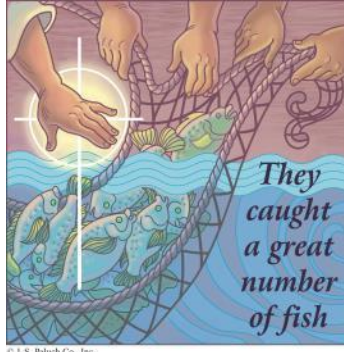


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February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Today's Scripture Readings

**FIRST READING:** In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

**PSALM:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

**SECOND READING:** Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

**GOSPEL:** Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

## LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THEOPHANIES

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

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## Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday - Feb 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lector Ed Olshefski

9:00AM Sunday - Feb 16<sup>th</sup>  
Lector: Denise Lakatos

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## Mass Intentions for the Week: (Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - Feb 16<sup>th</sup>)

MON 02/10 7:00AM. . + (WA) Margaret & Francis Esposito - (Daughter, Janet Knapp)  
TUES 02/11 7:00AM . . . For All Benefactors of St. Anne Parish  
WED 02/12 7:00AM. . + Martin & Matilda Simcic  
THURS 02/13 7:00AM . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilia Graicar  
FRI 02/14 7:00AM . . + Anna V. Christian - (Husband, Bob)  
SAT 02/15 5:30PM. . + For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family - (Barbara Voci)  
SUN 02/16 9:00AM. . + Holy Souls in Purgatory - (Bob Kuhns)

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**Stewardship Reflections:**

Our readings today remind us of the great privilege we have in calling ourselves children and disciples of the Most High God. While we can approach Him with the confidence of a child before his father, we must also remember the deep reverence and awe that we owe to Him.

When we truly embrace a stewardship way of life, putting our talents, time and treasure at the service of the Most High God, we will be astonished at what God will do. Our lives may take a direction beyond our wildest imaginings.

But just as Jesus reassured Simon in our Gospel today, "Be not afraid," He reassures us too. We need not fear a stewardship way of life. Rather, we should embrace the adventure it presents us and prepare to be astonished by what our awesome God will do. "Here I am Lord, send me!"

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
Feb 1<sup>st</sup> & Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

Weekly	\$ 2,014.00
Building Fund	\$ 15.00
Monthly	\$ 166.00
Fuel	\$ 80.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offer	\$ 15.00
Flowers	\$ 15.00
Easter	\$ 10.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

**Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting** – will be held after the 9 AM Mass **Sunday, Feb ;9<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend. All are welcome..



**The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party** will be held this year in April. We are asking for donations of themed baskets (at least \$25 in value). If basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation and we will make it for you! Anyone wishing to donate a basket, new basket items or money to be used towards a basket should contact Eleanor (814-535-3359) or Janet (814-241-6198). Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket. Just mark the envelope "Donation for Christian Mothers Basket Party." Checks should be made payable to St. Anne's Christian Mothers. Baskets or donations of new items can be dropped off at any Mass through March 31.



**Coffee and Cake**...will be served in the Church Basement after both Masses **next weekend, Feb 15 & 16** for all those parishioners who are celebrating their birthday this month! **Everyone is welcome to stop down for a delicious treat and to enjoy friendly conversation and fellowship.**

**Hope to see you there**



Congratulations to our winners of the Pick 3 Ground Hogs Day Ticket.

Winning Number 323 (evening drawing)

**323 Winner – No Winner**

**322 # below – No Winner**

**324 # above – Tammy Mitchell**

We would like to Thank everyone who supported this fundraising project. Thanks to the people who sold the tickets for the church. We appreciate all of your help.

**St Anne's  
2024 Catholic Ministries Drive  
Final Total**

We received the final total for our parish pledges and payments from the Diocese as of Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Our final total is \$8,276. A payment from our church funds in the amount of \$2,696 was sent to meet our goal.

We are thankful to everyone who pledged and may God bless your generosity.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** next get together will be Wed, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 3PM – 6:30PM for those who work. Come join us n praying the Chaplet and discussing the Diary of St. Faustina with Scripture & Catechism of the Catholic Church references to enhance our learning experience. Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717.

**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference**-Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. Registration closes March 21<sup>st</sup>. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating

**A Family Perspective** **Luke 5:1-11**

In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to go further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step.

**ABORTION:** It's easy to love life when it's beautiful and perfect. But the real test of our love is to love, respect, and defend ALL human life from beginning to end; young and old, born and unborn.