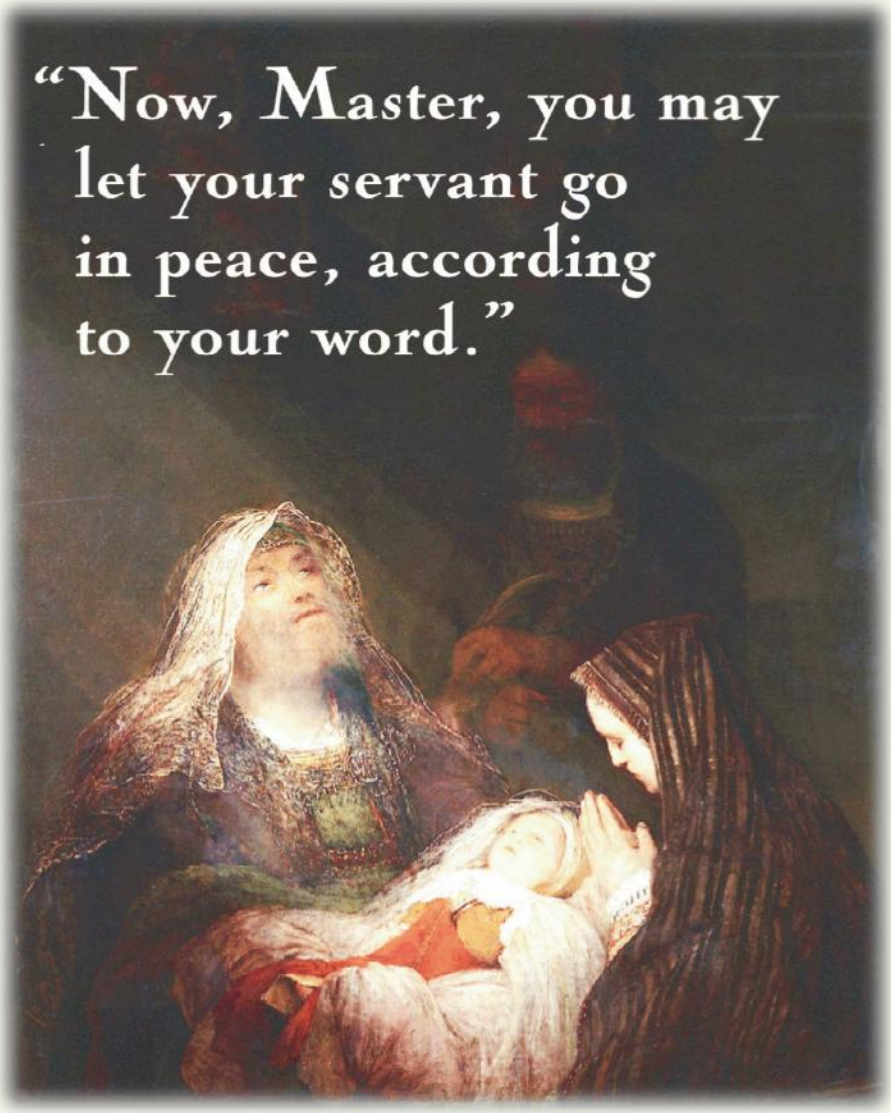
Blessed Sacrament Parish

February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord



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Scripture Readings -Week of February 2

Sunday: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
Monday: Saint Blaise, 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30,19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

ON THE CALENDAR

February 1/2	Blessing of Throats at all Masses
February 3	CCW Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 5	Mass at 9 a.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m.
February 6	No Mass this evening
February 7	First Friday Devotion Adoration 3-6 p.m. Mass at 6 p.m.
February 8/9	World Marriage Day Blessing of Marriages
February 10	K of C Meeting 6:30 p.m.
February 12	Mass at 9 a.m. "Not Alone" 9:30 a.m.
February 15/16	Anointing of the Sick at Masses

Mission Statement: ***Blessed Sacrament welcomes everyone to experience the gifts, joy and personal growth through Christ's teachings. Celebrate your life by listening, adopting and practicing Christ's message.***

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OUR COLLABORATIVE

Monday, February 3 No Mass today

Tuesday, February 4 No Mass
Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 5
9:00 a.m. † Jerry Richlich Req. by Barb Richlich

Thursday, February 6
No Mass today

Friday, February 7 FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION Office Closed
Adoration from 3-6 p.m. MASS at 6 p.m.
† Offered for Memorial Society
Mass at St. Margaret at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 8
4:00 p.m. † William Roth Req.by Don/Cindy Simpson
Mass at St. Margaret at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 9
8:30 a.m. Offered for Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Mass at St. Margaret at 11:00 a.m.

