

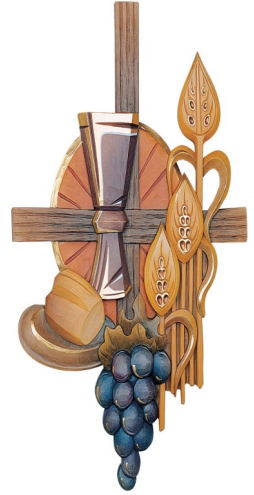
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Time	Intention
Saturday, February 1	8:00 a.m.	Mary Walkowiak +
Saturday, February 1	5:30 p.m.	Ruth Noziska +
Sunday, February 2	8:00 a.m.	Blanche & Roman Swiercinsky +
Sunday, February 2	10:00 a.m.	Marcella Petersen
Monday, February 3	8:00 a.m.	Ruth Noziska +
Tuesday, February 4	12:05 p.m.	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, February 5	12:05 p.m.	Raquel Arellano +
Thursday, February 6	12:05 p.m.	Cheryl Sperling +
Friday, February 7	12:05 p.m.	Travis Wenzl +
Saturday, February 8	8:00 a.m.	William E. O'Neil, Jr. +
Saturday, February 8	5:30 p.m.	Tom & Earleen Moroney +
Sunday, February 9	8:00 a.m.	Dawn Stobbe +
Sunday, February 9	10:00 a.m.	Wyatt Gildersleeve +



Reconciliation Times: Wednesday - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saturday - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord *is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple.*

It is also known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, and the Feast of the Candle-mas. *It is also called the Feast of Encounter because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Both the elderly people were deep in spirituality and were close to God through their prayerful lives and fasting.*

Simeon holds the Child Jesus and proclaims, my eyes have seen your salvation. He also reveals how this child, with His death on the cross, is going to give us life. In his prophecy, Simeon extols the divine blessings which the Messiah is bringing to Israel and to all people, and predicts that Mary will play a crucial and sacrificial role in her Son's redemptive work by sharing in her Son's sufferings.

Led by the Holy Spirit, Simeon saw the Infant Jesus as the fulfillment of the passage. Simeon, even if unknown to himself, foresaw Christ and His priests of the New Covenant who were ordained during the Last Supper. He saw Jesus as the Lord who would come to the Temple, destined to be the downfall and rise of many in Israel. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple, as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus.

Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness, both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God, and that we are obliged to lead holy lives. Happy Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Amen. Blessings!

Fr. Robin Bashir

Contact & Livestreaming Information

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Website: blsachurch.net E-Mail: bscc_1@msn.com

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A link to Livestream Mass will be on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@blessedsacramentGI/streams
at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 2/2 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Children's Church
 Coffee & Rolls
 2:00 p.m. - 2nd Grade First
 Communion Family Meeting

Monday, 2/3 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 12:00 p.m. - Chair Relaxation
 5:30 p.m. - Mindful Movement
 6:30 p.m. - Centering Prayer
 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA Group

Tuesday, 2/4 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Group
 7:00 p.m. - AA Open Meeting

Wednesday, 2/5 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 5:00 p.m. - Rel. Ed. P-5
 6:15 p.m. - Rel. Ed. P-5
 7:00 p.m. - R.C.I.A.
 7:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class
 7:30 p.m. - Rel. Ed. 6-8
 7:30 p.m. - Freshmen & Sophomore
 Godparent Groups

Thursday, 2/6 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 1:00 p.m. - Quilting Ladies
 5:30 p.m. - R.C.I.C.
 5:30 p.m. - Serenity Flow

Friday, 2/7 **First Friday**
 12:05 p.m. - Mass
 12:30 p.m. - Adoration
 1:30 p.m. - Benediction

Saturday, 2/8 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Al-Anon Meeting
 10:30 a.m. - Adoration/Confessions
 5:30 p.m. - Mass

Sunday, 2/9 8:00 a.m. - Mass
 10:00 a.m. - Mass
 Coffee & Rolls
 3:30 p.m. - Retrouvaille



Please sign up to come to
"Prime Time"
 On **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**
Mass: 12:05 p.m.

