

**Preble County Catholics
St. John, St. Mary and Visitation Churches**

February 2, 2020

Mass Schedule for February 1st-9th

- Sat. 1st 5:00 p.m. - Leona & Royal Harris (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 1st 7:00 p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 2nd 8:00a.m. - for the Deceased of the Roell & Schnetzer families (St. M) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 2nd 9:30a.m. - Eileen Mueller (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 2nd 11:00a.m. - Jennings & Doris Ferriell (Visn) (Fr. GV)
- Mon. 3rd 9:00a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Vonderhaar Family (Visn)
- Tues. 4th 9:00a.m. - Fr. Tom Espelage (Visn)
- Wed. 5th 12:00p.m. - Sick & Homebound of our Community (Visn)
- Thurs. 6th 9:00a.m. - Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life (Visn)
- Fri. 7th 9:00 a.m. - Sharon Stump (Visn)
- Sat. 8th 5:00p.m. - Rick & Sharon Spahr (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 8th 7:00p.m. - Fr. Charles Caserta (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 9th 8:00a.m. - Elmer & Ruth Kuhbander (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 9th 9:30a.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 9th 11:00a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Furrey Family (Visn) (Fr. DD)

Calendar Visitation:

- Sun. Feb.2 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
- Mon. Feb 3 **Parish Council** 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. Feb. 4 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Tues. Feb. 4 **Rediscovering the Saints Reflection** 6:30– 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. Feb. 4 **K of C** 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 5 **CCD HS** 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 5 **CCD** 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Feb. 6 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Feb. 6 **Holy Hour** 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 9 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.

Calendar St. John:

- Tues. Feb. 4 **Recitation of the Rosary** at 5:30 p.m.
- Sun. Feb. 9 **Presentation of the Gifts** John & Arlene Berger

Calendar St. Mary:

- Sun. Feb. 2 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.

Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses

Offertory 2/2/20		
	Goal	
Visitation-	\$2,683.00	\$4,063.00
St. John-	\$1,037.00	\$1,062.00
St. Mary-	\$ 952.00	\$1,275.00

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing **Together for the Faith of the Gospel** through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year!

Pledge cards are available in the pews for your convenience this weekend. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit CatholicAppeal.net.

***Experience a new Lent Devotion
No Greater Love***

Filmed in the Holy Land, "No Greater Love" is a Pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus that you ever have before.

There will be six one and one half hour sessions. The sessions will be offered on Wednesday Mornings February 26th - April 1st at 9:30 a.m. and on Tuesday Evenings March 3rd - April 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at Visitation.

The cost is \$20.00, which includes the book and online registration (this allows you to view the videos at home online).

Registration is due by February 10th. Please contact Dianna Metzger at 937-839-5735 or mmetzger16@woh.rr.com

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

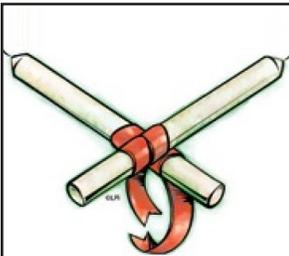
Friends in Christ,

To end our series reflecting on the family, which was begun with the Feast of the Holy Family, I would like to give you some words from St. John Paul II's *Letter to Families* given Feb. 2, 1994. Everything in this letter is a gem and provides great guidance for priests and families to journey together proclaiming God's message in the midst of our world.

He remarked in that letter that, "The history of mankind the history of salvation, passes by way of the family." He continues, "Written testimonies alone, however, will not suffice. Much more important are **living testimonies**."

May the Lord continue to help married couples open up the goods of marriage focused on deep love and the gift of life. May the Lord help us to learn and appreciate the commandment "to honor one's father and mother," especially the relationships we have in our own family. May the Lord continue to help us defend the rights of the family and biblical family values in the crisis of our own time. May we spend time on our knees thanking God and seeking the strength needed to be a living witness of God's family in our world today.

God Love You,
Fr. David Doseck



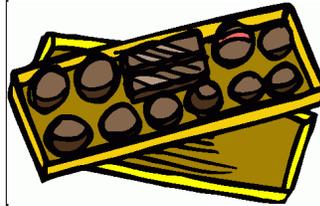
Feast of St. Blaise Monday, February 3, 2020. There will be the traditional throat blessing at the 9:00 a.m. daily Mass.

Blaise of Sebaste was a physician and bishop of Sebastea in historical Armenia who is venerated as a Christian saint and martyr. Blaise is venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox churches and is the patron saint of wool combers and throat disease



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.



Fudge Raiser

Place your order starting Jan 18th through Feb 8th for delicious fudge and truffles handmade by the Brigittine Monks in Oregon. 100% of the proceeds will benefit parish facilities. Order forms will be available at Visitation Church. Just drop the order in the box marked **FudgeRaiser**.

Explore Your Call: Dayton

Join other young adults (18-35) in the Dayton area to learn more about Religious and Consecrated life at this Dinner and Discussion. Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30pm (after Eucharistic Adoration) at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Dayton (lower level), 1924 Leo St. More info & register at www.tinyURL.com/EYCDayton

Remember the Book from Christmas? Fr. David Doseck would like to host six evenings of reflection on the book, *Rediscovering the Saints*. Each session is hosted on a Tuesday evening at 6:30pm-7:30pm at Visitation Church Hall (or Basement). Starts on Tues. - Jan. 21st thru Feb. 25th. No need to RSVP. It will be a great time spent together talking about our favorite saints and the thoughts provoked from reading the free Christmas book you received.