

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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February 2, 2025 ♦ The Presentation of the Lord

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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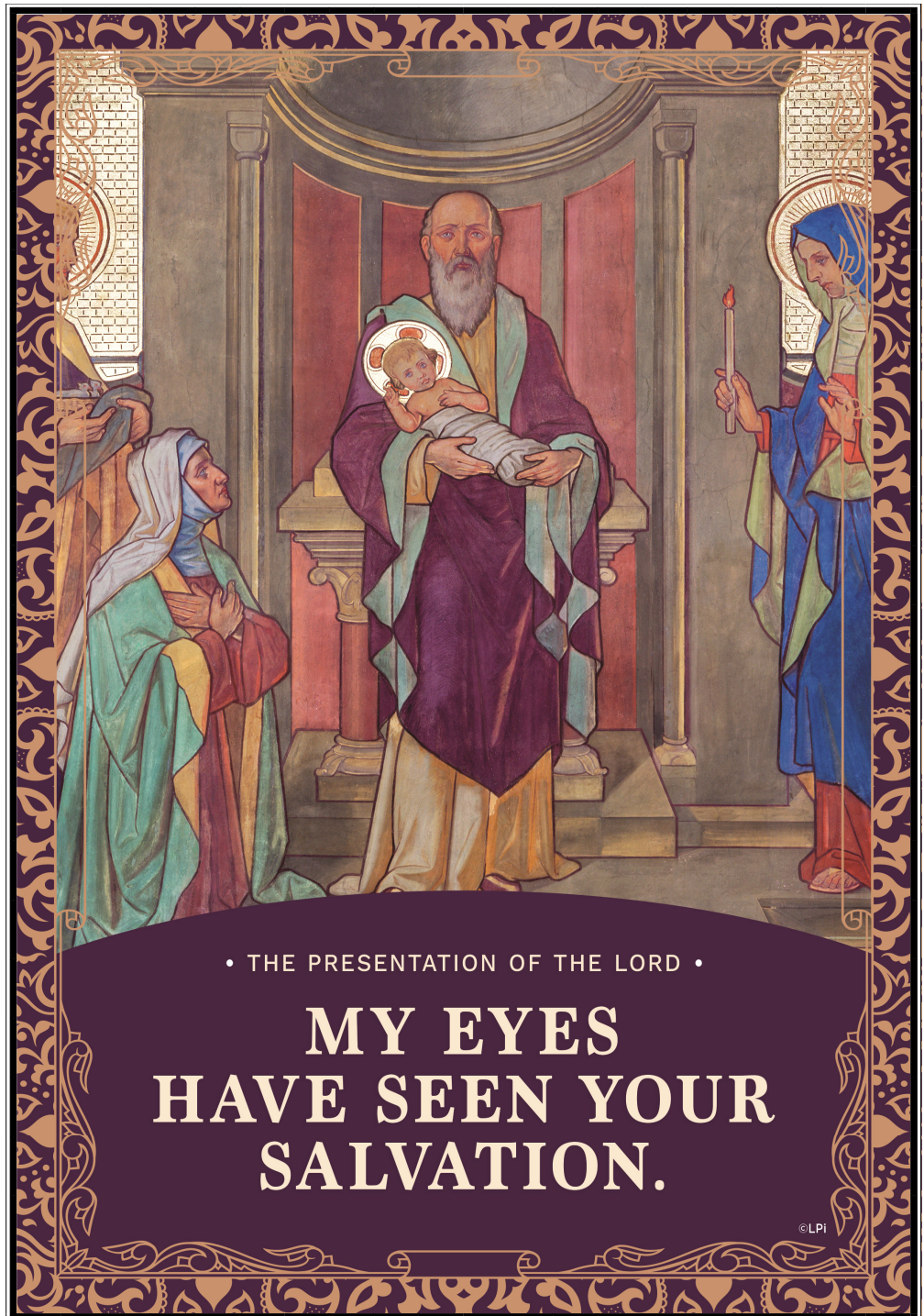
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//
 Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/
 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).
 Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).
 Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).
 Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40).

