



January 29, 2023



Today's readings

**4th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



OUR LOCATION

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 28 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Anthony J Mascetta, and Joseph & Carmella Mascetta by Adelina Mascetta

Sunday, January 29 — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Joe Minno by Wife & Children

10:30 AM † Nathan Dzimiera by Ted Harhai

Monday, January 30

8:00 AM † Rene Moncini by Carol Sepesky

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, February 1

No Mass

Thursday, February 2

8:00 AM † Frank & Carmella Foglia by Al & Phyllis Foglia

Friday, February 3

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, February 4 — Vigil

4:00 PM † William Marino by Family

Sunday, February 5 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Rene Moncini by Joe & Suzanne Surdyn

10:30 AM † Jaqueline Bender by Son, David

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Fe. 4 & Feb. 5

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	L. Henry	M. Smith B. Smith
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	L. Assenat
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	E. Yatchyshyn	G. Yatchyshyn S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, January 30—Team #2— W. Anders

We are called upon to be a people of humble hearts....

This week we are all being challenged to look at not only our actions in life but also and more importantly our attitudes. In the gospel we are given the Beatitudes which stand as true wisdom calling us all to live lives of justice, love and compassion in our relationships with one another as well as with God. In all of our readings for this week we can see words that were written to a specific group of people in ancient times is still just as relevant today.



Our liturgy starts off with the Old Testament reading taken from Zephaniah. This prophet speaks to a people about their arrogance. Here they were on the brink of being taken captive by a foreign power the Babylonians, and their pride and their arrogance was all they could see. He encourages them to turn back to the Lord and take refuge in Him. As we look at our own society, it is arrogance and pride once again that has turned people away from the Lord. We rely on things outside of ourselves and we forget how we have gotten all of these things. It is a lack of trust in God that brought about the downfall of the people in the day of Zephaniah, and here we are thousands of years later repeating their mistakes. Saint Paul continues this train of thought by reminding us all that we have all been chosen by God, not because of wisdom or wealth, rather we have been chosen by virtue of our Baptism in Christ. He tells the people of Corinth that human boastfulness is empty and counts for nothing.

Jesus in the Gospel gives His Sermon on the Mount which shows us what it means to be counted among the “blessed” in God’s Kingdom. Along with Zephaniah, Jesus reminds us that God can only work through lowliness and humility. Each of the Beatitudes shows us an “action” or “life situation” that is rewarded by God. Through the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount we are reminded that through our actions we participate in making that Kingdom of God a reality, and they guide all of us to live lives of justice, love and compassion.

The real danger with arrogance in life is that we do not always see it; in ourselves or even in our actions. Humility allows us to be more aware not only of the blessings we have in life but also helps us see where we can make a difference in the life of someone else. When we live lives of humility and peace, the presence of God goes with us in everyone we meet and in everything we accomplish in life. This is the ultimate goal we all should strive to achieve. Whenever we forgo selfishness for the good of others, we help bring that presence of God. Remember that in life we are all Blessed, now it is our responsibility to walk humbly before God and one another.

Weekly Collection Jan. 22

Votive Candles:	256
Utility & Energy:	125
Accent:	0
Ash Wednesday:	40
Children & Adult Collection:	6,091
Online Collection:	705
Total Collection:	\$7,217
Eastern Europe:	60
Home missions:	40
Total Collection:	\$7,317

Festival Organization



There’s still snow in the air, but it’s not too early to start organizing this year’s summer festival. We will have a Festival Organizational meeting on **Monday, January 30, in the church hall at 6:30 p.m.** All Festival chairpersons, and anyone interested in helping, are invited to attend.

