

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**



"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

## Holy Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	9	7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL)
Tue	10	5:00 p.m. +Jim Haupt (SL)
Wed	11	7:00 a.m. +Jane Schiferl (SL) 8:45 a.m. +Mary Lou Glaza by Bill Haupt
Thu	12	7:00 a.m. +Rich Hamus (SL)
Fri	13	7:00 a.m. +Bob Kollock (SL) 8:45 a.m. +Rich Hamus by M Zageckowski
Sat	14	4:00 p.m. +Eloise Lobner by P Worzalla 6:00 p.m. +Father John Hogan (SL)
Sun	15	8:30 a.m. +Viola Joosten by Kathy Hamus 10:30 a.m. SP/SL Parishioners (SL)

## LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – February 14-15

Lectors:	4:00 p.m. Kristin Rybicki 8:30 a.m. Carrie Mancl
Servers:	4:00 p.m. Logan & Ethan Breu 8:30 a.m. Peyton Grassl-Olive Fuller
Ushers:	4:00 p.m. John Van Asten – Chris Dachel 8:30 a.m. Mancl Boys
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. Kristin Rybicki-Sue Reber 8:30 a.m. C Kowieski-R Dorshorst

**FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO  
THE HOLY FAMILY**



**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:** we are only **\$80** short of our goal. Any money received over our target will be returned to the church. **Please, if you haven't made a donation to the Appeal, please consider it. Thank you to all who have already contributed!!**

## NEWS

**BUS TRIP TO OUR LADY OF CHAMPION –Tuesday, April 21...**The ladies of St. Lawrence CCW have invited

St. Philip and OLQH ladies to join them on this trip. Pink fliers are available in back of church with more details and deadline for responding. Cost is \$60.

**GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS ITEMS** can be dropped off in Wagner Hall. Thank you.

**BAPTISM CLASSES** are now being held at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. For information on the next date, please call 715-423-1251.

**FATHER CHESTER MEMORIAL BINGO,** sponsored by Friends of St. Philip Youth, will be held on Sunday, March 8 from 1:00-3:00 in Wagner Hall. Admission is free – popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Fun for all ages. Children should be accompanied by an adult.



**OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST,** sponsored by 1891 Financial Life, St. Mary 998, will be held on Sunday, March 1, serving 8-12 in Wagner

Hall. A sign-up sheet for help with this event is in the back of church. Please help if you can. Also, a **Bake Sale** will be held, so if you love to bake, please consider donating bakery for this.

**ST. FRANCIS GROUP OF THE PCCW** will hold a Basket Raffle at the breakfast on March 1. They will begin selling tickets before and after Masses starting February 15. Please support their raffle.





OUR PARISH EXTENDS PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the families and friends of Viola Joosten and Ron Peters. May God grant faith and strength to their families and may they find light, happiness and peace in heaven.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN AT ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...To learn more, contact Mrs. Kerry Klein at 715-422-0901.

EARN TUITION CREDIT OR MONEY FOR YOUR PARISH...USE SCRIP!! The Scrip Office at AHS is open Monday 9-12, Tuesday 9-1, Thursday 11-6 and Friday 9-1.

UPCOMING BINGO DATES AT AHS are February 15, March 1 and 29. Doors open at 12 – Play begins at 1.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR went out in an email this week. If you did not receive it, please contact us to be sure you get it. The program has grown beautifully and early registration will help us plan for additional classes needed. [re.saintphilip@gmail.com](mailto:re.saintphilip@gmail.com). **ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 18. There will be no dinner that evening, and we will have Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. Philip. Let's fill the church with all our families!

