

St. Stanislaus Cathedral

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Solemnity of the Presentation of Our Lord February 2, 2025



Masses: 8:00 am–Traditional Holy Mass

9:30 am–Contemporary Holy Mass

11:15 am–Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

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Today

10:45 am – SOCL Class

Thursday, February 6th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Saturday, February 8th

10:00 am – Confirmation class

11:00 am – First Communion class

Next Sunday, February 9th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary

11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Lectors:

2/2 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina

9:30 – Judy Snyder

11:15 – David Rychleski

2/9 – 8:00 – John Andrzejewski

9:30 – Maria Hughes

11:15 – David Rychleski

YMS of R Hoagie, Pizza and Haluszki Sale – Branch 1 YMS of R will be holding a fundraising Hoagie, Pizza and Haluszki Sale on **Sunday, February 9, 2025**. We will be making 12” Italian or turkey hoagies, as well as take and bake plain and pepperoni square pizzas. There will also be a limited number of 1-quart containers of haluszki, homemade by our very own Father Janusz!

Pick up will be that day, **in the Youth Center**, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, ***JUST IN TIME FOR THE NFL SUPER BOWL GAME AND PARTIES!***

The price for the hoagies will be \$10.00 each, which includes lettuce, tomato and onion, as well as condiments (oil/vinegar, mayo or spicy mustard), all prepackaged on the side. Pizzas will be 12-cut square and are \$17.00 for plain and \$20.00 for pepperoni. Haluszki will be \$10.00/quart, available in limited quantities, and first come, first served.

The deadline for orders is Tuesday, February 4, 2025, using the signup sheet in the lower church hall, by calling Frank Gerardi at (570) 587-3672, or ordering online from Mac Stankowski (leon.stankowski.5) via Facebook Messenger. Please indicate the type and number of pizzas and/or hoagies desired (as well as the appropriate number and types of condiments for any hoagies). You can also order via leon.stankowski.5 at Facebook Messenger, but online orders will not be confirmed until paid in advance.

Thanks in advance for your support.

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple - The event is described in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:22–40). According to the gospel, Mary and Joseph took the Infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn son, in obedience to the Torah (Leviticus 12, Exodus 13:12–15, etc.). Luke explicitly says that Joseph and Mary take the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb; Leviticus 12:8), sacrificing "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Leviticus 12:1–4 indicates that this event should take place forty days after birth for a male child, hence the Presentation is celebrated forty days after Christmas.

In addition to being known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, other traditional names include Candlemas, the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin, and the Meeting of the Lord.

The date of Candlemas is established by the date set for the Nativity of Jesus, for it comes forty days afterwards. Under Mosaic law as found in the Torah, a mother who had given birth to a boy was considered unclean for seven days; moreover she was to remain for three and thirty days "in the blood of her purification." Candlemas therefore corresponds to the day on which Mary, according to Jewish law, should have attended a ceremony of ritual purification (Leviticus 12:2–8). The Gospel of Luke 2:22–39 relates that Mary was purified according to the religious law, followed by Jesus' presentation in the Jerusalem temple, and this explains the formal names given to the festival, as well as its falling 40 days after the Nativity.

In the Roman Catholic Church, it is known as the *Presentation of the Lord*. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, it is known as the *Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple* or as *The Meeting of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ*. It is known as the Presentation of Our Lord in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In the churches of the Anglican Communion, it is known by various names, including *The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in The Temple (Candlemas)* (Episcopal Church and the Church of England).

Candlemas is a northern European name for the feast because of the blessing of candle and the procession with lighted candles at the mass on this day, reflecting Simeon's proclamation of "a light for revelation to the Gentiles", which, in turn, echoes Isaiah 49:6 in the second of the "servant of the Lord" oracles.

The books you received here at Christmas – Members of the Women's Society of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are hoping you are enjoying and finding uplifting the books they distributed to you on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They're entitled *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. Join each day in the spiritual pilgrimage this book takes you on to accompany you on your sacred journey to your eternal home with God.

Great spiritual figures of Catholic Spirituality are presented here to you to help you experience Jesus in the Eucharist, in Holy Communion, in a way you might not have ever before and to receive God's grace through the Eucharist. (Grace is the assistance God gives you to do what is good, noble and right.) Reading this Christmas gift book to you on a daily basis can help you learn how some of the heroes of the faith lived in and benefited from their holy connection to *Eucharistic Glory*. Enjoy!

Altar Flower Fund – What a gesture of affection it would be to make a donation for flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one! To follow through on exactly that, please contact Connie Tellep at 570-222- 4409. A donation of \$60 would cover the cost for a Sunday. Of course, a donation of any amount to the fund is always welcomed. Simply send a check made payable to ANS Flower Fund, to the Parish office or just drop the envelope in the collection basket. Thank you for your help in bringing beauty in glorifying God.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday, February 3

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, February 4

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 5

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, February 6

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, February 7

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, February 8

8:00 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

February 16 – March 2: Pre-Lent

March 5: Ash Wednesday

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 20: Easter

April 26: Conference of Scholars, Scranton

May 16 – 18: Bowling Tournament, Hamtramck

May 30 – June 1: Mission & Evangelism

Workshop, Denver

June 18 – 21: YMSR Men's Retreat, Waymart

July 4 – 12: Kurs, Waymart

TBD: Golf Tournament

TBD: YMSR Convention