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PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

WE BLESS YOUR NAME, O LORD,
FOR SENDING YOUR OWN INCARNATE SON,
TO BECOME PART OF A FAMILY,
SO THAT, AS HE LIVED ITS LIFE,
HE WOULD EXPERIENCE ITS WORRIES AND
ITS JOYS.

WE ASK YOU, LORD,
TO PROTECT AND WATCH OVER THIS FAMILY,
SO THAT IN THE STRENGTH OF YOUR GRACE
ITS MEMBERS MAY ENJOY PROSPERITY,
POSSESS THE PRICELESS GIFT OF YOUR
PEACE,
AND, AS THE CHURCH ALIVE IN THE HOME,
BEAR WITNESS IN THIS WORLD TO YOUR
GLORY.

WE ASK THIS THOUGHT CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN.

source: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-families>



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter

**FEBRUARY ADORATION
AT OUR LADY!**

**First Friday, February 7th
from 10:15^{am} 'til Noon.**

**All other Fridays:
10:15 - 11:00^{am}**

With Benediction



**NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS
OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN**

“See how I suffer. Nevertheless, I am understood by so few. What ingratitude on the part of those who say they love Me. I have given My Heart as a sensible object of My great love for man and I give My Face as a sensible object of My sorrow for the sins of man. I desire that it be honored by a **Special Feast** on Tuesday in Quinquagesima [*Shrove Tuesday - the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday*]. The feast will be preceded by a novena in which the faithful make reparation to Me, uniting themselves in participating with Me in My sorrows.” (*Our Lord Jesus Christ to Sister Maria Pierina*)



The novena begins on Monday, February 24th. Pamphlets are available on the tables in both lobbies. Or go to: <https://americanneedsfatima.org/prayers/novena-in-honor-of-the-holy-face-of-jesus> (See the Consecration in the March newsletter.)

February 2025 Feast Days

February is the Month of the Holy Family!

February 1 -First Saturday & St. Bridgid of Ireland

**February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord /
OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS / **CANDLEMAS****

February 3 - St. Blase, Bishop, Martyr & St. Ansgar, Bishop

February 4 - St. Eutychius

February 5 - St. Agatha

February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

February 7 - First Friday

**February 8 - ~St. Blaise Throat Blessing~St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest
& St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

**February 9 - ~St. Blaise Throat Blessing~Blessed Anne Catherine
Emmerich**

February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin (St. Benedict's twin sister)

February 11 -OUR LADY OF LOURDES- World Day of the Sick

February 14 - St. Valentine & Sts. Cyril and Methodius

February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order of Mary

February 18 - St. Bernadette Soubirous

February 20 - Sts. Francisco Marto & Jacinta Marto

February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

February 22 - Chair of St. Peter (Roman Calendar)

February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

February 27 - St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Church Doctor

FEBRUARY

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

**USUALLY ON THE 1ST SUNDAY
OF THE MONTH (FEB 2ND)**

IS MOVED TO

SUNDAY,

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

**TO COINCIDE WITH OUR
STEWARDSHIP EVENT!**

**City Wide
MASS & PRAISE**

**ADORATION
February 1st**

9:30 am -Noon

With Rosary and 1st Sat. Prayers

**OUR LADY OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL
COLUMBUS, OH**

ADORATION, CONFESSION
PRAYERTEAMS, SPEAKER,
MUSIC:MIKE MELLIERE

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of the Most Reverend Bishop Earl Fernades
website: ccrcolumbus.org
Questions: Patrick 614-886-8266



2025 Stewardship at Our Lady

February is our traditional time of revisiting our commitment in service of Church of Our Lady.



In the past few years we have conducted Stewardship Fairs to promote fellowship and make information available to you about the various ministries and activities which keep our church active, vibrant and which attract new families and members.

We are more committed now than ever in 2025 in promoting Our Lady! We are doing all we can to maintain our building and grounds, provide security and make seamless the changes that have occurred. Fr. Leo is in support of our efforts and encourages us regularly in this respect. We are so thankful that our weekly Mass schedule has been maintained with virtually no interruptions!

