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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 1, 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.	Jan.	31	4:00 pm	+Hilda Sossong req. by Kordish Family
Sun.	Feb.	1	8:00 am	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
			10:30 am	+Regis Schall req. by Rosemas Family
Mon.	Jan.	2	8:00 am	+Rev. Fr. Nicholas Polichnowsky T.O.R.
Tues.	Jan.	3	8:00 am	+Kimberly Klein req. by People Helping People
Weds.	Jan.	4	8:00 am	+Deceased Friars, Relatives, Friends & Benefactors of the TOR Community
Thurs.	Jan.	5	8:00 am	+Delores Chappell req. by People Helping People
Fri.	Jan.	6	8:00 am	+Francis & Rita (Stoltz) Moyer req. by Pat & Rose Boland
Sat.	Jan.	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

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for **Rose Graham** req. by Paul, Nikki, Angie & Tammy Garbacz.

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

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February 1, 2026 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel Reading from Matthew recounts what we know as Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. This entire reflection could be devoted to that, of course, but as always, there are also messages that are important in the other readings. The Sermon on the Mount is the first of five teachings Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Matthew. The Lord gives this relatively early in His Ministry, not long after He has been baptized. In the entire New Testament this is the longest continuous section of Jesus speaking, and it is perhaps the most widely quoted part of the four Canonical Gospels. It contains, after all, the central rules of discipleship.

Today’s Gospel provides us with instructions from Jesus as to what kind of people His disciples should be. There are more than enough key words on which to reflect and pray: poor, mourn, meek, hunger, mercy, peacemakers, clean and persecuted – to name a few. We could concentrate on each one, but it is worth pointing out that these all are traits the Lord calls us to.

For example, when Jesus says that to be blessed, we need to ‘hunger and thirst for righteousness,’ He is reminding us of what our focus in life should be. In our world people hunger for many things that may not be that important – things like power, success, wealth, possessions and comfort. The idea of being righteous in His eyes is more important than any of those.

PARISH FINANCES – The stats of week 01/25/2026

Sunday/Monthly	\$2,957.40
Children	15.75
Loose	85.00
Holy Day	22.00
Church Improvement	140.00
Initial	<u>42.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,262.15

UP-COMING MEETINGS & EVENTS 2026

- Jan. 31 & Feb. 1 – Blessing of the Throats
- Feb. 1 – SHUC Rosary 2:30 PM Meeting 3:00 PM
- Feb. 8 – Respect Life Presentation 3:00 PM
- Feb. 9 – K of C Rosary 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 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

- **The Respect Life Presentation:** Respect life Commission Presentation here in our parish on Sunday, **February 8 at 3:00pm.** Our **Confirmation Grade students (grades 9-11)** are encouraged to participate in the presentation. The presentation would be their Re. Ed. Class for that Sunday, February 8. Consent forms will be sent via email during the week.
- **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 at 814-736-4279, Ext. 104, to register for the workshop.

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.

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Our Flooring Project began on Monday, January 5th. We are better than on schedule with work. All the asbestos tiles we can remove at this time from the Church building are gone. All week long, they have been preparing the original concrete floor and as of Friday they started to lay the tiles under the pews. Thank you for your patience and flexibility thus far. Please keep working with us through the mess and adjustment we have had to make. There are photos on the website and Facebook pages of our parish. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns and please keep the project in your prayers! Fr. Tom

COMFORT AND CONNECTION POTLUCK 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.

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 –On 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. What an impact it makes to see so many Religious Men and Women present for this celebration! This is a great opportunity for viewers to witness the dedication of Religious as they proudly renew their Religious Vows of Poverty, Charity and Obedience.