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February 2, 2025

The Presentation Of The Lord

Sunday Masses

10am & 8:00pm

Confessions

Sunday, 7:30pm

Pastor:

Father Derek Wiechmann

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Sacramental Minister:

Father JohnPaul Igbokwe

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*In case of immediate need, call your parish office to reach a priest directly.

This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (2/4)

5:30pm Bible Studies (Wil's Place)

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday (2/5)

5:45pm SEND/Root Session #2

Thursday (2/6)

9am-3pm Blood Drive @ HS

6:00pm Student Social Event

Saturday (2/8)

9:00am First Sacraments Activity Day @ Holy Spirit

11:30am Community Meal

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's first reading is from the prophet *Malachi 3:1-4* gives us an important insight to understand profoundly the mystery of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, in accordance with the canons of Mosaic Law. The text, taken from the Prophet Malachi says, "*I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek*" (Mal 3:1).

From all the Gospels, we know that it is the Precursor, St. John the Baptist who was born 6 months before Jesus, that God sent to prepare His way. Putting these evangelical facts together, we can comprehend the words of the Prophet Malachi. The Lord God promised that He would send a Precursor to prepare His way. Since there is only 6 months between the birth of St John the Baptist and Jesus it is clear that the prophecy meant that *suddenly* after the Precursor, the Lord Himself will come. So, soon after the Baptist's birth, God entered His temple. Jesus' presentation signifies God's entrance to His temple. God made man entered His temple, presenting Himself to those who were really searching for Him. Do we recognize in our lives God's invitation to search for him? A search implies that something is to be found. Jesus is to be found everywhere in our lives. But, all too often, we can become numb to the things around us and the presence of God can be missed. Let us eagerly seek the Lord where he can be found!

Peace,

Fr. Derek

Photo of the week: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton held a Talent Show in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.





Pick up a baby bottle to fill! They are located in both entryways. Fill with spare change, cash or checks. Please return bottles here or to the office by February 9, 2025.

Another opportunity to help with a wonderful Newman event!

Please consider signing up to bring a small appetizer or sweets to the Curtis and Loretta concert on Saturday, February 22. We will be setting a table of delectable snacks for everyone's enjoyment during the intermission and after the concert. We are also in need of helpers to set up, serve and clean up. Directions are on the signup sheets in both gathering spaces. We are looking forward to spending a fine evening with everyone!



Volunteers needed for Place of Hope -- weekly opportunity

Our tri-parish cluster has helped Place of Hope for many years, and will do so this coming February 3-9. They need 3-6 volunteers per evening to help prepare and serve meals for up to 200 people. Consider a group of family and/or friends doing this together. Also needed are two overnight monitors to assist in supervising those who are staying in the Chapel from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. each night; this can be done in shorter shifts.

For more info, and/or to sign up, contact

Kevin LaNave: klanave@scsucatholic.org

TREATS NEEDED! Our Peer ministers are hosting short hot cocoa and conversation socials for Students and young adults after the 8pm Mass each Sunday. They are held in our front gathering space and have been a nice start to the week for our Campus Ministry attendees. **WILL YOU HELP** by signing up to provide homemade sweets or another easy to carry treat they will enjoy with their cocoa? You do not have to be at Newman on Sunday evenings to help with this, simply leave your treat ready to serve in the Terrace kitchen before 8pm on Sunday. Directions are on the signup sheets or call/text: Pam 320-252-1974 or Philip 320-281-9518. And **THANK YOU** for being a part of this fun ministry!

Youth Group Calendar for February:

February 2nd: Adoration

February 9th: No Youth Group

February 16th: Activity Night

ACC Faith Formation Reminders

Confirmation: February 12, 7:00pm

SEND: February 5, 5:45pm Root Session 2

1st Sacraments: February 8 Activity Day at Holy Spirit

<p>Curtis & Loretta Singer/Songwriter Duo Coming in concert to Newman Center</p> 	<p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>Concert in the Terrace Saturday Feb. 22, 2025 7:00 PM No Charge/Free Will Offering ALL ARE WELCOME</p>
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Parish Prayers

- †Julie Gabrielson
- †India Faith Krueger Wasilowski
- †Bob Trisko
- †Frank Roehl
- †Mary Helen Montgomery
- †Mary Morton
- Abbie's Grandfather
- For Sam Warner discernment
- † Millie Moran Sister of Jay Schroeder
- † Sam Skoien
- Jill Schultz

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