This year we find our need is growing more evident. Our weekly collection is on track to fall about \$90K short of meeting basic operating costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025! We are falling short in the weekly collection by about \$2,100. ***If each family were to increase their weekly donation by \$10.00 we could meet this shortfall!***

At the Stewardship Event on February 8 & 9, the pledge cards will be handed out as previously. We are asking you to prayerfully consider your commitment this year as every donation is vital!

Your time and talent are so needed! We have openings in the activities related to our liturgical life (Mass, Adoration, Stations of the Cross) that you can fill! In these areas the time commitment is rather small but the effect and importance for you and for the parish cannot

be overestimated!

To illustrate the point, on page 11 of this issue is a notice from the Knights about their Lenten Fish Fry situation; it is in danger of being cancelled! Why? - for lack of workers and lack of families who come to enjoy the meals!

Church of Our Lady cannot survive if we are lukewarm! God put each of us here in this place at this time for a particular reason! *Revelation 3:14-22*

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea, write this: "The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation, says this: "I know your works, I know that you are neither cold nor hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say 'I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything, and yet do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me....."Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'"

Remember, it is a privilege to support these ministries, to give fully of our time and our presence in service of Jesus and each other. We need new faces and hearts to participate and take ownership of vital activities.

Please stop by the information table (in the west lobby) this Community Sunday to register as a parishioner, if you are not.

PLEASE sign up for one (or more) of the ministries that are a vital part of our church life.

Thank you,

Parish Council & Ministry Leaders of Our Lady

2024 IRS STATEMENTS

In preparation for printing the 2024 stewardship statements, I found an oversight from the counting process for the week of August 25 - 29, 2024.

Copies of loose checks (auto-bill checks from the bank and handwritten checks sent in the mail or just dropped into the collection basket without an envelope) are made prior to writing the bank deposit slip. From the copies of these loose checks I record your donations into the computer; the check copies are shredded after the data entry! Somehow the copies of the loose checks were not made for this timeframe.

I need your help! I am asking you to review your IRS statement and if you made a loose check donation this past August between 25th and 29th, that you would advise me of the check number and the amount so that I can enter it into your account and print a corrected statement.

The 2024 statements will be available for you to pick up on the weekend of February 8 & 9.

Thank you so much for helping me to resolve this oversight. Cheryl Shroyer



Altar Servers

Ushers & Greeters



BLESSING OF CANDLES

Sunday, February 2nd
The Presentation of the Lord / Candlemas
At the 10:00^{am} Mass on Sunday, February 2nd
there will be a blessing of candles.
You are invited to bring your home candles to
this Mass to be blessed, so that you will have
this sacramental available to you.

How to use blessed candles

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2. For centuries, it has been a tradition to distribute blessed candles on this feast day. Maybe you have received a candle from this celebration or even from another source. How should you use it?

First of all, the blessing included in the Roman Missal summarizes the spiritual symbolism of this sacramental:

O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the light for revelation to the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to Your people's prayers, You may be pleased to sanctify with Your blessing these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise of Your Name, so that, treading the path of virtue, we may reach that light which never fails. Through Christ our Lord. – p. 667

It is appropriate to leave the blessed candle in a prominent place in your home or on in a prayer space. This is a reminder that Jesus, Who is the Light of the World, invites you to spend time with Him in prayer. Then when you take the time for personal or communal prayer in your home, you can light the candle to help you stay focused on praying.

Candles provide a powerful spiritual character to an environment, which even the secular world recognizes. They can encourage a calmness of the heart and open us up to experience the light of God.

Another way to use blessed candles is to bring them out during severe weather. Traditionally Catholics would always light the blessed candle during a strong storm, invoking the power of God to protect their home. And as is so often the case, Catholic spiritual traditions have a practical element: the candle will be useful if the power goes out.

Last of all, if you are not able to use the blessed candles because they are no longer usable, it is best to dispose of it properly. Catholics are instructed to dispose of old sacramentals in a way that shows reverence to them. All sacramentals can be either burned or buried in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way. If a person is unable to do either, the sacramental may be dropped off at the parish office and someone on staff can take care of it.

