



SACRED HEART BEAT

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NEWSLETTER OF SACRED HEART PARISH

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



According to the churches liturgical calendar the feast held on February 2nd each year is in honor of the presentation of the Lord. In fact, according to Luke's gospel the presentation of Jesus and the purification of the Blessed Mother took place in the temple on the same day, and both are remembered during mass on February 2nd.

As early as the 4th century Christians commemorated the presentation of Jesus in the temple but at the time there was no feast name attached. Under mosaic law found in the Old Testament book of Leviticus a Jewish woman who gave birth to a child was considered unclean. The mother of a newborn could not routinely go out into public and had to avoid all things sacred including the temple. If her child was a male this exclusion lasted for 40 days. If the child was female, the period lasted 80 days. This was a ceremonial seclusion and not the result of sin or some kind of wrongdoing.

At the end of the 40 or 80 days the woman presented herself at the temple to be purified. If the baby was her first-born male child the infant was brought along to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The law in Exodus specifies that the first male child belongs to God. This law is a tribute to God for his sparing the first-born Israelite males during the time of the exodus from Egypt.

The mother's purification ritual obliged her to bring or purchase at the Temple a lamb and a turtledove as sacrificial offerings. The lamb was offered in Thanksgiving to God for the successful birth of the child; the turtle dove was a sin offering. After these animals were sacrificed the temple priest prayed over the woman and she could once again resume her normal role or status.

Mary the ever spotless Mother of God certainly did not have to comply with this ritual, but did so to honor God and observe all the rules handed down by Moses. She was the holiest of all women, but she still submitted to the humbling requirements of the law. She remained at home for 40 days, denied herself all association with sacred things and on the day required walked the five miles from Bethlehem to the temple in Jerusalem.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus, Mary and Joseph go to the temple offering two turtledoves for Mary's purification along with Mary's willing submission Jesus is presented into the hands of the priest and thus to God. In accordance with the Old Testament, the child was blessed and then bought or ransomed back by the family who would pay 5 shekels into the temple treasury. The Savior of the world is ransomed in the manner of every other Hebrew boy.

The Gospel of Luke explains that the old prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna were at the temple that day. They, like many others, had spent their lifetime waiting, longing for a Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ child; he held Jesus and exclaimed the hymn of Thanksgiving we know as Simeon's Canticle.

The Holy Family must have experienced great joy, even wonder at all that had happened to them. Consider the events of the previous weeks. The shepherds miraculously arrived to adore and praised Jesus on the night He was born. Now Simeon, another stranger, singles out Jesus as the Savior not only of Israel but of the world. But here in the temple there is also pain. The old prophet, moved by the Holy Spirit, tells Mary that she will experience unspeakable grief because of the outrageous way the world would judge and treat her son. But Mary remained always committed to God's will and to her son.

February 2nd is on the liturgical calendar as the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, but in addition to the presentation the Mass recalls Mary's humble submission to the purification ritual.

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ALL ARE INVITED to come to the parish center following the 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, February 2nd** where Fr. Anselm will give a special blessing to parishioners with their Birthday and/or Anniversary in **January & February**.
Hosted by: Pastoral Council



GAME MORNING

Tuesday, February 11th ~ 9:30 to 11:30 am
Parish Education Center

Come enjoy the entertainment, laughs and fellowship.
Refreshments will be provided!



"LUNCH WITH FRIENDS"

Tuesday, February 18th at 12:00 noon

Menu: Three Casserole Luncheon

Tater Tot / Roast Beef / Lasagne / Desserts

RSVP to Pam at 620-285-2035 by February 14th.



