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February 2, 2025
Presentation of the Lord



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Mass Intentions



Saturday, February 1
4:30pm Int. of Richie Wilinski

Sunday, February 2
8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9:30 am + Mary Gleason
11:00 am + Steve Kochalka

Monday, February 3
9:00 am + Jonathan Trevino

Tuesday, February 4
9:00 am + Susie Pardo

Wednesday, February 5
9:00 am Int. of Natalie Fetzko

Mass Schedule

Monday - Wednesday...9:00 am

Saturday...4:30 pm

Sunday...8:00 am, 9:30am, and 11:00 am

Adoration

Tuesdays following the 9:00 am Mass until 12 noon.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30pm -4:00pm



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Parish Stewardship

	# of		
Monthly Offering	Donors	Dec-24	
WeShare Online Giving	160	\$18,602	
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	159	\$17,583	
Envelopes & Loose Cash	177	\$73,145	
Total December Collection	496	\$109,330	
Special Collections - December 2024			
Building Fund & Mortgage Donations		\$2,248	
Retirement Fund for Religious		\$3,861	
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
Year-to-Date Budget Thru 12/31/24		\$497,068	
Year-to-Date Sunday Collection		\$514,227	
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$17,159	
Christmas	Budget	Actual	
Envelopes & Cash		\$47,052	
Online Giving		\$3,180	
Total	\$50,000	\$50,232	

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It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your continued support of the parish!

Stewardship Reflection

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

CANDLEMAS

Celebrated every February 2nd, this traditional feast includes candle blessings for the year. The Mass for the day remembers the Presentation of the Lord. Candlemas celebrates Jesus being the Light of the World, as mentioned by the prophet Simeon in his canticle.



This Week's Meetings

Tuesday, February 4

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team (PLT),
Gathering Place

Wednesday, February 5

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place
7:00pm Bible Study "When you pray," Gathering Place

Thursday, February 6

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Saturday, February 8

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room
7:00am TMIY, Gathering Place
8:45am Men's Welcome Retreat Formation Group,
Multipurpose Room

Sunday, February 9

9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Room
12:00pm Seasoned Spirits, Gathering Place
3:00pm K of C Super Bowl Dinner

*K of C Donut Sunday after all masses.

DONUT SUNDAY NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 9

Please join us after
all Sunday Masses
for a sweet treat!



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HSCC will be serving dinner at Hesed House on Wednesday, February 12 and Breakfast on Thursday morning, February 13, plus providing bag lunches. We are in need of volunteers to provide and/or deliver food or serve meals.



Please scan the QR Code above or visit www.signupgenius.com/go/HesedHouseFeb2025 to volunteer or donate.

Please bring in food donations through the rear door marked 2003 by 4pm Monday, February 10.

For more information see the parish website, www.hssc.us, or contact Danielle Plotke: (preferred) text 630-877-7951 or email dplotke@gmail.com

Meet & Greet

with Holy Spirit's new youth leader:
Ryan McGushin

**Sunday,
February 23
12:15-1:30**



Food/Prayer/Community

HSCC 2024 Contribution Statements

To receive a 2024 Contribution Statement, please email your request to Kathy Mackowiak, Administrative Assistant at KMackowiak@hsc.us.

Your statement will be emailed to you, or you may pick it up at the parish office during regular office hours.



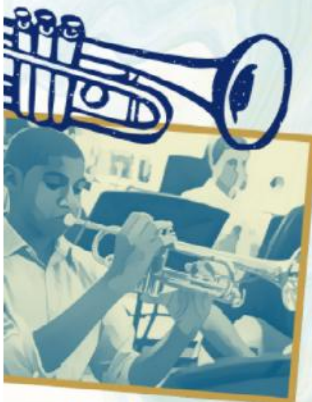
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Who's in?

Open to string, woodwind, and brass musicians in Junior High, High School, and College with strong musical skills.



Fill the air

Enhance our parish liturgies by performing at Holy Days and Masses throughout the year.

getting set

Receive music in advance and rehearse 30 minutes before the designated Masses.

Let's hear it

Audition is required. Play any solo or band piece you're working on right now for a quick audition.

take the next step

To schedule an audition or learn more, reach out to Ed Eubank at ejbank83@gmail.com.



We look forward to welcoming you into our Music Ministry and sharing your musical talents with our parish community!