Although this custom is not practiced everywhere, blessed candles can be saved and in some places where they are gathered together and melted down to create the Easter candle. You will need to contact your local parish or monastery to see if they do it.

If you are looking for something to enhance your spiritual life, you might consider using blessed candles to enlighten your soul, bringing it out of darkness.

Source: Dcn. Jay W. VanHoosier is the Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Owensboro. For more information visit owensborodiocese.org/faiith-formation, email jay.vanhoosier@pastoral.org or call (270) 852-8324.

CONSECRATION OF THOSE GOVERNING US TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Immaculate Mary, Patroness of the United States of America, Queen of Heaven and of Earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to thee all of those governing our republic, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our nation may be accomplished, and that they would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of Thy Son. Bind any forces, spiritual or human, that would seek to inflict harm or evil on our country or those who do good for our nation by their governance. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they may merit leaders who will govern according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and wilt not leave us forsaken.

O Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen

Fr. Chad Ripperger



Bishop Griffin Center Donations from the Giving Tree!

From Francie Medary: All of the donations from COOL have been distributed. People could only get one pot or pan. We served over 300 families today January 8, 2025.

So you heard it from our Bishop Griffin Center spokesperson, Francie Medary - that large assortment of gifts was passed out in one day. Nothing was left for the families coming on Friday.

Please if you have it in your hearts to clean out your kitchen cupboards of anything useful that you no longer use, I know where it can go. If you, a neighbor or a friend is downsizing and the children don't want kitchen supplies, remember the Bishop Griffin Center. George Medary is our very own delivery person.

The time for spring cleaning is approaching, if your closets are overflowing with clothing that no longer fits or that you don't wear, again think of the Bishop Griffin Center. Items do not have to be brand new. Gently used is ok. Thank you again our parish family.

Mary Bishel, George & Francie Medary.



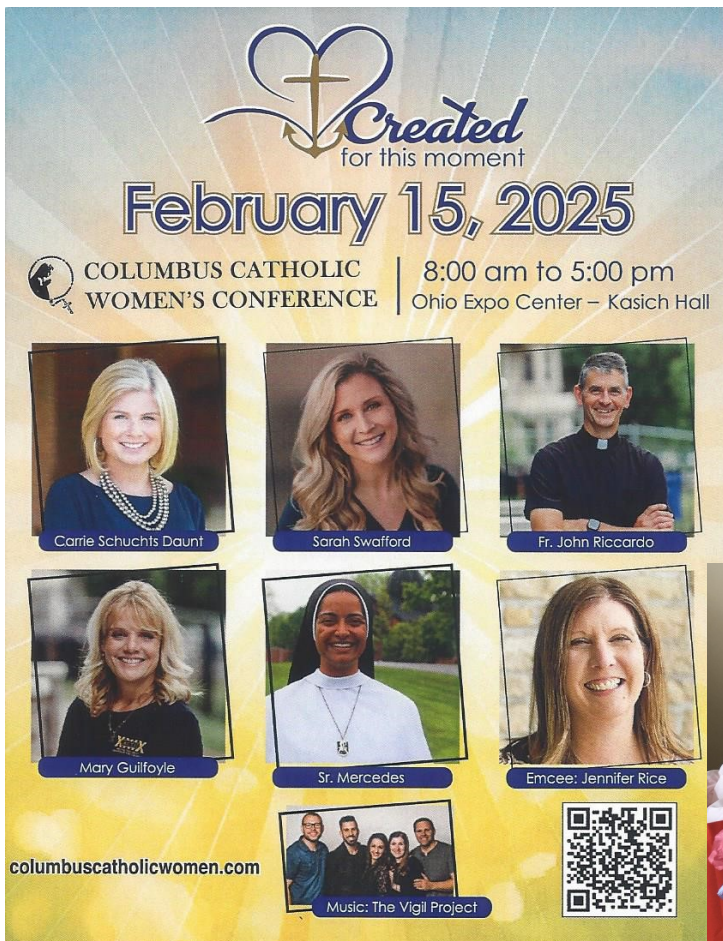
Sorting the gifts - this end of the room is for the Griffin Center!



