

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Sacred Heart
Ss Philip & James

Mission Statement

A family of God constituted
by the Holy Eucharist and
strengthened by the Holy
Spirit to make God known,
loved and served.

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020



IT IS THE LORD!

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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to

Presented to the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

Peace of the Lord be with you! Last week we did enthronement of the Bible. We reminded ourselves of the need of the Word of God in our lives. Do you remember the biblical metaphors that we used? Which one of the six items was your take away? It's pretty true that the way you view the Bible reflects how you use it. It was obvious that our cluster was really appreciative of Pope Francis for initiating a Sunday of the Word of God. We want to grow in our love of God's word. The need to put our Bibles in places of honor, dust them and

regularly open them to study and pray it is as necessary as acquiring the Bible.

This weekend is all about the Church as a community of salvation just like the community that gathered in the temple to welcome the infant Jesus. Today's feast celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The feast is also known as known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

The readings point us to the community of faith that welcomed Jesus at his birth

(Mary, Joseph, Simeon and Anna). All of them were characterized by a certain holy longing for God. They looked to the redemption of Israel by the anointed one of God. They remind us of our own presentation to God in baptism when we became God's children. The criteria for being members of the community of faith today is to be holy and to remain part of Jesus' community. The Church demonstrates its gratitude to all those who dedicate themselves in a special way to prayer, to those who have a particular religious vocation to the contemplative life.

Becoming a People of Prayer

A church is not a building or a single person. A church is made up of the people who belong to it. Each member has a responsibility to serve God in making it all that it can and should be. It is up to each of us, His followers, to make sure that our church is what the word of God tells us it should be. The following prayer reminds us of what our church could be if we committed to better the Body of Christ.

My Church

My church is made up of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am holy.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I do the work to which I'm called.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

if I am a generous giver.

It will bring people back home to the Catholic faith, if I invite and bring them.

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, it will be a church that makes God known, loved, and served, if I am filled with that same strength.

My church will have a deep appreciation and love of God and his Word if I am a faithful witness.

Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

Amen.

REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Knock knock

"Who's there?"

This is a familiar format for a children's riddle. You knock, I ask, you reply.

It's based on a simple action— someone knocks on my door and I ask, "Who is it?" Is this a stranger? A friend? A criminal? Who is knocking?

We're right to be curious. And it's ok to ask questions. But should we automatically be suspicious? What if this is a friend, or someone who needs my help?

This February, Pope Francis asks us to hear the cries of migrants. After all, we shouldn't bolt the door until we know who

is knocking, right? He writes, "Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age" (Pope Francis, Message for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees).

After the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt with their child. They escape from King Herod who searches for the child "to destroy him" [Matt 2:13]. After this danger passes, the Holy Family returns to their homeland. They were refugees only temporarily. Perhaps they knocked on an unfamiliar door seeking

shelter. Imagine Joseph offering to work in exchange for food and housing. Knock knock. "Who's there?"

Modern migration is a complex issue. A humane response requires compassion, wisdom, and cooperation from citizens, churches, police, and government leaders. If we shut our ears and lock the doors of our hearts, then we will never hear the cries of the poor seeking protection and opportunity. Jesus says, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Who is knocking at our door? How will we respond?

Fr. Joseph Laramie, SJ

PARISH CLUSTER NEWS



Ever Ancient, Ever New: The Art and Practice of Lectio Divina

Plan to join the Cluster Evangelization Team Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm in the hall at Lost Nation for *lectio divina*, a simple, insightful way to hear and experience the Word of God with one another. All are welcome!

Five reasons you should read *The Catholic Messenger*

1. To enrich your faith and the faith life of family members;
2. To stay informed of news affecting Catholics locally, nationally and globally;
3. To find new ideas for parish ministry;
4. To follow Bishop Thomas Zinkula's teachings and interactions in the diocese; and
5. To be inspired by columnist Father Ron Rolheiser and other great thinkers of our day.

Subscribe today!

OLOP February 2020 Events

- *Filling in the Gap: Women in the Bible*, Dianne Prichard, Tues., February 11 - 9:00am-4:00pm, Fee \$20
- *Valentine Evening for Couples*, Fri., February 14- 6:00pm-9:00pm, Fee \$75 per couple
- *Taize Prayer Service*, Diane Prichard, Tues., February 18 - 4:00-6:30pm, Free Will Offering
- *Falling Upward Retreat*, John Cooper, February 21-23 - Fri. 5:00pm-Sun. 11:00am, \$125 Overnight/\$45 Commuters
- *Brave Hearts: From Loss to Resilience*, Val Lucas, February 28-March 1 - Fri. 5:00pm -Sun. 11:00am, Fee \$125 Overnight/\$45 Commuters

To register contact: 563-336-8414 or olprtreat@gmail.com. All programs include a delicious home-made meal.