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 - 8:40 a.m.
 Other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday by 9:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



3 Mon. **No Mass**
 4 Tue. **No Mass**
 5 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Susan Gill †
 6 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Bev Lahn †
 7 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Mary Eull †
 8 Sat. 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of
 St. John the Baptist
 9 Sun. 9:00 a.m. Jim and Rita Lefebvre ††



Next Weekend - February 8 and 9

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Teri Ray
 Thomas Bouley
 Reader: Deb Sodman
 Servers: Logan Crosby
 Communion Minister: Kelly Slavik

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Rob and Barb Carnes
 Reader: Dan Lefebvre
 Servers: Danny and Josh Moylan
 Communion Minister: Emily Hagel
 Children's Liturgy: Lead: Sarah Moylan
 Aide: Melissa Reining



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

Char Barder, Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Donna Rivers Hauan, Bob Huss, Martha Killian, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Barbara Mulcahy, Marilyn Nordine, Anné Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Rosemary Steer, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, Sandi Weekley, and Rick and Anne (Loftus) Whiting. Dorinda Armstrong (sister of Dan Fodstad-Bouley), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Linda Chase (daughter of Jim and Bonnie Haberle), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Tammy Courtright (sister of Sue Harff), Sandy Delgehausen (friend of Tim and Kathy Timm), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Terry Dotseth (friend of Lucy McAlpine), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), John Elfa (cousin of Kathy Timm), Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Wayne Jurmu (father of Barb Carnes), Gregory Killian (son of Martha Killian), Scott Knowlan (son-in-law of Mary Christian), Jeff Nettleton (friend of Russ and Teri Ray), John and Virginia Resler (friends of Lynn Eggert), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Carol Ticky (sister of Mary Dahlheimer), and Dan Zapf (grandson of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



From the Pastor

The *Nunc Dimittis* - the Canticle of Simeon - (Latin for the first line - now Lord let your servant go) is one of three canticles that the Church prays every single day as part of the liturgy of the hours and forms the core of today's Gospel. All three canticles are from the first two chapters of Luke - the Benedictus from Morning prayer is said by Zechariah at the naming of John the Baptist and the Magnificat is our Lady's response to the greeting of Elizabeth. Although I would argue Mary does it best, all three show a deep understanding of providence, that to quote Romans 8:28 "we know that all things work for good for those who love God" - and so Simeon is ready to go in peace, because he has seen Jesus and knows that fulfilling provident love of God.

One of my favorite books about providence is *The Hiding Place*, a memoir by Corrie ten Boom, a deeply Christian Dutch woman whose faith compels her along with her sister, Betsie, and elderly father, Casper, to shelter Jews in their home during the Nazi occupation (thus the titular hiding place). After many near escapes and close calls, they were denounced, arrested (where her father dies of injuries inflicted during the arrest), and eventually sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp, where her sister is one of the 50,000-90,000 victims of the camp. Corrie is released shortly after the death of Betsie on a clerical error, instead of being gassed with the rest of her prisoner category a week later.

The memoir does not end with her release or even at the end of the war, like so many other WWII memoirs do, but continues to talk about her post-war life. Corrie works for reconciliation, forgiveness, and healing and even turns her former home into a rehabilitation center for former Nazis and collaborators (she also was running a larger site for their victims). At one of her speaking events for the work, she encounters and forgives one of the guards that was particularly brutal to Corrie and Betsie. Through it all Corrie holds to her faith, and she and her sister even ran a bible study in Ravensbrück.

Providence is not that we will be safe from harm or that bad things will never happen to us, but that even those things work for good for those who love God if we can learn, like Simeon or Corrie, Betsie, and Casper, to see all things in the light of the revelation of Christ. On this Feast of the Presentation, we are reminded this light is meant for all peoples and all time, and so we must let this light burn brightly within us.

- Fr. John Powers

TRAVELERS For nationwide Mass times and locations visit www.Masstimes.org.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

This weekend, February 1 and 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (also called Candlemas). A blessing of candles has been part of this liturgical observance since before 1000 AD. Mass will begin in the social hall where the Blessing of Candles will take place and then we will process into church with lighted candles for the remainder of Mass. Those who brought candles for a blessing are reminded that blessed candles need to be used properly, and must be burned or recycled - they cannot be thrown away.

BLESSING OF THROATS

On Monday, February 3, the Church celebrates the Memorial of Saint Blaise. In keeping with the tradition of Saint Blaise, St. John's will be offering the blessing of throats after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass **this** weekend for those who want to receive this blessing.

RELEVANT RADIO 1330 AM Take your faith beyond Sunday and into the rest of the week.



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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."
- Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

CHURCH SUPPORT



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Adult Envelopes (59)	\$ 2,340.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	619.00
Misc. Contribution - QCD	225.00
Automatic Deposits (20)	<u>1,246.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 4,430.00
Projected Need	\$ 5,243.00
Received Last Week	4,430.00
Projected Need to Date	162,533.00
Amount Received to Date	174,817.00
Surplus - Last Week	\$ 13,097.00
- This Week	12,284.00





C.R.O.S.S. FOOD SHELF NEWS

Monthly Collection - This weekend is our regular time to contribute non-perishable food and dry good items to the local food shelf. Please place your donation of items in one of the bins located at the exits. Monetary donations and/or Scrip gift cards may be placed in a specially marked envelope and dropped in the regular Sunday collection basket.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