Loading the truck for Griffin Center

Giving Tree Gifts for the Kinder Women's Care Center & PDHC

I want to thank everyone who participated with the Giving Tree. We went from so many amazing gifts to getting them to the Bishop Griffin Center. A big thank you for those who helped bring the gifts from the lobbies to our sorting area. Thank you, Tess Nicolas, for helping me organize the gifts for shipping. Finally after a hiccup or two, due to snow, on January 7, 2025, the gifts were loaded and sent to the Bishop Griffin Center. I want to thank Tom Crosby for his excellent organizational skills and George Medary for his truck and delivery of the gifts. Ask George or Tom about how much fun we had in the process. The important part is that the gifts of hats, gloves, blankets plus so much more were being delivered to be dispersed during the coldest weather that we have had in years. We couldn't have done this without participation from the hearts of this parish family. *Thank you again for all assistance. Blessings upon each of you.*

A promotional graphic for the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. It features a heart-shaped logo with a cross and the text "Created for this moment". The date "February 15, 2025" is prominently displayed. Below the date, it says "COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE" and "8:00 am to 5:00 pm" at the "Ohio Expo Center - Kasich Hall". There are six portraits of speakers: Carrie Schuchts Daunt, Sarah Swafford, Fr. John Riccardo, Mary Guilfoyle, Sr. Mercedes, and Emcee: Jennifer Rice. At the bottom, it says "columbuscatholicwomen.com" and "Music: The Vigil Project". A QR code is also present.

Register online at : columbuscatholicwomen.com

Scholarships are available.



Next to work on all of the baby gifts!

Pictures courtesy of Tess Nicolas

2024 ALTAR DECORATION WORK



Delivered Flowers awaiting unboxing. The flowers arrived on Friday. After the Saturday evening Mass volunteers helped to unbox and remove wraps



Sunday, December 22nd here is John Laibe and other unseen helpers setting up the trees and connecting all the lights.

The decorating team is finishing up with Bible Study so that when everyone arrived the greenery was in place. It was a great help!



In this picture we are nearly completed with décor!

We were challenged this year by some last minute unexpected changes! Decorating was to begin **after** the French Mass at 1:30pm, so around 3pm, however, the French Mass was moved to Christmas Day! With very short notice we moved the decorating time earlier to follow Bible Study which ends by 1-1:30pm. We could advise everyone of the change only after the Saturday & Sunday Masses!

To our great delight quite a number of the French families came for choir practice; we were surrounded by



Once again we can be amazed at the beauty of the Christmas scene! Doesn't it make you feel like a child again!?

beautiful Christmas music as we worked! The children were a huge help in decorating the trees and running lots of errands! Many volunteers returned from the earlier Mass as well! Dan Hueckel was available to coordinate the arrangements as in previous years. We actually finished in record time! Jason came just in time with a huge stack of hot pizzas so that we finished the afternoon with fellowship and lots of laughter!

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mary Bishel who over the years did all of the coordination for the Christmas decorating. She assured that all of the boxes of statues and decorating materials were organized and clearly marked. We were advised of the location of all materials that were needed.

Anne Grossman-Peters assumed the Mary's role and, though I know she was stressed, she made everything look quite easy in spite of all the challenges.

Another "THANK YOU" comes from John Laibe for all those who came on Monday morning, December 23, to help with vacuuming, dusting and scrubbing the sanctuary floor. The church sparkled for our Christmas Masses!

Debbie Stanley handled the bulk of the vacuuming, sweeping most of the sanctuary. Elaine Sturm assisted with scrubbing the floors and some of the vacuuming. Cheryl Shroyer worked in the cry rooms!

The Christmas season ended too quickly and with January 12th and 'The Baptism of the Lord' we had to repeat our pre-Christmas drill. We owe a sincere and heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who came after the French Mass on the 12th to help us take down and store all the Christmas decorations.