The Glories of Ireland

July 19 to 30, 2025

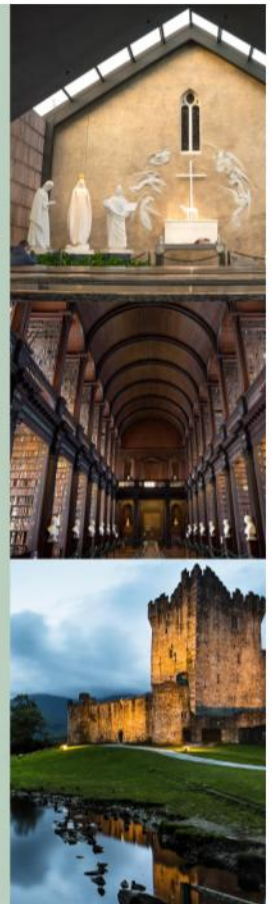
Pilgrimage Hosted by

Fr. Richard Smith and Fr. John Sponder

We are planning a pilgrimage of faith and journey of discovery to all the highlights of the Emerald Isle. From the cradle of Irish Christianity at the Rock of Cashel, we follow in the footsteps of St. Patrick from the place where he baptised Ireland's king to his grave in Downpatrick. The Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher and Giant's Causeway are just some examples of Ireland's stunning scenery. We experience Irish culture at Blarney Castle, Bunratty Folk Park, Kylemore Abbey and Trinity College with the Book of Kells. All this and so much more!

There will be an informational meeting with Fr. Smith, Fr. Sponder and Trans World Travel on February 18th at 7PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

For additional information and an online brochure, please contact: Trans World Travel Inc. on 847-432-2400, 25677 N. Hillview Ct. Mundelein, IL. 60060



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**Saturday
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Whether it's teaching, healing, hospitality, or something else entirely, your charisms are a part of who you are.

**Want to discover how your gifts can transform
your life and the world around you?**

**Join us &
find out!**

What to Expect

- ✓ Learn about the mission of charisms in the Church and your life.
- ✓ Take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory to uncover your gifts.
- ✓ Get guidance on how to use your gifts in your life.



QUESTIONS?

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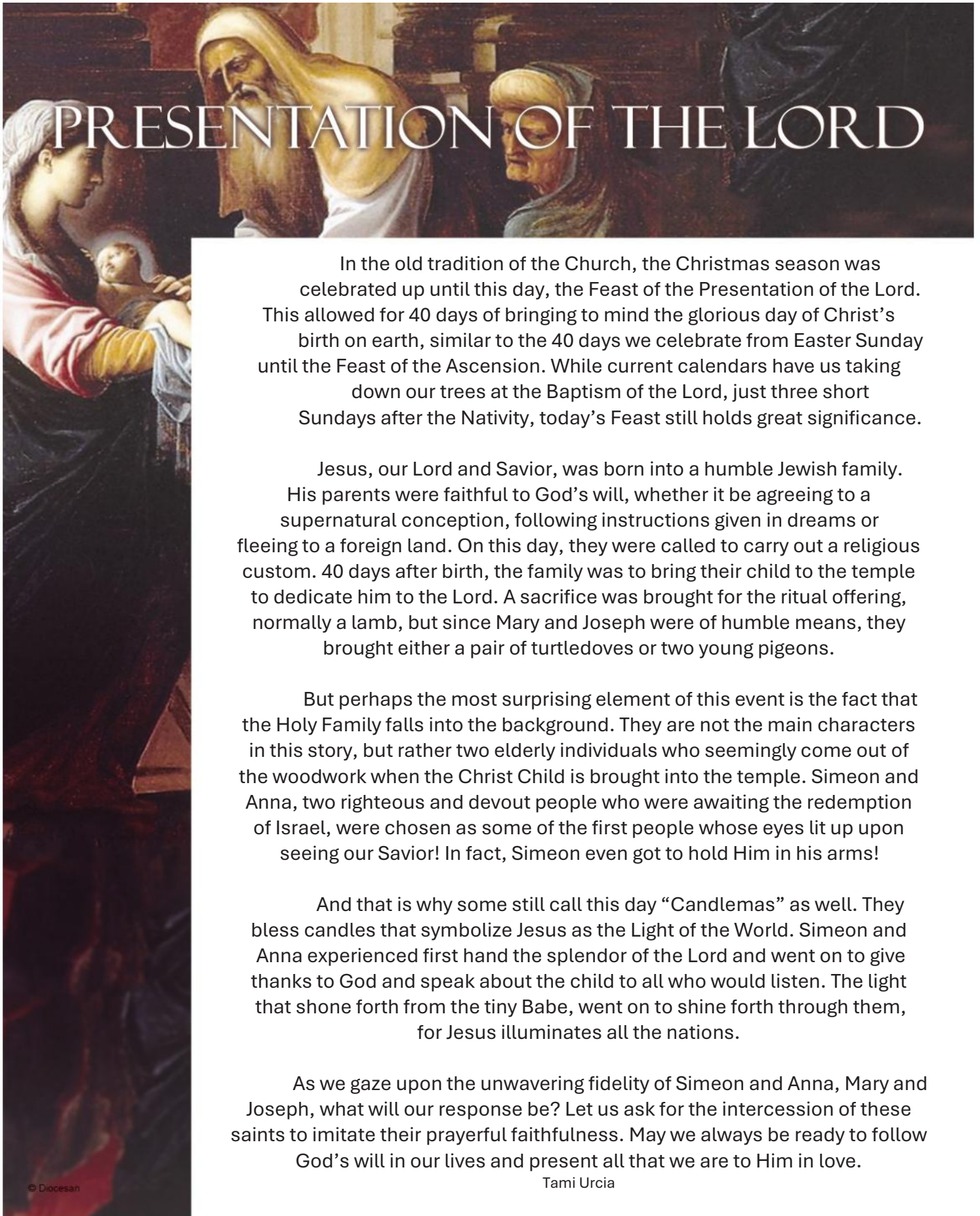
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In the old tradition of the Church, the Christmas season was celebrated up until this day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This allowed for 40 days of bringing to mind the glorious day of Christ's birth on earth, similar to the 40 days we celebrate from Easter Sunday until the Feast of the Ascension. While current calendars have us taking down our trees at the Baptism of the Lord, just three short Sundays after the Nativity, today's Feast still holds great significance.

