



February 4, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, Praise be to the Lord. Thank you very much for your prayers and words of support during my sickness. It is very hard to pass through from one climate to another which is completely different. Anyways, with all your prayers, I am getting better day by day. I hope soon I will be able to be in full swing in doing my pastoral activities in the parish. See you all soon in coming days.

This week I am writing about the story of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.

God bless, Fr. Jey.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 4, 2024

Sat. Feb. 3	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Tricia Demmin</i>
Sun. Feb. 4	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>La Verne Schaller</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tues. Feb. 6	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Louis & Genevieve Vinopal</i>
Wed. Feb. 7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Andrew & Marie Lobenstein</i>
	6:15 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Monica & Jerry Niles</i>
Thu. Feb. 8	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
Fri. Feb. 9	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of Larry & Joanne Wright
	9:45 AM	TERRACE HEIGHTS For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernard Beranek</i>
Sat. Feb. 10	5:00 PM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 11	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Dennis Crowley</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Eisch, Marsha Hamil, EMM, Brenna, Lori P., Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Sidney G. Mead Jr., Mary Mead, Mike Miller, Jon B, Linda Serrurier, Joe Slowinski, Bob and Lisa Konitzer, Joy Kelley, Ofelia Sandoval-Villreal, Estella Villarreal, Mary Jo Link, Mary Beth Hall, Connor Laridaen, Nancy & Tom Mueller, Fran Schroeder, Kevin, Tom and Joyce Czys, Jordan P., John Hersil, Marge Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Barutha and Larry Purvis.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

Banns of Marriage

Devon Lee & Hope Baumgart February 10, 2024

Candlemas—February 3rd & 4th: Candlemas represents the entry of Christ, the light of the world, into the temple of Jerusalem. Bringing a blessed candle into your home is a sign that Christ is with you in your everyday life. Candles will be blessed during Mass this weekend.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated this weekend. Please pray for all those who have answered the call to consecrated life, aspiring towards joy-filled holiness in the service of the Church and world. Pray also for many more laborers to enter the vineyard so that Jesus Christ may be better known, experienced, and loved.

For those subscribing to “The Word Among Us”, your Lenten issue is available at the rectory. Please stop and pick up your copy at your convenience.

**Stewardship Corner ~ January 27th & 28th, 2024
(493 Registered Families)**

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 3,552.00
On-Line Giving		\$ 1,397.00
Children’s Envelopes	14.42	\$ 5.00
Loose Offering	480.75	\$ 625.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,149.02	\$ 5,579.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$292,768.64
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$253,635.90

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 91,454.00 for this fiscal year.

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday	Feb. 6	3—4 PM	Divine Mercy / Holy Face to Jesus Devotions
Wednesday	Feb. 7		RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
		6:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Feb. 8	8:45 AM	PCCW Meeting—RH
		10:00 AM	Rosary Markers—RH
Friday	Feb. 9	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Feast of St. Blaise (Saturday, Feb. 3rd) ~ There will be a blessing of the throats at the weekend Masses on **February 10th and 11th.**

**Ash Wednesday—
February 14:
Mass will be at 8 AM
and 6:15 PM**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, February 18th from 9 AM—12 noon
in Reardon Hall.

St. Patrick School Winter Bash is Saturday, February 24th! The event will be at The Lodge of Mauston again this year. Tickets are available at the school. Cost is \$75 per ticket for dinner and show featuring Elvis tribute artist, Garry Wesley. (P.S. If you would like to donate items, services, gift certificates, etc. to our silent auction, please feel free to drop off your items at the rectory or school office). Your support of our school is always appreciated!

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update

Goal: \$40,685.00

To date our parish has pledged \$ 20,210.00

Our shortfall is \$ 20,475.00

Number of Families Pledging: 54

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 3rd & 4th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Makenna Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Carrol Kaiser
Servers: Ryleigh Vinopal, & Gracey Kobylski
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer:
Scrip Seller: Laura Schwab

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm
Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke
Musicians:
Greeters: Therese & Bridget Gunther, Deb Bires
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller
Scrip Seller: Donna Miller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Connie Walhovd
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik
Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth, Beau Barreau
Musicians: Sharon Kelly
Greeters: Kris Mazur & Nancy Horabik
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: Bill & Joelle Curran
Scrip Seller: Gina Boppart

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 10th & 11th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: Landynn and Theron Miller
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, John & Nancy Noga, Terry Walling
Greeters: Kevin Quist
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Tom Schoettler, Jon Field
Gift Bearer: Gary Rose
Scrip Seller: Kerry Randall

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Larry Moore
Servers: Cody Komiskey, Carson Demaske, & Spencer Turpin
Musicians:
Greeters: Becker Family
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Rod & Connie Walhovd
Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Julie Whitney
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Kaden Cook & Johnny & Eddy Riley
Musicians:
Greeter: Bill Thill
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: Mary Beth Crowley
Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney

EUCCHARISTIC RALLY

JUNE 7, 2024
LA CROSSE CENTER.

**THE ANSWER IS THE EUCHARIST.
THE EUCHARIST IS JESUS.**



This day-long rally will give you the opportunity to connect more deeply with Jesus, who is the Answer, through Mass, Adoration, Confession, National Speakers, Powerful Music, and so much more! St. Patrick's Parish in Mauston will be taking a chartered bus to the event. You can sign up by contacting Laurie at 608-747-2681 or stopping by the rectory.

“Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem” Lenten Study: Starting Wednesday, February 14th, we will be meeting each Wednesday through March 20th. This program is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into Lent intentionally and receive the grace that God wants to give us during this holy season. Join us for our Mission night on February 14th at 7:15 PM in Reardon to take full advantage of this transformative experience. All other Wednesday evenings will start at 6:45 PM following the 6:15 Mass. More details are available in the flyer in this weekend's bulletin. Please sign up by calling Laurie at the rectory at 608-747-2681.

Formed ~ Pick of the Week

Are Catholics Superstitious

Are Catholics superstitious? Some people who see Catholics with statues, rosaries, certain prayers, scapulars, candles, might be tempted to think these things are just superstition. But superstition is an unfounded belief in a connection between some action or event and a certain outcome. In contrast, sacramentals help us become closer to Jesus. The catechism reminds us in paragraph 1667, "Holy Mother Church has, moreover, instituted sacramentals. These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy."

Sacramentals resemble the sacraments and point us towards them. They open us up to receiving grace from God and help us to orient our lives towards Jesus.

Check it out at [formed.org](https://www.formed.org). If you don't have an account on [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) yet, just look up our parish name and you can sign up for free! You will have access to 100's of great Catholic content videos, audios, podcasts, etc.!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.**
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
3. When abstaining from foods or pleasures during Lent, always remember a spirit of detachment. It is in letting go of the things in the world, that we find peace, God, and ourselves re-centered on Jesus Christ.

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