 to 4 PM
- Feb. 18 – Ash Wednesday/ Day of Fast & Abstinence
- Feb. 25 – Lenten Luncheon Noon at Hammers Street Church of God
- Feb. 27 – Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM – Fridays in Lent

Religious Education

- **February 14: Post-Confirmation Youth Ministry Workshop.** Do you have a passion for youth? Would you be willing to coordinate youth ministry activities with our parish youth beginning Fall 2026? If you feel called to this ministry, kindly call the Rectory or Sr. Vivian on 814-736-4279, Ext. 104, to register for the workshop.
- **2nd grade First Reconciliation Retreat:** Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 9-11:30am
- **Confirmation Retreat:** Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 6pm. Attending: Students, parents and Confirmation sponsors.
- **Service hours:** Grades 1-8 are due on Sunday: April 12, 2026

Child & Youth Protection: All Parish volunteers & personnel are required to have themselves fully cleared. Clearances are to be renewed every **FIVE years**. Stop by the rectory office or Call Sr. Vivian @ 814-736-4279 ext. 104 to check what clearance you need to update. Sr. Vivian will walk you through the process in case you need assistance.

The Sacred Heart Ushers Club will be holding fish dinners during Lent. The dates are Feb. 27, March 13 and March 27. Due to church renovation, the dinners will be drive thru only. The menu will be fried haddock, French fries, haluski, mac & cheese, green beans, Cole slaw, roll and cake, Cost is \$15. Dinners will be from 4pm to 6pm or until sold out. No pre-orders. Pick up will be at the handicap entrance to the church hall on Orchard Street.

To further the implementation of our Parish Vision to bring the church family closer together, our parish purchased licensures to show some inspirational movies in the months ahead. The first to be shown is the miniseries, The Bible, consisting of 10 episodes depicting Creation through the Book of Revelation. The first showing, consisting of 2 episodes, will be February 22 from Noon to 2:00. The full schedule has been made into a flyer and posted on our bulletin boards, the parish website and our Facebook page. The Bible is rated PG-14 and recommended for ages 14+. The second movie is an all-Parish family event to watch the movie The King of Kings (Rated PG) on Sunday March 29 after Palm Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.

Our Flooring Project began on Monday, January 5th. We are better than on schedule with work. Going into the sixth week of the work, most of the tile has been installed, the pews are repositioned and much of the carpet is also installed. Check our website and Facebook page to see the project in the progression of photos. Many thanks to everyone who helped us raise the funds to make these improvements possible. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns and please keep the project in your prayers! Fr. Tom

Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 9th at 7:00 pm, beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 pm, in the Parish Hall. *Attendance is strongly requested* as several important votes will be held regarding disbursal of funds and potential change of meeting time. A quorum of membership is **required** to approve motions and hold a vote. K of C council rep, Ben Kalwasinski, will also speak at the meeting. Please RSVP your attendance by call or text to: 814-533-9795.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE – February 8 at 11 AM there will be a televised Mass from the Cathedral of St. John Gaulbert in Johnstown on “Proclaim!” with Bishop Mark Bartchak as the main celebrant. Feel free to attend or watch it on TV.