The Sanctuary Light will be offered
The week of February 2-8
For St. Margaret School
Students & Staff

Mass Appointments

Saturday, February 8 Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.
Servers: Owen McClelland & Luke Kaylor
Readers: Jake Kaylor & Jeff Clearwater
Extraordinary Ministers/Holy Communion: Brad & Amy Osborn, Ron & Cathy Rapa

Sunday, February 9, Mass 8:30 a.m.
Servers: Emma, Nate & Noah Kuebler
Readers: Chris Dulac
Extraordinary Ministers/Holy Communion: Andrea Dulac, Jan Morgan, Paul & Vicki Hodge

Council of Catholic Women

Ministry of Care for February -
Our Lady of Good Counsel

ARE YOU INTERESTED…

In learning more about the Catholic Faith? Or… may be interested in entering the Church? We are seeking to schedule a series of sessions covering the most important tenets of our Faith. Please call the office if interested.

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and for the special intentions in our Parish Book of Intercessions on our prayer altar.

Weekly/BAA Financial Reporting for January 26, 2020

Stewardship Weekly Offering

Budgeted Amount ……...…….....$4,550.00
Collection…….…….……4,347.21
Votives…….……0
Capital Improvements……..……..307.00
Total Capital Improvements to date…..…....35,406.71
Number of Envelope…… …..……...……112

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Blessed Sacrament's Goal…….....$43,961.00
Pledged Amount……..43,961.06
Pledge Balance…….……0!
Number of Total Pledges…….……..125

Thank you for your generous support. Continue every effort to pay off your pledged amount by April 2020.

Regarding Ministry Scheduling, Please NOTE:

Barb Smith will now be doing the scheduling of ministers, except for altar servers. If you have any questions regarding the schedule you can contact her at barbsmithdre@yahoo.com.
If you are interested in being a reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or have been trained and not put on the schedule, please contact her at the above. Your patience is appreciated as we put the schedule in order!

Coming Soon!

+On the weekend of February 8/9, the Church celebrates World Marriage Day. Father Simon will be offering a special blessing to all married!

+On the Weekend of February 15/16, the Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the Masses, for anyone in physical, mental or emotional need.

+On February 25, Bishop Paul Bradley is planning a daylong visit to our parish and St. Margaret. An itinerary of his day of meetings, dinner, etc. will be published soon.

If anyone has reason to suspect physical, sexual or emotional abuse of any person of any age, please contact Protective Services (855-444-3911) or the police, as appropriate. The Diocese has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at 844.324.3374.

Dear members of Blessed Sacrament family,

Greetings of Peace, Hope and Joy to each one of you!

This Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. Mary and Joseph took the now forty- day old Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to God, in accordance with Jewish law. This story is also the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.

We could focus on the significance of presenting a child to God in the life of a family, or on the profound joy and excitement with which Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, or on the words of the prophets Simeon and Anna. Instead, we shall dwell on the figure of Simeon, a "righteous and devout" man, who had been waiting for this moment throughout his life.

As soon as he sees the little child, he recognizes him to be the Son of God. He does not need a star or other 'miraculous signs' to reveal it to him. Then he proclaims with immense joy: "Lord, let your servant go in peace now, for I have seen the salvation of the world."

This was a profound statement that came from a humble and faith-filled heart. Simeon was saying something like this: "Lord of Heaven and earth, my life is now complete. I've seen Him. I've held Him. He is the one. He is the Messiah. There is nothing more I need in life. My life is fulfilled. I am now ready to die. My life has reached its purpose and culmination."

Simeon, like any other ordinary human being, would have had many experiences in life. He would have had many ambitions and goals. Many things he worked hard for. So, for him to say that he was now ready to "go in peace" simply means that the purpose of his life was fulfilled and that all he has worked for and striven for has come to culmination in this moment.