The Rescue Project! This series seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight weeks in a small group format. This experience is imbued with beauty, authentic humanity, and accompaniment. It is a compelling proclamation of the gospel, one that not only shares it in an attractive – and concentrated – way, but that also offers people a way of seeing reality, and of making sense of the world, history, and life that is vastly different from the story our modern culture tells. All are welcome! Monday nights 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall **beginning this Monday, February 3**. Please let Sheila Long know if you have any questions or are interested in attending - call 763.428.4539 or email: clongsh13@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

All are invited to join in celebrating Sharon Williams' birthday next Saturday, February 8, at Rockwoods Event Center in Otsego from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The family is hosting an Open House for Sharon and welcomes all to join them. No gifts, please. Sharon Williams has been St. John's Music Director for over 50 years. On behalf of the parish, we extend to you, Sharon, our warmest Birthday wishes and pray that God will bless you with good health and much happiness!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Request Form for March - April included in last weekend's bulletin is due next Sunday. All liturgical ministers, as well as Scrip sellers, are asked to fill out and return one of these forms as this helps considerably in the scheduling process. **Those who trained to become new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion last month are required to fill out a form.** New members are always welcome; additional forms are located at the exits. Please consider offering your gifts to serve your parish community as a Liturgical Minister.

POPE'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life - Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC KIDS - THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Our Pre-K through Confirmation age kids will meet again this Wednesday, February 5. We have sessions from 5:30 - 6:30, 6:00 - 7:00 and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., with the Confirmation class meeting from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. If your children are unable to attend or if you have any other questions, please email Sarah at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB OPENING

St. John's is seeking to hire a Music Director. Duties include: Planning for the music for weekend and special liturgies, provide accompaniment for the parish music worship program for both weekend liturgies, coordinate the work of the volunteer choir including recruiting, training and support; maintain instruments; and attend monthly Liturgy Committee meetings. Parish music experience preferred. See full position description on our website. Please send Cover letter, resumé and references to: P.O. Box 201, Dayton, MN 55327 or email sjbchurch@yahoo.com.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on February 2 this year. Religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests and monks consecrate their lives through their profession of the evangelical vows and live as part of community. Single lay people may choose to be consecrated virgins. We pray for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits.

PARISH MISSION SERIES

Everyone is invited to St. Michael Catholic Church for their Parish Mission: three talks by the "Dynamic Deacon," author and podcaster Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, February 16-18 at St. Michael Catholic Church. Deacon Harold will be preaching at all weekend Masses February 15-16, before the start of the mission. The mission evening sessions are as follows:

- Sunday, February 16, 7:15 p.m.: Meeting Jesus in the Beauty & Truth of the Catholic Faith
- Monday, February 17, 7:15 p.m.: Catholic Families: The Model for a Culture of Love & Life
- Tuesday, February 18, 7:15 p.m.: Relationships, Intimacy and Holiness: The theology of the Body (for adults)

These event are free and open to the public.

LOST AND FOUND A necklace was found after one of the Christmas Masses. Please call the parish office to claim it.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Question: Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal kicks off this weekend! When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal, you partner with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that

serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith. These ministries include: American Indian Ministry, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), Campus & Young Adult Ministry, Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Catholic Elementary Schools, Catholic High School Scholarships, Deaf Ministry, Elevate Life, Evangelization, Hospital Chaplains, Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage, Family and Youth, Prison Ministry, Seminarian Room and Board, Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Twin Cities, St. Lawrence Newman Center, Venezuelan Mission, and Youth Ministry.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to CSAF. Visit love.archspm.org for more information and to donate online or scan the QR code here.

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

Please call the parish office at 763.428.2828 to register.

Scan here to donate to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal



Or visit love.archspm.org

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life
8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Catholic Services Appeal - In-Pew Appeal
Blessing of Throats following Mass
Food Shelf Collection Weekend

Monday, February 3

6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation - the Rescue Project!
(till 7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Kid's Sessions

Thursday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 7

7:30 a.m. Confessions (till 7:50 a.m.)
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, February 8

International Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking
4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:30 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Marriage Day
8:00 a.m. Confessions (till 8:40 a.m.)
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass

Have a  good day!



SCRIP NEWS

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Are you planning on taking your sweetheart

out for dinner? We carry certificates for many restaurants for your evening out. Or maybe you're purchasing something a little more personal. Check out a Scrip order form for a complete list of all the possibilities for gift ideas.

Planning a winter getaway? Scrip offers pre-order certificates for hotels, airfare, gas stations and franchise restaurants that you find just about anywhere. Plan ahead and purchase Scrip before you leave town and help raise funds for St. John's ministries.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Feb. 8 5:00 p.m. Steve and Kelly Slavik
9 9:00 a.m. Joanne Chouinard and Darlene Hagel

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