March 5, 2025

Masses with distribution of ashes are:

7:00 am at St. Bernard, Belpre
and 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart



DISPOSING OF OLD PALMS

If you would like to properly dispose of old palms, you may leave them in the basket in the church vestibule or bring them to the parish center so they can be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

Remember with Prayer

Joe Simmons
Richard Wolf
Rita O'Gwin
Bert Schartz
Marie Welden
Brenda Martin
Fr. Charles Mazouch
Stan Durler
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku
Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord
Pam Theis
Darlene Orth



Sherry Lemuz
Doris Schaller
Leon Sanders
Ryan Shelton
Clayton Kelty
Sue Haymaker
Trenton Welsch
Kevin Simmons
Lee Durler
Denis Gilcris
Michele Collins
Tammy Orth

All of our men and women serving in the United States Military, our homebound parishioners and those in care homes.

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

- Feb. 2 ~ January/February Birthday & Anniversary Blessings, 11:30 AM
- Feb. 3 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 4 ~ Stewardship Council Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Feb. 4 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 4 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Feb. 5 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Feb. 5 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 6 ~ Holy Hour, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Feb. 6 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Feb. 6 ~ K of C Annual Sausage Supper, 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- Feb. 6 ~ Adult Religious Formation Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 9 ~ "The Chosen" with Pot-Luck, 11:30 AM
- Feb. 10 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 10 ~ Altar Society Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 11 ~ Game Morning, 9:30 – 11:30 AM
- Feb. 11 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 12 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Feb. 12 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 13 ~ Liturgy Commission Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 14 ~ Larned Community Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Feb. 16 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- Feb. 16 ~ Women's Bible Study Group, 8:45 AM
- Feb. 17 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 17 ~ Heart to Heart Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 18 ~ Lunch with Friends, 12:00 Noon
- Feb. 18 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 19 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Feb. 19 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 20 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 23 ~ "The Chosen" with Pot-Luck, 11:30 AM
- Feb. 24 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Feb. 25 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 26 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Feb. 26 ~ OCIA, 6:30 PM
- March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday Mass, 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY PSR SCHEDULE

- Feb. 5 – Regular Classes
- Feb. 12 – Regular Classes
- Feb. 19 – Regular Classes
- Feb. 26 – Regular Classes / Confirmation Class with Parents

Thank you!

To all who supported our "Pro-Life" Baby Shower during the month of January, we say Thank You!! - -
Knights of Columbus Council #3273



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| (01) Wendy Sundahl | (15) Jenna Fisher |
| (02) Kennedy Bird | Bob Haymaker |
| Noah Stude | Marley Palmer |
| (03) Kraig Froetschner | (20) Peyton DiMarzo |
| Alexandra Garcia | Tiffany Garcia |
| Grace Kelty | Mary Smith |
| Leon Sanders | Chelsea Steffen |
| Camille Steffen | (21) Karl Grover |
| (04) Dorothy Keenan | David Scharzt |
| Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku | (22) Doug Smith |
| Charlie Ridder | (23) Scottie Dooley |
| (06) Jacob Simmons | (24) Waco Jacobs |
| Kale Whetstone | Ann Perez |
| (07) Tracy Rector | (26) Sue Latimore |
| (08) Camille Bowman | Lynn Streit |
| (10) Greg Finger | (28) Lindsey VanSickle |
| (13) Maverick Munden | Billy Walker |

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- (04) Chuck and Darlene Orth
 (09) David and Kathy Hammeke
 (13) Dan and Christina Ryan
 (14) Bruce and Stacie Kozlowski
 (15) Brad and Michele Collins
 (18) Regis and Kathy Lopata
 (20) Kraig and Amy Froetschner
 (25) Brian and Kristy Hagerman
 (28) Rosendo and Amanda Cenicerros



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dan & Christina Ryan ~ Married 54 years
 David & Kathy Hammeke ~ Married 51 years

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024

	DECEMBER	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	24,027.68	116,487.16
Special Donations	16,247.00	16,247.00
Endowment		8,000.00
Interest	16.50	123.85
Farm	8,575.83	10,993.35
PSR		18,118.00
Fundraisers		1,144.79
Miscellaneous	<u>1,169.12</u>	<u>102,488.87</u>
TOTAL	\$50,036.13	\$273,603.02
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	2,349.35	11,055.52
Salaries	12,764.11	83,316.23
Insurance		17,120.00
Utilities	1,457.40	12,731.21
Maintenance	2,302.06	147,611.68
Improvement		
Office	841.75	3,946.26
PSR	(435.69)	20,384.88
Farm	1,094.89	1,094.89
Miscellaneous	<u>3,910.17</u>	<u>16,242.25</u>
TOTAL	\$24,284.04	\$313,502.92
		YTD: (\$39,899.90)



