

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This Friday, February 2nd we will have the celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The feast has been referred to in different ways. Early on the feast had a more Marian focus. In the book of Leviticus in the 12th chapter there is a detailed process of purification that the mother would go through after the birth of a child. This process would involve going to the temple on the 40th day after the birth of the child. So for a time the feast was called the Purification of Mary and February 2nd is the 40th day after the celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Now most commonly it is called the Presentation of the Lord. We also look to the Old Testament to be able to understand the feast under this title. In the 13th chapter of the book of Genesis God instructs Moses that each of the first born should be consecrated to him. Mary and Joseph come with the Christ child to the temple for this consecration. In some cultures today people are in the practice of bringing a baby Jesus to the church to have the baby Jesus blessed to celebrate this feast. Then they take the baby Jesus home with them to bless their house with His presence. The other name that people have used to describe the feast is Candlemas. This name is used for the feast because on this day we bless the candles that we use in the church throughout the year. There is also a procession that is done at the beginning of the Mass with lighted candles. It is a reminder that the Light of God Jesus Christ enters the temple the moment Mary and Joseph bring Jesus into the temple. <u>The very next day is the feast of St. Blaise. We will use two of the blessed candles for the blessing of throats during Mass on Saturday, February 3rd at 8:15am.</u>



PARISH NEWS



LENTEN VIDEO SERIES: We will be offering the video series "No Greater Love...A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" during Lent. This series will start on Sunday, February 18th and end on Sunday, March 24th. It will be offered on Sunday evenings at 7:00p.m. in the Church Hall. Join us as we go on this biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Dr. Edward Siri will guide us through the last hours of Christ's life. This series was previously offered in 2020 but was cut short by Covid. Those of you who attended in 2020 will be able to use the resources you purchased at that time. The book study set is recommended for this study but not required. If you would like to get these materials, you can order them by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

Contact Deb Brucker at 562-6512 for more info. Sign up sheets are located in the vestibule of the church.

<u>Poinsettias</u>

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia in memory of loved ones to help decorate the church during the Christmas season. This is the last weekend for the poinsettias so please take yours home with you after Mass today.

Collection of Old Palms

Please place your old palms in the tote located in the gathering space of the church. They will be burned and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday Masses.

Pro-Life Baby Shower

LAST WEEK TO DONATE! The Knights of Columbus are conducting a Pro-Life Baby Shower during the month of January. Please help them fill the play pen in the church gathering space with baby items such as diapers, bottles, new clothing, etc. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information, contact Dan Faulkner at 562-8900 or Paul Broxterman at 799-5628.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

The K of C will hold their next meeting on *Thursday, February 1st at 7:30pm* in the *Parish Hall*. A rosary will be said before the meeting at 7:00pm.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

~ Living and deceased members of Emmett & Gertrude Peschel family	
~ Special Intentions of Sister Eulalia Kloeker	А
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 29 9:00am <u>Tuesday, Jan. 30</u> after 8:15am Mass <u>Wednesday, Jan. 31</u> after 12:05pm Mass <u>Thursday, Feb. 1</u> after 10:00am Mass 7:30pm <u>Friday, Feb. 2</u> 6:00am - 5:00pm <u>Saturday, Feb. 3</u> 4:30pm - 5:15pm

All Mysteries of Rosary Prayed

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Adoration

Confessions

SOUL WINE AND LIQUOR PULL

For the 2024 SOUL event, we will again be having a Wine Pull. This year the committee has decided to take it a step further and add a chance to pull your favorite type of liquor! We are asking for donations of any type of wine and/or liquor for this fun game of chance. Think of it as a donation for a fun church picnic game...but for adults! So while you're out doing your holiday meal shopping, stop by your local liquor store and pick up any bottle of wine or liquor. Any price range accepted!!! Please drop your donation off at the school or parish office anytime between now and February 2nd.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelope & Plate for January 14th\$ 9,889.86ACH for January 25th\$ 2,690.00(\$11,200 Expected Average Collection needed each week)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

- Loan Principal Balance (as of 01/01/24)\$307,026.95 Donations (since 01/01/24).....(\$4,325.00)
- Total Contributions to Date\$7,832,647.21 (\$9,100 needed each month for loan payment)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Sr. Eulalia Kloeker.

A Bible Vigil Service will be held on January 29th at 9:30am in the Nazareth Motherhouse Chapel in Concordia. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30am.