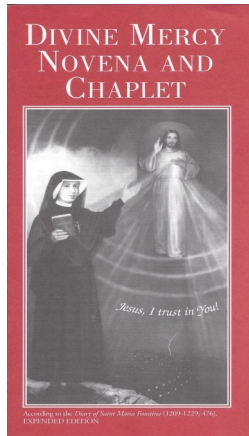
Submitted by Elaine Sturm

**THE 54-DAY DIVINE MERCY NOVENA FOR 2025
~MARK YOUR CALENDARS~**

This year's novena begins on **TUESDAY, MARCH 4 AND
CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 26.**

The complete schedule will be noted in the March COOL News. Our intentions for this year are:
for the United States of America to return to one nation under God, and for all nations to return to God, for the end of strife, conflicts, battles and wars throughout the world. We pray for God's mercy and peace. We pray that the Mother of God spread the effect of grace of thy Flame of Love over all humanity, now and the hour of our death. We also pray for Our Holy Mother the Church, and Church of Our Lady. Amen

Submitted by Mary Bishel



Submit your article for the next C.O.O.L. NEWS to:
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Or place your submission in the box marked
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS: February 15th

Join us on the WEB and FACEBOOK!
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**Our Lady of Good Success
Feast Day: February 2**

Scan the QR Code above
below with your phone
camera, then tap to
open link for
Online Donation.

Look for it in our weekly
bulletin!



February 11th

**Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick**

**THE PRAYER OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II
TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Hail Mary, poor and humble woman,

Blessed by the Most High!
Virgin of hope, dawn of a new era,
We join in your song of praise,
to celebrate the Lord's mercy,
to proclaim the coming of the kingdom
and the full liberation of humanity.

Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord,

Glorious Mother of Christ!
Faithful Virgin, holy dwelling-place of the Word,
Teach us to persevere in listening to the Word,
and to be docile to the voice of the Spirit,
attentive to his promptings
in the depths of our conscience
and to his manifestations in the events of history.

Hail Mary, Woman of Sorrows,

Mother of the living!
Virgin spouse beneath the Cross, the new Eve,
Be our guide along the paths of the world.
Teach us to experience and to spread the love of Christ,
to stand with you before the innumerable crosses
on which your Son is still crucified.

Hail Mary, Woman of Faith,

First of the disciples!
Virgin Mother of the Church,
help us always to account for the hope that is in us,
with trust in human goodness and the Father's love.
Teach us to build up the world beginning from within:
in the depths of silence and prayer,
in the joy of fraternal love,
in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.

Holy Mary, Mother of Believers,
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Amen.

Candlemas * Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Observed 2nd February in the Latin Rite.

On this feast candles are blessed and carried in procession with appropriate prayers and ceremonies. The blessed beeswax candles typify the humanity which God the Son assumed, and signify that Jesus Christ is the True Light of the world by His Doctrine, grace, and example. They also represent the ardent faith, hope, and charity with which the Christian should follow Christ by humble obedience to His Gospel and imitation of His virtues. From: Lives of the Saints Illustrated

According to the Mosaic Law a mother who had given birth to a man-child was considered unclean for seven days; moreover she was to remain three and thirty days "in the blood of her purification"; for a maid-child the time which excluded the mother from sanctuary was even doubled. When the time (forty or eighty days) was over the mother was to "bring to the Temple a lamb for a holocaust and a young pigeon or turtle dove for sin"; if she was not able to offer a lamb, she was to take two turtle doves or two pigeons; the priest prayed for her and so she was cleansed. (Leviticus 12:2-8)

Forty days after the birth of Christ Mary complied with this precept of the Law, she redeemed her first-born from the Temple (Numbers 18:15), and was purified by the prayer of Simeon the Just, in the presence of Anna the prophetess (Luke 2:22). No doubt this event, the first solemn introduction of Christ into the House of God, was in the earliest times celebrated in the Church of Jerusalem. We find it attested for the first half of the fourth century by the pilgrim of Bordeaux, Egeria or Silvia. The day (14th of February) was solemnly kept by a procession to the Constantinian Basilica of the Resurrection, a homily on Luke 2:22, and the Holy Sacrifice. But the feast then had no proper name; it was simply called "The Fortieth Day After Epiphany". This latter circumstance proves that in Jerusalem Epiphany was then the Feast of Christ's Birth.

