

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Feast of The Presentation of The Lord Jesus



HOLY NAME SOCIETY
Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 8AM in the Monsignor Moriarty Hall (Church basement). Join us for coffee, donuts, & fellowship after 9AM Mass on the 2nd Sundays of each month!

Legion of Mary
Meets on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room. Please join us to learn about our mission!

Music

Entrance Antiphon
Opening: #407 All Creatures of God and King
Gloria: #106 Missa de Angelis
Offertory: #830 Where Charity and Love Prevail
Mystery of Faith: #102 Missa de Angelis
Communion Antiphon
Communion: #827 What Wondrous Love
Marian: #538 Hail, Holy Queen
Closing: #532 God, We Praise You

READINGS:
Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:15AM
Monday: 8:00AM
Wednesday: 8:00AM
Friday: 8:00AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30PM
Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Monday: 7:30AM
Wednesday: 7:30AM
Friday: 7:30AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: 8:30AM - 6:00PM
*Confessions : 5:30PM - 6:00PM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Gina Smith Wanda Barbosa
Joseph Thiltges Teresa Johnson
Shirley Miller Dianne Pulley
Josie Gilbert
Steve Steiner
Richard Coleman
Melissa Riches

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, February 1:
4:30PM - Larry Hunt†
Sunday, February 2:
*The Presentation of the Lord
9:00AM - Sr. Mary Magdalena†
11:15AM - Joseph Vogel

Monday, February 3:
*Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

8:00AM - Eugene Miller †

Wednesday, February 5:
*Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:00AM - Eugene Miller†

Friday, February 7:
8:00AM - Fr. Michael Walkert†
Saturday, February 8:
*Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
4:30PM - Katy Pitts†

Thoughts by Father Benjamin Armentrout

Happy Feast of the Purification of Mary,

As we conclude catholic schools week, Fr. Davis requested that I write the bulletin article! This past week, each of our schools celebrated our catholic identity and mission. A Catholic School is not a stand alone entity nor here to simply boast great athletics, high level of scholarship or an empty promise to merely provide for parents' educational desires. A catholic school is always, by its nature, connected to the local church and her mission.

I will always be grateful for the Catholic education I received. Growing up in a Catholic family, my parents always took me to Mass. They also strove to teach us the faith. But the Catholic school was the place where I learned so much (and I don't just mean in the classroom)! I have fond memories of the activities of Catholic Schools week- the eighth grade volleyball game, the dress up days, the extra time for prayer, writing 'thank-you' cards for the local community. In many ways, the Catholic school assisted my parents in preparing me for a priestly vocation. It taught me the importance of growth in virtue, friendly competition and our duty to promote a peaceful society.

I'd like to take a moment to share a story. During my fifth grade year of Catholic grade school, the school had an "occupation day". Well, I declared to my parents that I would dress up as a priest. All sorts of students dressed down that day as lawyers, teachers, doctors, and there was a photographer. As we began our religion class that day, which was taught by the priest who nurtured my own vocation, one aspiring photographer took a picture of me standing next to our parish priest! Looking back at that photo over the years, which I keep in the front of my bible, I am always reminded of the gift of my Catholic education which was so much more than 'learning good things'. Moments like these from my youth inspired me to be a good catholic and a priest- and one who recognizes that all of the faithful have a task to support true education.

The Catholic Church reminds her bishops, priests and all of the faithful of the noble ideals we must see at work in our Catholic schools: "True education must strive for complete formation of the human person that looks to his or her final end as well as to the common good of societies, children and youth are to nurtured in such a way that they are able to develop their physical, moral and intellectual talents harmoniously, acquire a more perfect sense of responsibility and right use of freedom, and are formed to participate actively in social life" (CIC 795).

Admittedly, the Church recognizes that these lofty ideals can also be fulfilled by parents who choose to use public schools and take their responsibilities to form their children in the faith seriously. The Church also recognizes these same goals can be met by homeschooling households and co-ops. But we really do have many special opportunities, at this time in St. Joseph, to ensure that genuine catholic education will be here to stay in our Catholic schools.

Thank you for supporting the Church in her evangelizing mission. And thank you for supporting our Catholic Schools!!!