That's saying a lot! But it's really a great witness for us in our daily lives and gives us an example of what we should strive for. We see in this experience of Simeon that life must be about encountering Christ and fulfilling our purpose in accord with God's plan. For Simeon, that purpose, revealed to him through the gift of his faith, was to receive the Christ Child in the temple at His presentation and to then consecrate this Child to the Father in accordance with the law.

What is your mission and purpose in life? It will not be the same as Simeon but it will have similarities. God has a perfect plan for you that He will reveal to you in faith. This calling and purpose will ultimately be about you receiving Christ in the temple of your heart and then praising and worshiping Him for all to see. It will take on a unique form in accord with the will of God for your life. But it will be as significant and important as Simeon's calling, and will be integral to the entire divine plan for you.

Reflect, today, upon your own calling and mission in life. Don't miss your call. Don't miss your mission. Continue to listen, anticipate, and act in faith as that plan unfolds so that you, too, may one day rejoice and "go in peace" confident that this calling has been fulfilled.

Invoking God's abundant blessings upon you,
In Christ,
Fr. Simon

Your yearly contribution statements are available in the narthex. Please help us avoid the postage cost by picking yours up.

Diocesan Annual Lenten Retreat,

Saturday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m. to Sunday, March 1, 12 p.m.
Pretty Lake Camp

All are invited to the annual Lenten retreat to explore the theme, "How do you encounter Jesus?" led by Fr. Jose Haro, Diocesan Director of Vocations. Cost is $50. Register at imdisciple.com/lentenretreat. Registration deadline is February 24.

This month-Good Samaritan pantry
canned fruit, soups, jelly, and we are in need of large brown grocery bags.
Thank you!

SPECIAL BLESSINGS!

By the time you read this, you will probably realize that we are acknowledging the Feast of St. Blaise by offering the Blessing of Throats at the Masses this weekend. The Feast is actually on Feb. 3, and the church names St. Blaise patron of throat ailments. It is said that he was a medical doctor, also appointed a Bishop. A very devout and holy man, St. Blaise performed numerous miracles in his lifetime. In 316 he was arrested, beaten and beheaded for refusing to renounce his Christian beliefs and practices. As he was being led to his martyrdom he saved the life of a young boy who was choking to death caused by a fish bone in his throat, and so St Blaise remains very popular and throat blessings are a common practice.

Breakfast Buffet

at Hilliard's Knights of Columbus
8:30 am until 1 pm
March 1 March 29, and April 26
See you there!

If you are not receiving our weekly emails but would like to, please contact parish office at blsacch@frontier.com to be put on the list.

Also: new to the parish? Attending but not registered? Email the parish office for info.

Attention : Middle and High School Youth!

Its' time for our annual Subiaco Retreat-Oxford MI!
March 6-8, 2020

The retreat is hosted and led by the Benedictine monks that live at Subiaco. An amazing weekend! The cost of this retreat is $50 per child, which covers all lodging and food for the weekend. Ck out...Subiacorretreathouse.com Sign up in the church office!

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2– 4-2006	James & Mary Leggett
2-17-2013	Paul & Jeanette Dornak
2-21 1994	Nathan & Linda Gillam
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The Kalamazoo Diocesan
Council of Catholic Women
Lenten Day of Spiritual Renewal:

The Real Presence

St. Catherine of Siena
1150 W. Centre Ave. Portage, MI

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
8:00 Check-in & Confessions
8:40 Rosary
9:00 Mass

Register by Sunday, March 8th:
Carolyn Morrison,
carolynmorrison@hotmail.com
(517) 617-5682
Include the Church & Location you attend.
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Come share a spiritual and fun day with your Catholic Sisters!

Support the Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Eastern & Central Europe & Latin America 02-02-2020 (3 Churches Collection)

Like the members of the early church, who brought forth their gifts to share with those who were in need, we, the faithful of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, are called to share our gifts with our brothers & sisters in Africa, Eastern & Central Europe & Latin America through this combined collection for these national appeals. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Church in Eastern & Central Europe, and the Church in Latin America. Even the smallest gift truly makes a difference, and is a gesture of support, encouragement and solidarity for which the Catholics living in these regions are very grateful. For more information about each area, www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. Envelopes are in the pews for the month of February.