From Jerusalem "The Feast of The Fortieth Day" spread over the entire Church and later on was kept on the 2nd of February, since within the last twenty-five years of the fourth century the Roman Feast of

Christ's Nativity (25th of December) was introduced.



In Antioch it was attested in AD 526; in the entire Eastern Empire it was introduced by the Emperor Justinian I (AD 542) in thanksgiving for the cessation of the great pestilence which had depopulated the city of Constantinople.

In the Greek Church it was called *Hypapante tou Kyriou*, the meeting of the Lord and His Mother with Simeon and Anna. The Armenians call it: "The Coming of the Son of God into the Temple" and still keep it on the 14th of February; the Copts

term it "Presentation of the Lord in the Temple". Perhaps the decree of Justinian gave occasion also to the Roman Church to introduce this feast, but definite information is wanting on this point.

The feast appears in the Gelasianum (*manuscript tradition of the seventh century*) under the new title of Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The procession is not mentioned. Pope Sergius I (AD 687-701) introduced a procession for this day. The Gregorianum (*tradition of the eighth century*) does not speak of this procession, which fact proves that the procession of Sergius was the ordinary "station", not the liturgical act of today. The feast was certainly not introduced by Pope Gelasius to suppress the excesses of the Lupercalia (*a pagan fertility procession*), and it spread slowly in the West; it is not found in the "Lectionary" of Silos (AD 650) nor in the "Calendar" (AD 731-741) of Sainte-Geneviève of Paris. In the East it was celebrated as a Feast of the Lord; in the West as a Feast of Mary; The blessing of the candles did not enter into common use before the eleventh century.

Source: New Advent / Catholic Encyclopedia

Blessed candles are lighted at Mass and other church services; at the administration of all the Sacraments except Penance; in imparting the blessings, in processions, and in other liturgical ceremonies. There should be at least two blessed candles in every Catholic home for use when the Sacraments are administered to the sick, and at times of any special danger, blessing, or family devotion.

From: Lives of the Saints Illustrated

THE CANTICLE OF SIMEON

(In honor of the Presentation of Jesus
and the Purification of Mary)

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the Law in regard to Him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

Now, Master, You can dismiss Your servant in peace;
You have fulfilled Your Word.

For my eyes have witnessed Your saving deed
displayed for all the peoples to see:

A revealing light to the Gentiles,
the glory of Your people Israel. [Lk. 2:25-32]

St. Blaise

Feast Day: February 3
Patron of Throat Illnesses

FEB. 8 & 9 THROAT BLESSING



Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when through the intercession of Saint Blaise he was healed.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of

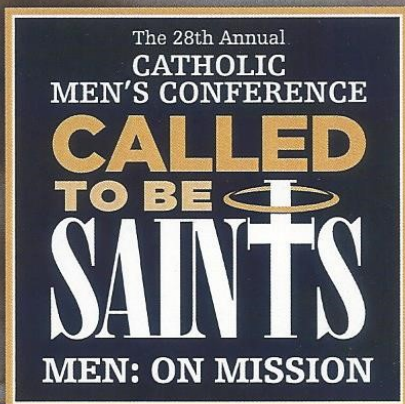
Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century.

The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tells us that he was born into a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.

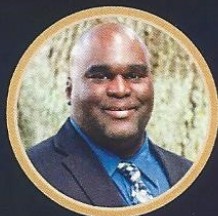
Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

In His Footsteps: Take time as Saint Blaise did to find out how you can help wild animals. Find out what is being done to support and protect the wildlife in your area. There is wildlife everywhere, even in cities. Even a birdfeeder can help God's creatures survive.

Prayer: Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen



Saturday † February 22, 2025
Kasich Hall † Ohio Expo Center, Columbus



**Deacon Harold
Burke-Sivers**



**Dr. Ray
Guarendi**



**Mark
Hartfiel**

Adoration † Reconciliation † Holy Mass
Breakfast & Lunch † Faith Organizations

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www.CatholicMensMinistry.com



Let us thank Cheryl Shroyer for taking the time to bring us a view of some of the activity in our PSR classrooms!

