



NOW, MASTER,
YOU MAY LET YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE,
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD,
FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION.

LUKE 2:29-30

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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Today's feast is both magnificent and mysterious: magnificent because the very first contemporaries of Jesus begin to recognize him as Christ, the anointed Savior of the world; mysterious, because this King is still a child, an obscure boy obedient to his earthly parents. The prophet Malachi—living and dying before the coming of Christ—points toward the arrival of the Messiah and encourages God's people to prepare themselves by living generous, holy lives. The Letter to

the Hebrews—written after Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection—renews the prophetic call to holiness, reminding us that the Lord will always help us: "Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." The Gospel reading overflows with examples of joyful men and women living God's call to holiness. Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna show us, in their own ways, how to love Christ.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1, 2020
5:45 pm +Loretta Tulley req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella

Sunday, February 2, 2020
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, February 3, 2020
9:00 am +Jack Stromski req. by the Family

Tuesday, February 4—NO MASS

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 —NO MASS

Thursday, February 6, 2020
9:00 am +John & Ann Shields

Friday, February 7, 2020
9:00 am Adoration until 11am

Saturday, February 8, 2020
5:45 pm +Harold & +Loretta Tulley req. by their Children

Sunday, February 9, 2020
9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, February 8 - 5:45 pm
Emily & David Horath

Sunday, February 9 - 9:00 am
Ian & Lilly Kreske

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, February 8 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora / Jim Kreske

Sunday, February 9 - 9:00 am
Angie Kreske / Josh Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, February 8 - 5:45 pm
Jim Kreske

Sunday, February 9 - 9:00 am
Tracy Quigley

Usher:

Saturday, February 8 - 5:45 pm
Bill Phelan / Mark Tillotson

Sunday, February 9 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters for 2/9/2020: Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37
Sunday, January 26\$1,633.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 11,845.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 11,125.00
2019 Rebate	508.00

Thank you for your generous response.



**Our Two Week Candle is
burning for The Wales Family
req.by The Hoehn Family**

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, re-hab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

Anyone wanting their 2019 donation statement is asked to contact the office or put a note, along with your name and address, in with your regular Sunday collection.
Your statement will be mailed to you.



Be Kind and Merciful through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

All parishioners will receive a mailing from the Diocese of Joliet this month about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Our annual appeal is vitally important to not only the diocese, but also to

our parish as well. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish and allow us all to *Be Kind and Merciful* to the most vulnerable in our community.

Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$10,200, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and then prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

There will be a second collection this weekend for our Maintenance fund.
Thank you for your continued support.

Applications the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the parish office to obtain a BBSF Application form. FACTS must be applied for online at <https://online.factsmtg.com>. Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS call: 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND FACTS to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35/pp fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report..

Share Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Thank you for your generous support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$306.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.uscb.org/nationalcollections. Your gift makes a difference!

The Diocese of Joliet Cemetery Office is seeking to hire Seasonal Cemetery workers (positions available in Wheaton, Joliet and Kankakee). These positions consist of the performance of seasonal work in the cemetery for the maximum period as outlined in the union contract (March through October). A valid Illinois drivers' license is required. Must be willing and able to perform tasks as outlined in the Cemetery Seasonal job description. To view job description, visit:

<http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

Normal 40 hour workweek. Ninety-day (90) probationary period. Union membership is required. Conditions and pay-rate (\$13.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour based on qualifications) as outlined in the current union contract. Seasonal/temporary with no benefits. Interested applicants may email a resume and/or application to: eholloway@dioceseofjoliet.org. To mail resumes and/or applications, mail to: Office of the Director: 200 W. Romeo Rd. Romeoville, IL 60446

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Peotone
Invites you to the Council of Catholic Women's

49th Annual SHROVE TUESDAY BEEF DINNER
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
At the Will County Fairgrounds Atrium

Serving Times:
5pm and 6pm
Ticket Prices:
\$12 for Adults,
\$6 for Children 6-12
Children 5 & under Free!
Carryout's \$12

Juicy Roast Beef and Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes,
Hot Vegetables,
Cole Slaw, Jell-O
Rolls & Butter
Beverages and
Delicious Homemade Desserts!