Lunch (Free –Will Offering) Mike Jarosz will be our
 Bingo caller. Prizes will be awarded to our winners!
 Join us for 30 minutes of Bingo fun with your friends!

OUR GIFTS OF TREASURE January 25 & 26, 2025

Adult Envelopes	\$8,189.00
Plate	\$566.56
Online	\$1,063.00
Thrft Store	\$1,262.13

Diocesan Appeal

Our Goal	\$75,410.00
Received to Date	\$45,902.00
Donor Goal 220	142



Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, February 23, 11:30 a.m.,
 Jubilee Center. This brunch is for
 ALL volunteers within our Parish,
 and it includes their family members.

Sign-up sheets can be found in the Gathering Area. The
 last day to sign-up is February 20.



Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #2227

We pray for the development of the
 baby's arms and legs at approximately 3
 weeks and the further development of the head and
 spinal column. We pray that via the developing umbilical
 cord, the embryo receives all the necessary oxygen and
 nutrients needed for healthy growth. We pray that all
 new moms have the loving support needed for a healthy
 pregnancy. Prayer cards are available at our gathering
 area display.

**Sunday, February 16, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, there
 will be a meeting in the church for all and anyone
 interested in becoming a Greeter, Usher or
 Hospitality Minister. Please join us.**



**Free Throw Shooting Contest for Girls
 and Boys, ages 9-14 as of January
 2025.** Sunday, March 2, at GICC
 Gymnasium, 1200 N. Ruby Ave.

Registration at 12:30 p.m.; Shoot at 1:00 p.m. No cost.
 Medals will be handed out to the winners at the end of
 the contest. Questions, contact Steve Martin at
 308-380-9472 or
 email stephenmichalmartin@gmail.com.



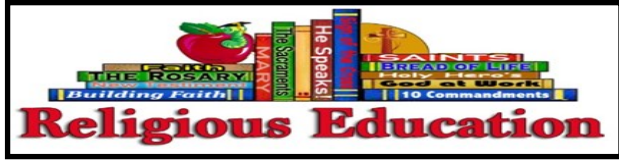
Please remember the following individuals in your prayers

Roseann Anderson	Marlene Beacom
Anna Blake	Bob Buck
Mary Buhrman	Dawn Ferris
Stephanie Godziemski	Anita Graf
Gene Greene	Eugene Hynes
Sharon Jarecke	Bonnie Kosmicki
LeRoy Kramer	Jacque Palacz
Cindy Petersen	Marcella Petersen
Kathy Stava	Emily Webster
Nancy Zahm	Julie Ziller

Pray for military personnel and pray for peace.

Thrift Shop

Located at 718 West North Front St.
 Store Hours: Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Donations can be dropped off on Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays.
For more information, or to volunteer, please contact the Thrift Store at 308-398-3443.
We need more donations!!!!



First Communion Family Meeting

February 2, 2:00 p.m., Jubilee Center, for all 2nd graders and their parents.

Edgar Barge Memorial Scholarships

Blessed Sacrament will award scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 and \$750 to two seniors, who are going on to college. **Regular attendance at Sunday Masses will be prioritized.** All applications must be completed online at www.gicf.org and click on the communities tab (scholarships are located under that tab). Completed application must be electronically submitted on or before February 10 at midnight. No faxes, emails, or paper applications will be permitted.

Baptism Preparation Class

Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. This is for parents (and godparents) preparing for the Baptism of their baby. This class is required, unless you have already taken the class within the past year. Please call Deb Wetzel at 395-8521 to register no later than February 10. If we don't have any registrations, the class won't be held.

Teachers' Appreciation Day

February 12, please take this opportunity to say "thank you" to our Religious Formation teachers for all they do.