Please join us at Saint James Parish this coming Monday evening, February 3, from 6PM-7PM as we unite before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament to ask God to send us many vocations to the priesthood. Holy Mother Church needs more priests, our priests need more priests, and we, the laity, need more priests. Saint Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!

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schedule, sign up for hours, request automatic substitutes, receive reminders for your holy hour, and get closings /changes updates by text, email, or call! Sign up with the QR code or by visiting mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup



Correction: Father Davis can be contacted through this email address: frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church. Please disregard the email address on the cover of this bulletin.

Stay up-to-date with the Altar Society's activities and events on Flocknote! Just text **ALTARSOCIETY6450** to 84576

Saint Francis Xavier Parish is accepting applications for a MUSIC DIRECTOR. The successful candidate will direct, coordinate and/or perform liturgically appropriate music for liturgies and other designated celebrations. The Music Director may plan for the needs of ensemble and cantors and provide direction. Please send resumé with salary requirements to: Fr. Mark Yates, C.P.P.S, St. Francis Xavier Parish 2618 Seneca Street, St. Joseph, MO 64507. You may email your information to myates@sfxstjoe.com.

SCRIP CARDS
Did you know Scrip cards are available anytime in the school office? Use them for shopping or as a gift! Stop by to purchase one to your favorite grocery store, restaurant, department store, or online shopping!
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR PARISH!

St. Vincent de Paul will have their collection boxes available in the vestibule for your convenience. You may drop off items listed below when visiting the Church.

- ITEMS NEEDED:**
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned Goods
Tuna
Pasta Sauce
Pasta
PAPER PRODUCT:
Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Napkins

Offerings:
ENVELOPES/COLLECTION PLATE: \$15,506.69
MASS INTENTIONS/ MEMORIALS: \$0.00
MAINTENANCE: \$78.00
TOTAL: \$15,584.69
JANUARY TOTAL: \$27,871.61

Women's Welcome Retreat
Ladies, Cathedral will have a WELCOME RETREAT on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23. Would you like to take a break from your everyday life, become recharged, and get a fresh perspective on life? Would you enjoy listening to speakers, having discussions, and having prayer time with other ladies who will take this two - day journey with you? Would you like to find more clarity and a deeper sense of purpose for your life? For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Melissa Pfister at 816-351-3906, Melanie Francis at 816-351-8870 or email us at CathedralWelcome@gmail.com

Men's Welcome Retreat
Men of our St. Joseph community, we need you!!! Cathedral will host a Men's WELCOME RETREAT on Saturday, March 8 that continues on Sunday, March 9 (concluding with the 11:30 am parish Mass). The retreat will be held in the Convent on Cathedral's campus. Whether you want to connect with other men in the parish, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of your everyday life, please join us! It's a day of learning, asking, and sharing. Help us strengthen our faith, our families, and our Church. 2024 Men's Welcome Retreat Alumni, you are welcome to join us again! For more information or to reserve your spot, please email welcomeretreat2@gmail.com or contact any of the team members: Dominic CDeBaca, Philip Eiberger, Joe Elliott, JW Jones, John Modlin, Rob Rau, Tom Roetto, Brian Schiermeyer, or Joe Wise.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been away from the Church for a while and want to come back to full communion? If this describes you, please email or call the parish office to register.

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OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:
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3 Day Silent Directed Retreat
Come away to the quiet and be present to what God wants to offer you. Creighton University Retreat Center located one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA is offering 3 - Day Silent Directed Retreats on the dates listed below. Retreats begin with check-in from 4PM - 5PM for the 6PM supper the first day and end at 3PM the last day. The cost is \$375 for room, meals and daily individual spiritual direction sessions. Read more and/or register at creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats or scan code:



Would you like to know more about the Bible and Faith? The Missionary Servants of the Word are offering Biblical study courses on the History of Salvation!

WEDNESDAYS: 10AM & 5PM in the Casper Erk Room of Saint James parish center.
FRIDAYS: 3PM in the Carden Room of Saint Patrick (Church basement).

LECTORS
Feb. 1 — 4:30pm - Bernie Stevenson
Feb. 2 — 9:00am - Mike Chappell
Feb. 8 — 4:30 pm - Matthew Cline
Feb. 9. — 9:00 pm - Holy Name Society

You are now able to access your 2024 donor summary for your taxes through Flocknote! If you need assistance, please contact the parish office for a copy!