Tickets are available at First Community Bank & Trust (Peotone & Beecher)
First Midwest Bank (Peotone), Berkot's Super Food (Peotone),
Professional Hair Design (Peotone) and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.
Questions: Please call 708-258-6917

Adult Formation Studies

The Eucharist: In Scripture

In *The Eucharist in Scripture*, discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study, presented by Dr. Scott Hahn, will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation.

Built around three of Dr. Hahn's foundational talks: "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup," and "Consuming the Word," *The Eucharist in Scripture* examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible.

Registration is not necessary for this study.

Sunday, February 2 – March 8th at 9:15 a.m., St. Rose Church

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. Learn from the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ applied to us today.

This is a 20-week study. The 2nd half of the study will be held in the fall, dates TBD.

Tuesday, March 31 – June 2nd @ 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Church meeting room

Cost for study guide: \$36

Register at the back of Church



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MISSION
"ABLAZE"**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
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**FEATURED SPEAKER: DEACON KEITH
STROHM**

Deacon Keith Strohm is the former Director of the office for the New Evangelization and a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Deacon Keith has extensive experience in creating and sustaining processes and programs of evangelization and formation at the group, parish and diocesan level that focus on the making, maturation and missioning of disciples of Jesus Christ. A sought-after international Speaker and conference keynote, he has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love and power of Jesus Christ.

Night 1—Sunday, February 9, 7pm—The Father's Delight—What if you didn't have to earn God's love? What if performance had nothing to do with salvation?" In this engaging talk, Deacon Keith explores the reality of the Father's love for each of us. We were created for an eternal life filled with peace, joy, freedom, and communion with God and each other.

Night 2—Monday, February 10, 7pm—Breaking The Power of Sin—"Jesus died for our sins." We may hear that a lot, but what does it mean that God's Son gave His life for you and me? In this powerful live talk, popular Catholic Deacon Keith explores the mystery of sin and the Father's response in Jesus Christ. How does the Cross set us free. Is the Cross simply a declaration of our sinfulness, or does it reveal something deeper.

Night 3—Tuesday, February 11, 7pm—Unleashing the Spirit—The Lord frees us from the power of sin and death so that we might live in the fullness of His life—a life we were originally created for. Peace, joy, freedom, holiness, intimacy and love, integrity, fruitfulness, mercy, healing—these are all hallmarks of the Kingdom life we receive from Jesus, and they come to us through the gift of His holy Spirit in Baptism.

BRING A FRIEND



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler

WITH THE NEW YEAR WE ARE UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 2, 2020



Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life;

Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Wednesday: St. Agatha

Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.



THE LIST GOES ON

Today's readings reflect on something close to the heart of every human person: the fulfillment of our deepest desires. Without exception, each of us feels unfulfilled in some way. Despite advances in law, technology, and medicine, every person experiences the frustration of "not yet" or "not enough." Our hearts always want more.

God plants this desire in our hearts. God knows how we ache. What most of us fail to believe, deep down, is that God alone satisfies all our longing. We know, theoretically, that the Creator of the universe provides everything we need, but we could all use more quality time with God to consider the question, "What exactly do I need to be happy, Lord?" Perhaps we can spend more time in prayer and service, asking the Lord to show us what is truly important in life.

ALWAYS READY FOR JESUS

We often think, "Once I get *this*, or once *that* happens, *then* I will be happy." But the Gospel shows a better way. All four adults in today's Gospel long deeply for the Messiah and "the consolation of Israel" he will bring. Human temptation might obsess over the promise of future peace and prosperity, leaving only anxiety and resentment for present suffering. But Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna leave the saving of the world to God; for their part, they focus on Jesus. Each of them keeps busy with daily details of the various lifestyles they have chosen. Mary and Joseph concern themselves with raising a family, while Simeon and Anna dedicate their lives to prayer in the temple. They find peace enough in fulfilling the obligations of their stations in life, maintaining a lively prayer life to be attentive to God's action in the world. In today's Gospel, their focus is literally and spiritually on Jesus. They model for us how to be happy and holy: performing their daily duties peacefully, always ready to recognize Jesus as he reveals himself.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

2/2/2020