DIED IN CHRIST

Robert "Bobby" Lemuz ~ January 3, 2025
 Alvie Axman ~ January 8, 2025
 Luiz Perez ~ January 16, 2025

Prayer to the Holy Family



Lord Jesus Christ, who being made subject to Mary and Joseph didst consecrate domestic life by thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy Holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship.

Who livest and reignest world without end.

Amen.



Knights of Columbus

55th Annual Sausage Supper

Thursday – February 6, 2025

5:00 to 7:00 PM

\$12.00 per meal

Dine In or Carry Out

K of C Hall on Scenic Drive ~ 1216 M Road

February 2025 ~ MINISTRIES
Saturday @ 5:00 PM

Saturday, Feb. 1 – The Presentation of the Lord

Lector – Jackie Ehrlich

Eucharistic Ministers

Cindy Perez (major) / Steve Ehrlich (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Jim Damm / Larry Skelton

Gifts – Ben Ramsey Family

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Cindy Perez

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Saturday, Feb. 8 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Dennis Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Kazmaier (major) / Amy Froetschner (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Dennis Theis / Mike Schartz

Gifts – Matt & Kathy Stucker

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Amy Froetschner

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Saturday, Feb. 15 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Cheryl Skalsky

Eucharistic Ministers

Dennis Wilson (major) / Joan Wilson (minor)

Servers – Volunteers

Ushers – Norman Dreiling / Paul Skalsky

Gifts – Dennis & Pam Theis

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Karen McAllister

Sacristan – Jim & Judy Damm

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Saturday, Feb. 22 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector – Joan Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

Toni Novotny (major) / Richard Wolf (minor)

Servers – Harleigh Ehrlich

Ushers – Steve Ehrlich / Roger Myers

Gifts – Dennis & Joan Wilson

Musicians – Alvin Hutfles / Maurice Schaller

Sacristan – Kathy Kazmaier

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

February Collection Counters:

Tami Keenan / Toni Novotny

February 2025 ~ MINISTRIES
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday, Feb. 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

Lectors – Kristy Hagerman / Kathy Couchman

Eucharistic Ministers

Sharon McGinness (major) / Berny Unruh (minor)

Servers – Jenna / Emmet / Grace / Sarah Fisher

Ushers – David Hammeke / Bruce Kozlowski

Gifts – Doug & Mary Smith

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kathy Couchman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke

Sunday, Feb. 9 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Okey Nwachukwu-Udaku / Mary Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers

David O'Gwin (major) / Mary Mitchell (minor)

Servers – Adaeze / Onyinye / Amara Udaku

Ushers – Isaac Lemuz / Tony Lemuz

Gifts – Larry & Janet Skelton

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Kristy Hagerman

Sanctuary Cleaning – Doug & Mary Smith

Sunday, Feb. 16 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – John Kelty / Krysten Watkins

Eucharistic Ministers

Isaac Lemuz (major) / Amanda Clark (minor)

Servers – Daniel Kelty / Eli Kelty / Faith Kelty

Ushers – Stephen Schartz / David Schartz

Gifts – Dale & Berny Unruh

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Sharon McGinness

Sanctuary Cleaning – Cindy Perez

Sunday, Feb. 23 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectors – Sharon McGinness / Cathy Grover

Eucharistic Ministers

John Kelty (major) / Kristy Hagerman (minor)

Servers – Slade Sundahl / Darby Sundahl / Gabe Mull

Ushers – Shane Sundahl / Clayton Kelty

Gifts – Amanda Clark / Vicki Perez

Musicians – Choir

Sacristan – Jane Kelty

Sanctuary Cleaning – Kathy Hammeke