We owe an enormous 'thank you' to Carolyn Mack who has created a vibrant environment for our Parish School of Religion!



High Schoolers

Paul Mitchell and Tom Crosby are leaders for this group



7th & 8th Graders

Lori Cardamone & Fritz Mirville are leaders for these grades!

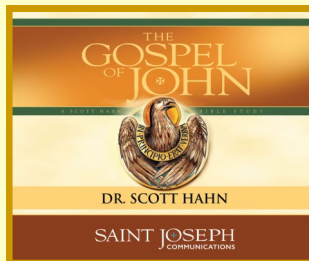


Our 2nd thru 4th graders are led by Marie Mirville!

Adult Ed. Current Events:

Sunday's at 11:30am (after the 10:00am Mass): **The Gospel of John by Dr. Scott Hahn** continues for a total of 15 sessions.

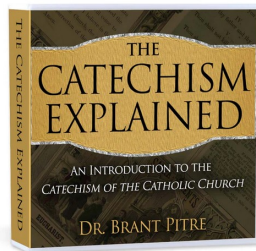
Repeating on Mondays at 6:30^{PM}



Wednesday's at 10:30am

The Catechism Explained by Dr. Brant Pitre

If you are finding it daunting to open the Catechism, this study might be just what will help you get started. Dr. Pitre will give an overview of the major developments in Catholic Doctrine that have taken place in the last 400 years.



ZOOM MEETING # 226 966 6248

PASSCODE: 80V9a1



Waiting for our children to finish the PSR session!

Knight's News

2025 FISH FRIES ARE IN QUESTION!

Due to increased costs, lacking sales, a shortage of workers, and equipment malfunctions, the K of C Lenten Fish Fries may not take place in 2025:

- The cost of fish, oil, fries, dinnerware, etc. have increased about 20% since last year.
- In order to make a reasonable profit (or break even), a minimum of 75 fish dinners must be sold at each event. In 2024, an average of 58 dinners were sold at each of four events.
- For various reasons, the number of Knights available to work these events has dwindled significantly. It takes a minimum of a dozen workers to prepare, serve, and cleanup at each fish fry event. (FYI: The Council has only had an average of 4 to 5 members in attendance at the last several business meetings!)

In 2024, one of the two fryers was out of order. As a result, both the fish and the French Fries had to be prepared, separately, using one fryer. This issue greatly slowed down the food preparation process. **A final decision on the 2025 Lenten Fish Fries will be made at the regular Council business meeting on February 11th. We may have to consider increasing prices, changing the menu, or reducing the number of events to 2 or 3 dinners. However, a commitment from more members will be required in order to make Lenten Fish Fries happen this year.**

Therefore, ALL members of Council 11188 are urgently requested to attend this meeting on February 11th.

If any parishioners would be willing to commit to assisting Council 11188 with the Lenten Fish Fries in 2025, please email Mike Jacobs at jacobsjm@aol.com, or reach out to any of the Knights before February 11.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY Men of the Medal

Saturday

February 8, 2025

9:00am - 11:00am

Continental Breakfast

Fellowship with like-minded men of Faith!

KofC SUPERBOWL LIX MEATBALL SUBS



MEATBALL SUBS

The last chance to order your SUPERBOWL Meatball subs will be:

Saturday, February 1st, and
Sunday, February 2nd, after all Masses.

Payment of \$5.00 per sub is due when you place your order.
Cash, checks, and cards are acceptable.

And, if you do place an order, please remember to **pick up your sandwiches after Masses on Saturday, February 8th, or Sunday February 9th.**



Picture courtesy of George Barton's, Council 11187. From left to right: Mike Jacobs, Anna Ransom, David Ransom, and Alex Esparza

Anna and David Ransom won their divisions in the 13 year-old girls and 13 year-old boys Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, respectively.

The twins were representing Miraculous Medal Council 11188 at the event held on Saturday, January 18th, at the Seton Activity Center.

Anna made 2 out of 15 free throws, while David made 4 out of 15 shots. Both of them will advance to the District completion, to be held in Newark on February 23rd.

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