Jesus, our Lord and Savior, was born into a humble Jewish family. His parents were faithful to God's will, whether it be agreeing to a supernatural conception, following instructions given in dreams or fleeing to a foreign land. On this day, they were called to carry out a religious custom. 40 days after birth, the family was to bring their child to the temple to dedicate him to the Lord. A sacrifice was brought for the ritual offering, normally a lamb, but since Mary and Joseph were of humble means, they brought either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

But perhaps the most surprising element of this event is the fact that the Holy Family falls into the background. They are not the main characters in this story, but rather two elderly individuals who seemingly come out of the woodwork when the Christ Child is brought into the temple. Simeon and Anna, two righteous and devout people who were awaiting the redemption of Israel, were chosen as some of the first people whose eyes lit up upon seeing our Savior! In fact, Simeon even got to hold Him in his arms!

And that is why some still call this day "Candlemas" as well. They bless candles that symbolize Jesus as the Light of the World. Simeon and Anna experienced first hand the splendor of the Lord and went on to give thanks to God and speak about the child to all who would listen. The light that shone forth from the tiny Babe, went on to shine forth through them, for Jesus illuminates all the nations.

As we gaze upon the unwavering fidelity of Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph, what will our response be? Let us ask for the intercession of these saints to imitate their prayerful faithfulness. May we always be ready to follow God's will in our lives and present all that we are to Him in love.

Tami Urcia

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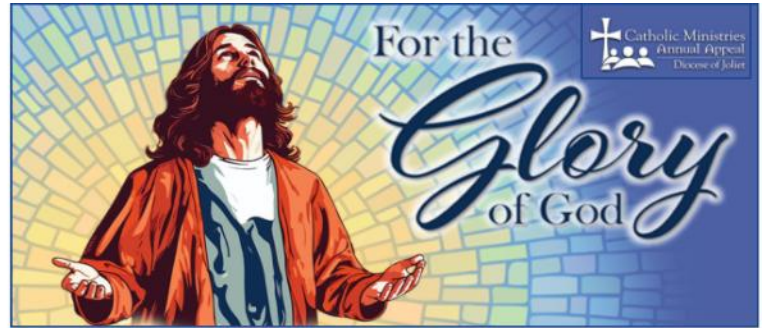
The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly

asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$98,200, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.



2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	<u>As of</u> <u>1/5/2025</u>	<u>Final</u> <u>2023</u>
Goal	\$99,000	\$94,300
Amount Pledged	\$141,464	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$140,404	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$1,060	\$2,230
Donor Count	333	350
2024 Rebate	\$28,983	\$26,949

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm
(closed 12noon-1pm)
Friday 8am to 1pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

Baptisms

12:30pm on the 1st and 2nd
Sunday of each month.
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Weddings

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