Saint Joseph Parish in Dewitt is hosting a Pre-Lenten Parish Mission February 9th, 10th and 11th. The presenter will be Mike Patin, "the engagin' Cajun," who will lead people on a journey to walk with Christ through the season of Lent. He was also the opening speaker at the Vision 20/20 Convocation last summer.

Sunday, Feb. 9th 3:30—5:00pm
Monday, Feb. 10th, 6:30—8:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 11th, 6:30—8:00pm

SS Philp & James-Grand Mound



TODAY !!!
Sunday, February 2, 2020
From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00

p.m.
SS Philip & James
Church, Grand Mound, IA

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY!
Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.
All-You-Can-Eat
Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup
Adults - \$7.00
Kids - \$3.00

February Ministries

Lector: Jean Maher
Euc. Min.: Maureen Schrader and a volunteer
Ushers: Mark Hahn, Dave Whitman, and Jerry Irwin
Altar Servers for February 9 -
Natalie & Nathan Butler
& Kylee Fischer

Religious Education News

Class each Wed. from 6-7 pm
January 29th
February 5th
February 12th
February 19th
Ash Wednesday, February 26
Children's Mass at 6:00 pm

Bible Study Wednesday evenings from 6-7:00 pm



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

The Altar & Rosary will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, February 9 at the Lost Nation Legion.

We had Bingo at Wheatland Manor on January 14th. A good group of residents. The Calamus Wheatland Students were able to help again. The residents always enjoy having them. Our next Bingo will be February 11th and we will be helping them celebrate Valentine Day.

Sacred Heart—Oxford Junction

Reminder: There will be CCD on Wednesday, February 5th.

Are you interested in having your offering donated via ACH? If so, contact a finance council member, or call Citizens State Bank in Oxford Junction to fill out your paperwork.

We Need You! The Church cleaning sign-up is on the table in the hallway at church. We are asking 4 families to sign up for a month. There is a guide on what to do, so it is pretty simple. Many hands, make light work. Please, Please consider signing up.

Did you know you can request a Mass intention for a friend or family member by placing a note in an envelope and dropping it in the collection basket as it is passed? Please include the following: the name of the deceased and if you want the Mass offered on a particular date. With advanced notice, every effort will be made to have the Mass said on the date you have requested, otherwise the Mass will be said as dates become available. A donation of \$5.00 is suggested.

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster winners: 5-7 age group- Gracie Crock, 8-10 age group- Declan Dies and 11-14 age group-Eli Dies.

GENERAL INFORMATION 4A



Holy Family Cluster parishes participating in the Enthronement of the Word ceremony.



Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. **Our Shepherds:**
Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel
2. **The Aged & Infirm:**
 - Dick Nodurft, Melvin Duwa, Natalie Regan, Elmer & Dorothy Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Betty Forret, Carolyn Schwien, & Greg Schwien
 - Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy, Leonard Lasack.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February

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

Bible quotation for the week

Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel. Luke 2:3-4

MASS SCHEDULE 4B

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 2/1/20	05:00 pm	Lost Nation	Craig & Tom Simmons
Sunday 2/2/20	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Reginitter Jana Palmer
	10:00am	Grand Mound	
Tuesday 2/4/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	Vince & Regina Hahn
Wednesday 2/5/20	05:00pm Note Time	Grand Mound	Joseph Green
Thursday 2/6/20	05:30pm	Lost Nation	Charlie Burke
Friday 2/7/20	08:00am	Oxford Junction	Glen Reginitter
Saturday 2/8/20	05:00pm	Toronto	Jeanene Cavey
Sunday 2/9/20	08:00am	Grand Mound	George Green
	10:00am	Oxford Junction	Monk & Marguerite Coon

BIBLE QUIZ

1. **What Sunday are we celebrating today?**
2. **What symbol of light do we bless today?**
3. **Why did Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple?**
4. **Jesus is presented in the temple and is recognized as the long awaited _____.**
5. **Name the two people that are at the temple to welcome Jesus.**

DAILY READINGS

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34