Readings for the week of January 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Mon.: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tue.: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wed.: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thurs.: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

Fri.: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Sat.:Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe



Annually, our Diocese participates in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on the first **Sunday of February**. This year, the Collection will be taken next week. The proceeds from this collection will help the Church to overcome the challenges of rebuilding after decades of atheistic communist rule, **bringing light to twenty-nine nations in Central and**

Eastern Europe, such as Croatia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine. The citizens of Central and Eastern Europe have been freed from the evil of communism for over thirty years, but great need still remains. Although the tyranny of communism did not snuff out the Catholic faith in these countries, the people of Central and Eastern Europe do need our assistance and financial help because they do not have the resources to "Restore the Church and Build the Future" on their own. Because of the **generous response from parishioners in past years**, the Bishops of the United States were able to provide aid immediately to Ukraine when Russia attacked that nation last February. Grants were made available for humanitarian aid to victims and refugees in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, and Moldavia. Food, tents, blankets, and personal hygiene products were provided at various relief centers during the early days of the invasion. Please be generous with this most needed help.

Brown Bag Sunday

Baby showers have long been a way to shower expectant mothers with gifts of love. This February, show some love to new and expectant mothers who have no one to shower them. We will hold a **Brown Bag Sunday on February 19**. We are asking for diapers and clothing with sizes from newborn through 12 months.



Volunteer Needed

We are need of at least **one more person** to help out as a money counter. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the office.

Pierogi Schedule

Our pierogi making is in full swing. We will meet on Sundays, after the 8:30 Mass (Come and grab a doughnut and peel potatoes!), and on Mondays, we will begin at 8 a.m. Our schedule is:

Sunday, January 29	Monday, January 30
Sunday, February 5	Monday, February 6
Sunday, February 12	Monday, February 13

In the case of inclement weather, we will follow the Monessen School schedule for delays and cancellations. If school is canceled, so is pierogi making for that day.

Councils Meeting

I would like to have a meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils on **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. Please let me know if you are able to attend. If you are interested in serving on either council, please call the office.

Furthering Our Faith

Our Bible Study / Adult Ed begins on **Monday, February 13** and will run for five weeks. We will continue to explore what we do and why we do the things we do as Catholics. We will meet in the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall at 6:30 p.m. We will continue loosely following *What We Believe*, but no book is necessary to participate. **There is no fee to participate.**

This is an amazing opportunity to learn more about our faith and have your questions about the church tradition and laws answered. Please call the office, or let us know if you will participate by **Friday, February 3**. There is a sign up sheet in back of the church.

KNOW HIM: The Last Supper & the Gift of the Eucharist



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Registration is now open for KNOW HIM: The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist, set for **Thursday, March 9, at 2 and 6 p.m.** at Christ Our Shepherd Center,

Greensburg. This experiential event, part of the **Diocese of Greensburg Eucharistic Revival efforts**, begins with a prayer service led by **Bishop Larry J. Kulick** followed by a keynote address regarding the gift of the Eucharist from **Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle**, Vicar General of the Diocese of Greensburg and Rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Afterward, attendees will make their way through the rooms at Christ Our Shepherd Center for an unforgettable Eucharistic journey. One room will feature a life-sized print of The Last Supper mural created by Italian Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci, along with an explanation of its scriptural nuances from art historian **Liz Lev**, a former didactic consultant for the Vatican Museums. Another room will feature **Monsignor Michael J. Begolly**, Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, discussing his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land and preparing to receive the Eucharist. **Father Christopher J. Pujol**, Parochial Vicar of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, will lead a discussion and demonstration in another room about the significance of washing feet. Bishop Kulick will discuss the bread of life and the symbolism of Easter bread while guests sample paska bread. This event is free of charge as part of the Diocese of Greensburg's Eucharistic Revival efforts. **Seating is limited. The public is welcome. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival to register.**



Register

Mardi Gras

Remember that on the 21st of February we will celebrate Mardi Gras marking the beginning of the Lenten Season. Mark your calendars and come for a "fun" night of celebrating before Lent begins. Remember that we are having **nominations for the King and Queen...so** if you have anyone you would like to nominate, just give us a call. We will have more information on this event in the coming weeks.



Purse Bash!



Our Purse Bash is on the calendar for Sunday, April 30! There are only 200 tickets available. Tickets will be \$30.00 and are available in the church office. A ticket makes a great gift.