**COMING UP:**

- **Pro-Life Rosary** – Monday, Feb. 9, 4:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> & Expressway. **Come pray for life!**
- **KC Council Meeting** – Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:00 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven
- **St. Joseph, Stevens Point Fish Fry & Raffle** – Friday, February 13, 4:30-6:30
- **Fun & Games at St. Alexander, Port Edwards** Friday, Feb. 13, 6-9 – Free Popcorn
- **St. Wenceslaus, Milladore Soup Sale – Drive-Thru Only** – Saturday, Feb. 14, 2:00-4:00, \$8/quart with dinner rolls
- **Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast** – Sunday, Feb. 15, 9:30-12:30 at St. Lawrence – Adults \$10
- **Spaghetti Supper** – St. John, Kellner – Sunday, Feb. 15, serving 4-6 – Adults/Seniors \$12
- **Holy Rosary Luscious Lasagne** – Traditional or Chicken Alfredo – Tuesday, February 17, 3-5:30 pickup only. 9 x 13 \$20, 8 x 8 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. Call 435-4296 to order by Feb. 13.
- **St. Mary, Auburndale Fish Fry** – Feb. 20

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**  
Steve Koback, Gerri Laska, Sylvia Weiler

**CHURCH SUPPORT – FEB. 1**

Adult Envelopes	\$1595.00
Offertory	\$ 316.00
E-Giving	\$ 495.00

If you desire a 2026 contribution statement, contact Barb Ziebell at 715-435-3792 or text 715-459-8247.

Please remember St. Philip Church when making out a will or estate planning.

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**NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PHILIP. CURRENT PARISHIONERS SHOULD CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGES. 435-3286.**

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**Catholic Radio – Relevant Radio 93.9 FM or the free Relevant Radio App**

**RUDOLPH FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS NEW DUELING PIANOS** – Saturday, March 28, 4:30-10:00 at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. Purchase tickets at Ticketbud.com (search Rudolph). \$75 ticket includes dinner & entertainment. Loaded Raffle Baskets.

**JOIN US FOR A ONE-DAY LENTEN RETREAT WITH ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE** at Our Lady Queen of Heaven on March 22, 11:30. Includes a meal, the movie "Triumph of the Heart," and a discussion guide. Cost is \$20. Rated PG 13. Call OLQH at 423-1251

**DIocese of LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:**

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or [intakeagent@diolc.org](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**Diocese of La Crosse Training Requirements and Safe Environment Program Scope:** Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal training is completed annually and is mandatory. In the US; since the inception of training in 2002, the program has provided training to over 4.8 million children and more than 99% of clergy and educators, [notes the U.S. Conference of Catholic](#)

From the Pastor's Desk

And here we are approaching Lent already. A time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are ancient practices, but meant to be very practical—shaping how we relate to God, to ourselves, and to other people as we prepare for Easter.

So why does it matter. Here's a breakdown and why they're strongest when practiced together:

**Prayer** is about deepening relationship, not just saying more words. During Lent, prayer invites us to slow down, listen, repent, and realign our hearts with God's will. It creates space for honestly reflecting on our sin, weakness, gratitude, and hope. It reminds us that conversion is God's work first not just self-improvement. It keeps the season of Lent from becoming a purely external or rule-based season. Without prayer, fasting becomes dieting and almsgiving becomes philanthropy. Prayer gives everything direction.

**Fasting** is about freedom, not punishment. By voluntarily giving something up—food, comfort, habits, we learn that our desires don't control us. It helps detach us from excess and self-indulgence. It sharpens awareness of our dependence on God and it creates solidarity with those who lack daily necessities. In the Catholic tradition, fasting humbles the body so the soul can become more attentive to God.

**Almsgiving** is the outward expression of an inward conversion. It turns repentance into concrete love. It is meant to challenge selfishness and indifference. It helps remind us that faith must show itself in action, and it helps restore right relationships with others, especially the poor and vulnerable. Almsgiving isn't just about money, it's also time, attention, mercy, and generosity of spirit.

Each practice addresses a different relationship; prayer strengthens our relationship with God, fasting strengthens our relationship with ourselves, and almsgiving strengthens our relationship with others. Practiced together, they form a balanced path of repentance and renewal, preparing us not just to celebrate Easter, but to live the resurrection more fully in our day to day lives.

Because Lent and Advent are rooted in centuries of tradition, our roots are sometimes forgotten when we try to modernize them. Like Advent, I did bring a hint of Latin during the Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy), for Lent we will instead sing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). This is in no way me trying to bring back Latin, instead it's a way for each of us to connect to who we are as a Latin Rite Catholic Church. Latin has this sense of tradition which I hope each of us can embrace. Oh yea, don't forget to get your ASH in Church!

— Father Barrv