4th Grade Private Reconciliation

February 16, 2:00 p.m., church. All students and parents must attend. Party following with piñatas.

Attention: Parents & high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Higher Ground registration at Fort Robinson (near Crawford, NE) opened February 1, 2025. This retreat is an incredible opportunity to grow stronger in your relationship with Christ, while making new friends from around the diocese. By the end of the retreat, you'll have a greater love for God and a new community of faith. Register today at www.gidiocese/hgr for \$345. (You can save with the Early Bird rate of \$295 through 2/9/25.) These rates include a \$100 non-refundable deposit. A late fee of \$395 will be applied to any registration after 4/20/25.

Attention: Parents & high school students in grades 9-12

Stuebenville of the Rockies Youth Conference will take place July 25-27, 2025 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora, CO. Join hundreds of Catholic teens for this 3-day youth rally. Registration began February 1, 2025 at www.gidiocese.org/steubenville. The cost is \$429 with an early bird rate of \$389 until 2/9/25. There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit. A late fee of \$489 will be applied to any registration after 4/20/25.

Attention: Parents & middle school students currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Higher Ground Extreme Faith Camp registration opened February 1, 2025. This retreat is held at Camp Maranatha near Maxwell, NE. It's a fun week and a great opportunity to grow stronger in you faith, while making new friends. Register today at www.gidiocese.org/higher-ground-middle-school. The cost is \$400 with an Early Bird rate of \$360 through 2/9/25. There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit. A late fee of \$440 will apply to any registration after 4/20/25.

Young Adult Bible Study


Blessed Sacrament is in the process of organizing a Young Adult Bible Study for anyone 18 years of age and older, who is eager to learn more about the Bible. If interested, please contact Deacon Frank at 308-850-7780. Thank You!



Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of MARY 'LOLA' BRISENO, mother of Vicky Hruby. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2025

Mass Times	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Lector	Volunteer	Anita Graf	Gary Houdek
Minister of Holy Communion	Volunteer	Dean Graf Tony Koziol Dan Quick	Deb Houdek Tim Harders Deb Wetzel
Altar Server	Volunteer	Aaron Zamarripa Diego Bermudez	Volunteer
Hospitality	Volunteer	Mike Dvorak	Volunteer



Blessed Sacrament **Bible study Program** **During Lent Season**

Scripture Reading in the Chapel – After Daily Mass

All through Lent season

Monday – Friday: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Background to the Gospels - (If wanting to attend please sign up)

Meet in Room 12 – Please bring your bibles

March 10th – 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

March 17th – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

March 24th – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

March 31st – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Passion Narration

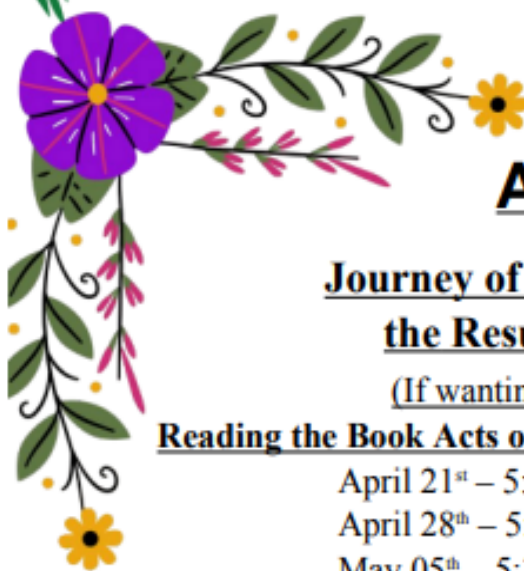
Agony, Suffering and Crucifixion

April 07th – 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

April 14th – 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



After Easter

Journey of the Apostles Witnessing
the Resurrection of the Lord

(If wanting to attend please sign up)

Reading the Book Acts of the Apostles

April 21st – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

April 28th – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

May 05th – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

May 12th – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

May 19th – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

May 26th – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

June 02nd – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm



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