Saturday, February 10th | Venue 36

5:15pm: Social Hour/Silent Auction Begins 6:30pm: Dinner and Program followed by Live Auction

DJ and Dance to Follow

\$50 individual ticket | \$600 reserved table of 8

Purchase tickets at the school office or online by scanning the QR code. For more information, contact the school at 562-2831 or soul@stgregorychurch.org



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Dr. Scott Hahn Founder and President of the St. Paul Center 6:45 am - 3:45 pm | February 17, 2024 Church of the Ascension 9510 W 127th St, Overland Park, KS 66213

Dr. Ray Guarendi Clinical Psychologist, Author, and National Radio and Television Ho

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Braden Johnson National Speaker



Catholic Men's Conference A Passion for the Eucharist

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For over 26 years, men have gathered at Men Under Construction as a Lenten ritual to deepen their faith and partake of the sacraments. This year a diverse line-up of speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Stephen Minis, and Braden Johnson, and will focus on the importance of Eucharist in our faith journey.

Join us and you will be able to participate in Mass, reconciliation and hear from Archbishop Naumann. Real men finding the truth & happiness only offered by a relationship with our Lord.

Saturday, February 17th at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park KS. For more information contact the parish office or register online at <u>MenUnderConstruction.org</u>



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Virtue of the Week

<u>**KINDNESS</u></u> - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbor as yourself." \sim Luke 10:27</u>**

What is kindness? It is defined as expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs. Most everyone knows what it means to be kind to others. It is a simple concept that is mentioned many times in the Bible. Yet, so many of us struggle to show unconditional kindness to others, especially those who, in our minds, don't 'deserve' kindness.

Let Us Pray: Dear Jesus, You are kindness itself. I desire to show charity toward my neighbor through my thoughts, words, and actions. When others meet me, let them meet You in me! Amen.

PRAYER LIST

The power of prayer is an amazing thing! Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Short Term Health Issues: Mary Stryker, Carol Adrian, Kristi Meyer, Cami Friedrichs, Janel Weigel, Don Prell, Marilyn Hodgen, Scott Wetter, Jess Wetter, Richard Bruland, Laurie Kleinert, Deanna Schroller, Julie Kieffer, KayeLynn Kroeger, Kaylie Kordyak, Cody Metz, Preston Runnebaum, Dean Bruna, Andrew David Leo Lickteig, Pat Clark, Harry Moser, Tammy Jurek, Mary Gausepohl, Don Cudney, Elizabeth Ray, Tim Warren, Jan Smith, Tish Outhet, Josephine Wiggins, Carla Maloney, Justin Scheele, Bruce Leonard, Chase Downard, Hunter Sand and Justin Stallings.

Long Term Health Issues: John Musil, Phil Studer, Doug Plegge, Kathy Jueneman, Donna Sedlacek, Rick Thompson, Alice Murray, Dorothy Peschel, Arnold Rieth, Aaron Hendrickson, Killian Gray, Steve Sawin, Torey Butler, Linda Schell Tiers, Allie Montgomery, Don Wassenberg, Alan Wassenberg, Tony Evans, Teresa Reiling, Mary Landoll, Debra Nietfeld Lambert, Joan Wacek and Sami Kirkland.

Good News Online Book Fair

From January 26-February 9, you can shop online at <u>www.goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair</u>. Enter code **SGS24** at checkout for our school to receive credit for your purchase. Free shipping for all orders over \$35. Good News Book Fair has a group of curators made up of librarians, authors, and parents who read every book and make sure the books are age-appropriate and clean reads. Sample books will be available to look at after each mass the weekend of Feb. $3^{rd} \& 4^{th}$.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium Open House

Come and see the space where our students build their relationship with God and celebrate it through the core mysteries of the faith. The atrium will be open on Sunday, Feb. 4th from 11:30-12:30pm. Our school atrium is located in the school downstairs next to the library.

CELEBRATE

BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 29 Joe Kroeger, Jon Padden
- Jan. 30 Patty Germer
- Jan. 31 Jim Wassenberg, Madelyn Schell, Skylar Knabe, Paityn Knabe
- Feb. 2 Vicki Volle, Tracy Wright
- Feb. 3Bernard Dwerlkotte, Deb Hawkinson,
Audrey Pilsl
- Feb. 4 Dorothy Peschel

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 3Robert and Jeannette Kloppenborg(45th Anniversary)



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If someone is in need of the Eucharist taken to them, please call the Parish Office.

