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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for weekend **January 25/26/2020** \$2,784.00
 Deficit/Surplus weekend **January 25/26/2020** -\$1,678.85
 Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020. \$183,500.00
 Deficit/Surplus to-Date **January 25/26/2020**. -\$9,847.38

Thank you for your support!



St. Joseph “Prayer Chain”

If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.

“Care & Concern”



Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note? If so, please call 787-4151.

“Food Bank”



Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! Your food donations are appreciated. Thank you.

February Events

- Baptismal Preparation Class7:00 p.m.February 4
- First Friday****February 7**
- Communion Calls for the homeboundFebruary 7
- Rosary at Noon.February 11 & February 22
- Liturgy MeetingFebruary 11
- CSA Commitment Weekend February 22/23
- Ash Wednesday** **February 26**
- Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners Begin** **February 26**
- 1st of the Friday Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners . February 28
- Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.February 29
- Adult Faith Formation Classes for February TBA

2020 Baptismal Class Schedule

- St. Joseph, Force****7:00 p.m.February 4**
- Sacred Heart, St. Marys**10:00 a.m. February 15**
- St. Mark, Emporium **6:30 p.m.February 27**

Boxes of **blessed candles** are available on the table at back of the church at \$3.00/bx.

The **2020 Lenten Fish/Shrimp Dinners** are in need of volunteer workers (especially for clean-up after each dinner). Please call Kelly Lovenduski at 787-5743 to help with our Parish activity.

Orders for Sacred Heart Church Breads/Rolls/Soups/Salads Specials for Feb 6-7 are being taken until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 5. Call at 834-7861#1 or 834-3698.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month: Teen dating violence is a serious problem in the United States. One in three high school students experience either physical or sexual violence, or both, that is perpetrated by someone they are dating or going out with. One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend. Teen dating violence can be physical, emotional or sexual. Teen dating violence can be prevented through empowering teens to lead healthy lives and establish healthy relationships. Healthy relationships consist of trust, honesty, respect, equality and compromise. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.



Seeing Jesus and Others

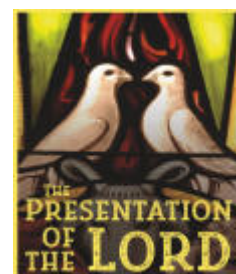
In the study of communication not only in public speaking, radio and television, but also in the social media, it is how the person and his message are presented; how they appeared; and even the attitude that can make a positive effect — or, at least get the attention of those listening. I heard it said that *the person is the message*.

When this person is being viewed, he is taught to speak and look directly into the camera as if he was speaking directly to you. This is good, but especially when we recognize that the person is revealing truth to us. When we are inspired to see this truth, we would most likely be apt to say, “that’s it! — I see the truth — I understand now.”

On this **Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord**, Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple. They present Him to the righteous and devote man Simeon. Simeon is a prophetic figure who was “awaiting the consecration of Israel.” (Luke 2:25) Just as anyone of us can recognize truth when we see it presented to us in an inspiring way, so too, did Simeon see the salvation of all peoples in the Child Jesus. He recognized Jesus’s Identity: Jesus *is* the Message — “a light for the revelation to the Gentiles.” (Luke 2:32).

A good question for us is *do we recognize Christ in others as Simeon recognized the Christ Child?* Do we strive to see Christ in others who are completely different from ourselves? I hope we do. Do we strive to see Christ in those whose beliefs and values are different from ours? As Simeon recognized Christ, may we each day of our life strive to see the Light of Christ — the Goodness of Christ in others.

God Bless,
 Father Mark



We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, February 3, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Silvio and Celesta Fenice	Carolyn and Rita (daughters)	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop	2 Sm 15:13-14., 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Agnes Caliarì	Family	Weekday	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 No Mass			Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6
Thursday, February 6, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass	Leo Brown	Family	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13
Friday, February 7, 2020 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST FRIDAY	Ron Celinski	Germaine Olewnik and Family	Weekday	Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29
Saturday, February 8, 2020			Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34
Saturday, February 8, 2020 5:30 p.m. Mass	Lucian and Theophila Benevich	Children	Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	See below
Sunday, February 9, 2020 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday
BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Deaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Deaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

Reconciliation – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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