

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's
Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's
10:30am at St. Mary's



LITURGY SCHEDULE February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, February 4

5:30 p.m...George & Karleen Reidy (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, February 5

12:00noon...Robert Heiser (*St. John's*)

Thursday, February 6

5:30 p.m...Martha Kistler (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, February 7

12:00noon...Lenz Family (*St. John's*)

Saturday, February 8

5:00 p.m...Marguerite Coyne (*St. John's*)

Sunday, February 9

8:30 a.m...Living & Deceased of Trant & Carie Families (*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, the celebration is in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, commemorating the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, through the symbolic lighting of candles. Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers. On February 2, 2020, Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to recognize and pray for the essential role of consecrated persons in the life of the Church and to express gratitude for their service to the Church. Similarly, parishes in the United States will also celebrate consecrated life during the weekend of February 1-2 and recognize the essential role of consecrated persons in the life of the Church. As engaged members of their local communities, consecrated men and women bring the presence of Jesus to all they encounter throughout their day, allowing his Spirit to live and move within them so that the truth of the Gospel can be proclaimed to all. Let us pray for those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness.

RCIA/GIFTS NEWS

It's a new year and a new name for our parish RCIA. *Growing In Faith Together*, we will continue to meet to study the Gospels and how they relate to our lives as Catholic Christians. We welcome you to come on Wednesdays. If you know someone who wishes to learn more of our Catholic faith, invite them as well. If you need childcare, please contact Diana in the school office, 348-3889. As we continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6-7:15/7:30pm, we are *growing in faith together, GIFTS*.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FEB. 8 & 9

Saturday, 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Serena Merkel
Sunday, 8:30a.m...Lance Manley & Madison Henderson



ALTAR & ROSARY VALENTINE PARTY

St. John's Altar & Rosary will meet this Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6pm in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share that you fix out of love, for loved ones, or that you think says love. Light sandwiches will also be served. Also, bring a favorite prayer, verse or saying that inspires you at Valentine's Day.

As the flu season continues, we will continue to refrain from the cup at communion time. Also, if the sign of peace is offered, please refrain from shaking hands and instead give a simple head nod. You may have noticed that I have not been greeting people at the back of church following Mass or shaking hands which is for these same reasons. Once the flu season has ended, we hope things will get back to our normal greetings and gestures.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Jan. 26: \$913.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,079.00

Building Fund: \$70.00

Food Pantry: \$100.00

Haiti: \$297.00

Religious Retirement: \$75.00

Propagation of Faith: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 4, Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 5, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 6, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Friday 7, Eucharistic Adoration 11-11:55am at St. John's followed by Mass at 12noon.

Sunday 9, Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 4 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

Food Pantry at St. Mary's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 3: [*St. Blaise, bishop & martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop*] 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13; Mk 5: 1-20

Feb. 4: 2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5: 21-43

Feb. 5: [*St. Agatha, virgin & martyr*] 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Mk 6: 1-6

Feb. 6: [*St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs*] 1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12; Mk 6: 7-13

Feb. 7: Sir 47: 2-11; Mk 6: 14-29

Feb. 8: [*St. Jerome Emilliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin*] 1 Kgs 3: 4-13; Mk 6: 30-34

Feb. 9: Is 58: 7-10; 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Mt 5: 13-16

SUNDAY REFLECTION

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we reflect on the unique way God chose to free the world from sin and death. The texts of the Mass weave together themes and images from the Old and New Testaments to help us enter more fully into mystery of this child who has been born for us.

So firstly, on this day the Church celebrates the entrance of Christ, the new high priest, into his Temple. The sacrifice of this priest will be offered on a cross, and the gifts that he'll offer will be his own flesh and blood.

Secondly, this feast was known as the meeting of Jesus and Simeon, and it was marked by a procession with lights to celebrate "the light of revelation to the nations."

