

**Daily Readings for the
Week of February 2, 2025**

Sunday, Feb.2: Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalms 24:7-10/ Hebrews 2:14-18/ Luke 2:22-40
 Monday, Feb.3: Hebrews 11:32-40/ Psalms 31:20-24/ Mark 5:1-20
 Tuesday, Feb.4: Hebrews 12:1-4/ Psalms 22:26-28, 30-32/ Mark 5:21-43
 Wednesday, Feb.5: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/ Psalms 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18/ Mark 6:1-6
 Thursday, Feb.6: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24/ Psalms 48:2-4, 9-11/ Mark 6:7-13
 Friday, Feb.7: Hebrews 13:1-8/ Psalms 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9/ Mark 6:14-29
 Saturday, Feb.8: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21/ Psalms 23:1-6/ Mark 6:30-34

Schedule for Feb. 9, 2025

Lector: Eli
Greeters/Gifts: Mary A K/Mary A M
Servers: Kevin/Evie
Money Counters: Mary A K/Mary A M
Extraordinary Ministers
of the Eucharist: Mary A M/Jon



**Today's Mass Intention
Paul and Mary Lasack**

Mass Intention Feb. 9th
Walter and Arlene Sterk

Priest Visit to the Homebound
 If you are sick or homebound or know someone who is, and would like Fr. Andrew to visit and pray, contact the main office at 319-320-5003 or email Fr. Andrew at DBQ137@dbqarch.org.

Prayer Corner

Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Bill Ihns,
 Marilyn Stevenson, Julie Ahrendsen, Zoey Meyers,
 Carrie Leeper, Larry Marek, Carl Koppes, Marsha Lasack,
 Chris Gibbs, Wendy Larive, Fr. Andrew



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The Presentation of the Lord

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord to signify the day Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus for the first time to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate to God according to a Jewish custom. In the past, the feast was also called The Purification of the Virgin Mary. The traditional date for the feast is 2 February, which happens to be this Sunday; it comes forty days after the birth of Jesus. This Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas; on this day, the faithful gather and make a procession with lighted candles to the church. It is also designated as the day for the consecrated life, when they may renew their vows.

Generally, according to the *Universal Norms of the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, feast days do not substitute for Sundays in Ordinary Time save for solemnities and feasts of the Lord, such as the Presentation of the Lord. This is the same reason undergirding the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which is because Sundays in Ordinary Time celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord as an extension of Easter.

Following a Jewish custom of presenting every first male child that opens the womb to the Temple to perform the rite of redemption in obedience to the Torah (Ex 13: 12-15), Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple to perform this ritual for Him. Recall that the firstborn males of all Egyptians were killed during the tenth plague, but the firstborn males of the Israelites were saved. Thus, this offering of the firstborn sons in the temple was a way of ritually redeeming in commemoration of the protection during that plague.

The feast was also known as the Purification of the Virgin Mary because Mary could only visit the temple to present her son forty days after becoming ritually “unclean” from childbirth. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman must go to the temple to present herself to the priest and offer sacrifice (Lev. 12) to regain her ritual purity.

February 2nd is also a day dedicated to consecrated life. In 1997, Saint Pope John II instituted a day for prayer for our brothers and sisters in consecrated life. The purpose is, among other things, to acknowledge the sacrifices and witnesses of them who have chosen to follow Christ by taking vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and to pray for them. It is also the day they renew their religious vows.

“Table of Plenty” will be today before and after Mass. Everyone is encouraged to donate and/or to purchase items to help support our church. This money will go towards our fundraising goals for 2025.

Refreshments will be served following Mass today. Refreshment Committee is: Katie, Margo and Stacy F. Thank you ladies!

The 2025 Refreshment schedule has been completed and copies are available in the hallway. The schedule has also been emailed.

The spring/summer kolache bake will be on March 28-29. More information coming soon.

Sacred Heart has three students who will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on March 9th, 2025. Please keep Declan Dies, Timothy Driver and Lucas Carlson in our prayers as they get closer to their confirmation date.

The CCD students and teachers have a spot for messages and words of encouragement located in the center of the hallway at the bottom of the mail slots for our parishioners. Please consider adding a message of support and encouragement to these awesome students and teachers.



January 26, 2025 Collection

Envelopes	\$ 615.00
Offertory	61.00
Other Envelopes	70.00
TOTAL	\$ 746.00
Bldg. Fund	205.00



If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact Wendy Swan at (319) 320-5003 or e-mail dbq155sec@dbqarch.org.

Please have all bulletin submissions to Wendy Swan by Wednesday PM