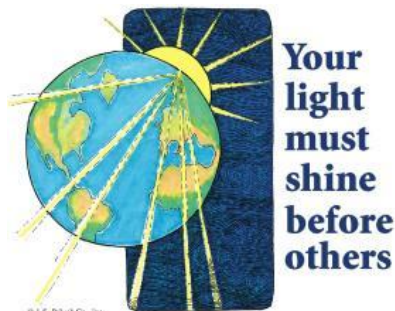


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February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

PSALM: One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

SECOND READING: My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

GOSPEL: You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	Saturday, Feb 14th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Feb 15th
Lector:	Rick Maser	Lector:	Elaine Angus

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Feb 9th - Feb 15th)

MON	02/09	7:00AM. . . + (WA) Margaret & Francis Esposito - (Daughter, Janet)
TUES	02/10	7:00AM. . . + Betty, Marie, Ed & Carl Pavlosky - (Sister, Annamae)
WED	02/11	7:00AM. . . + Rose Marie Mikesic - (Bill Lozanoff)
THURS	02/12	7:00AM. . . + Martin & Matilda Simcic
FRI	02/13	7:00AM. . . + Frank Lopez - (Don & Barb Shovestull)
SAT	02/14	5:30PM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the Ferg/Swaney Family
SUN	02/15	9:00AM. . . + Sylvia Martinek - (Connie Poplinski)

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Stewardship Reflections:

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!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Jan 24th & Jan 25th, 2026

Weekly	\$ 455.00
Fuel	\$ 130.00

Jan 31st & Feb 1st, 2026

Weekly	\$ 1,279.00
Monthly	\$ 71.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
1 st Offer	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 35.00
Black & Indiana Mission	\$ 15.00

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!



The Christian Mother's Annual Basket Party will be held this year in April. We are once again 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 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.

Any interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, or Lector for Mass please contact the rectory office.



Blessing of Homes...If you would like **Fr. Bernard** to bless your home in the New Year, please call the Rectory Office @539-7633 or put a note with your name, address, and phone number in the collection basket.



Blessed Candles – for your home are available in the back of the church. They are \$3 for a box of two.



St Therese Lenten Piroghi Project – begins the week Feb 16th and will continue for six weeks.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

Sign-up sheets: will be available each week beginning **NEXT** weekend in the back of church. Pick up your order on Thursdays from Noon – 2PM or Fridays from 10AM to Noon in the St Therese Social Hall.

Community News & Events

CENTRAL CITY CASH BASH – Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will host a "Cash Bash Elimination Tournament" on Saturday February 14th. Every ticket provides entrance to a high-spirited raffle full of suspense, surprises, and cash-prize drawings. Additionally, the evening includes great food and an open bar. Every dollar raised goes toward supporting the parish's work. Doors (and bar) open at 5:00 PM with the drawing starting at 6:00 PM at the parish activity center (738 Sunshine Ave, Central City). Tickets are \$25 and include your number, food, and drink. You won't want to miss out on what promises to be an enjoyable evening — reserve your ticket now by calling the parish office (814) 754-5224 or emailing parish secretary Maggie Adomnik at madomnik@dioceseaj.org. A far more exciting Valentines Day date than sitting at a stuffy overpriced restaurant!

Open your hearts to life!



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