2– 2	Carmen Bornais
2– 2	Ruth Countiss
2– 2	James Leggett
2– 2	Tommy Sumner
2– 3	Esther Collum-Lawe
2– 3	Sam Hiscock
2– 4	Mary Leggett
2– 5	Craig Newland
2– 5	Carol Visuri
2– 6	Joseph Allen
2-10	Nora Miller
2-11	Emily Hitchcock
2-11	Linda Newland
2-11	Xander Ruiter
2-11	Richard VanWinkle
2-13	Rita Jones
2-14	Joan Edgerton
2-14	Susan Madalinski
2-14	Bryan Osborn
2-16	Kyle Heslip
2-18	Donald Swartzlander
2-18	Margaret Valdez
2-19	Bill Bailey
2-19	Emily Miller
2-19	Caylie Riess
2-19	Charles Setter
2-20	Myrene Koch
2-21	Luke Ellis
2-21	Hailey Shank
2-22	Samantha Sanders
2-23	Nicole Heslip
2-23	Ava Hiscock
2-23	Erin Vogan
2-23	Tasha Kaylor
2-24	Maryann Adams
2-24	Michael Morton
2-24	Robert Shook
2-24	John T. Sumner
2-26	Loretta Cone
2-26	Andrew Wesche
2-27	Liliana Garcia
2-27	Kaitelyn Marie Shank
2-28	Brian Gilliam
2-28	Ann Marie Phillips
2-28	Mary Zick

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www.nazarethassociation.org

Questions contact:
(269) 342-1191
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Deadline for Applications
June 1, 2020

Attention
High School Seniors!

The applications for the CCW Scholarship are now available through parish office or Religious Ed. class.

Deadline:
Postmarked by April First!

Lectio Divina is Latin for "Divine Reading"… it is a way of developing a closer relationship with God by reflecting prayerfully on His words. In Lectio Divina, the chosen spiritual text is carefully read, two or more times, giving an opportunity to think deeply about it and respond thoughtfully. When we practice Lectio Divina, we can imagine we're actually involved in the events of Scripture — or simply consider what Christ is telling us through a certain passage. This form of prayer is ancient, first introduced in the 4th century by St. Gregory of Nyssa and the Church most recently has strongly promoted it again in a world that becomes increasingly noisy. Lectio Divina teaches silence as a way to reveal Christ to us. Holy Scripture has a divine power; it is "alive and active" as scripture itself tells us, because it IS God's word uniquely spoken to each of us.

How to get started doing Lectio Divina:

1. Choose a place and time that are quiet and uninterrupted. Allow time to quiet the place around you and the place within.
2. If you don't know what Bible passage to read, choose a Psalm—a great one to start with is Psalm 23. Particularly the first few times through this process, choose a shorter passage, as it will be easier to focus on and draw a main idea from it.
3. Remind yourself that you are coming to God's Word and that to engage the Bible is to engage God. Close your eyes before you start reading and pray for the Holy Spirit to quiet your mind and bless your time in Scripture.
4. In reading it slowly a few times, you'll find a word or phrase that seems to stick with you. Allow time to meditate, asking yourself, what does this phrase mean to my life right now? Is it challenging me, is it comforting me, is it drawing forth action in my life?
5. If you get distracted or tired, don't worry or criticize yourself. Simply bring your mind back to the Bible passage, re-read it, and be grateful for God's Word
6. Remembering that prayer is about conversation, speak to God about why the passage became meaningful, ask God to reveal what he is speaking to you through the scripture.
7. Finally, all Prayer should lead to resolve in living out what we have learned about God and ourselves. What might you be called to do?

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Brad Burke-special intention
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Lester and Mary Grocholski
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Matt Havaich Family
Heckman and Wolfram Families
Hein family
Hodge family

Homrich family
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Ilmberger family
David Krueger
Arlene Kroll
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Stewart Morsman Lewis
Al and Grace McClelland
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Lawrence Morgan

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Bud Johnson
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Jerry and Virginia Petroshus
Art and Louise Philippus
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Jim and Jean Radi
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Repp and Tisch families
Camryn Mae Riess

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