Thirdly, the example of Mary "carrying a light" is an invitation for each of us to carry the light of faith that burns within our hearts and minds into a darkened world where so many are still looking for the light and warmth of hope and love that can only come from this Holy Child.

In the end, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an invitation for us to reflect on who this Child is and to help us make a connection between the mystery of Christmas and the saving work of Jesus embodied in the fullness of the Paschal Mystery. As the preface for the feast reminds us, this Child is truly "the glory of Israel and the light of the nations."

LECTIO EUCHARIST DVD SERIES-SECOND SHOWING

The second showing of the Lectio Eucharist DVD series will run Jan. 12-Mar. 22 on the Sundays when Rel. Ed meets 9:30-10:30am in the school basement. Everyone is invited to attend! If you missed one of the episodes during the fall/winter, you have an opportunity to see it this time. If you haven't seen the series yet, come! Or, perhaps you want to see it again, come! Refreshments of coffee & doughnuts will be available.

This week's DVD:

3. Lamb of God: The Sacrifice of Isaac and the Passover Lamb

Next week's DVD:

4. Miracles of Exodus: Manna and Water

Dear St. John's Parishioners:

Your donations to the Montpelier and Hartford City Food Pantries are such a blessing to all of Blackford County. May God always bless you as you bless so many. Mel Sicks

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on First Fridays. Adoration will begin at 11:00am and end at 11:55am. Mass will follow at 12noon on First Fridays.

Prayer books and materials are made available for use during the time of Adoration or you may bring your own as you pray and reflect. All are invited to participate. Next Adoration date: February 7.

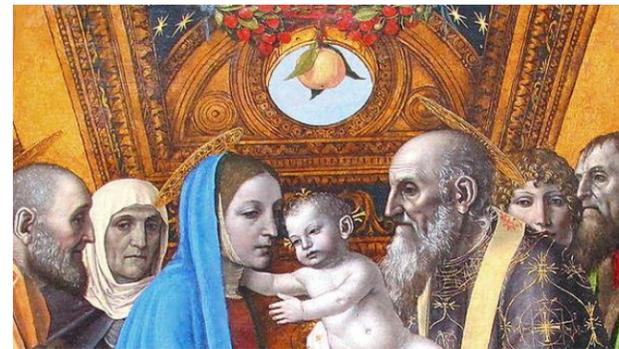
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study meets each Tuesday 9-11am in the parish hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

If you wish to receive a copy of your 2019 giving statement of contributions, please contact Diana at 765-348-3889 or stmaryjohn@att.net to request a statement.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

MAL 3:1-4; PS 24:7-10; HEB 2:14-18; LK 2:22-40 or LK 2:22-32



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

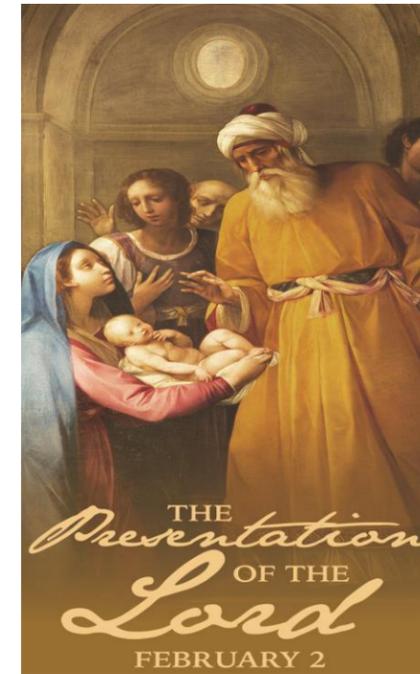
Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the “Holy Parents.” Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord.” Later in the passage we read that, “When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His “growing up” years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children — whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students — have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a member of the Knights.



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, by appointment
St. John, the first Saturday and third Saturday 4:00pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Paul is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

The Clustered Parishes Of

St. Mary, Dunkirk

**St. John the Evangelist,
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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.