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with open hearts and helping hands.”



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Tuesday—Friday: 8:00am
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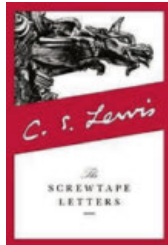
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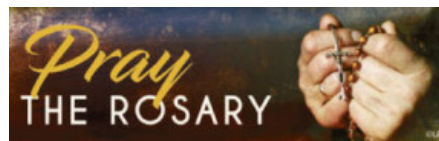
Consider St. Patrick's in your Will
and Estate Plans.

January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday, January 24 & 31 in the Parish Center



Adult Bible Study — "The Screwtape Letters"
by CS Lewis at 10:00am



Pray the Rosary
at 12:00pm

January 30, 2022 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Blaise Blessing of the Throat Sunday, January 30 at both Masses

On Sunday January 30, at both masses, a general blessing of the throat, which is equally efficacious as an individual blessing with candles, will be done over everyone at the Prayer after Communion.



Presentation of the Lord Wednesday, February 2 9:00am Mass

At the beginning of mass, votive candles will be blessed, lite and passed out to attendants to take home after mass.

Presentation of the Lord



Jesus is the Messiah who institutes a new covenant with his people, but he was raised as a practicing Jew by his devout parents. Jewish tradition held that firstborn male children were to be presented at

the Temple and a sacrifice offered 40 days after his birth. Luke's Gospel tells the story of this sacred event. Simeon, a priest of the temple, prophetically greets the Holy Family. "Now let your servant go in peace? my eyes have seen salvation which you have prepared in the site of all peoples." On this feast, we remember that Jesus does not come to abolish the traditions of the past but to fulfill them. His sacrifice on the cross and establishment of the Church lay the foundation for new traditions that continue to bring life to us today!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

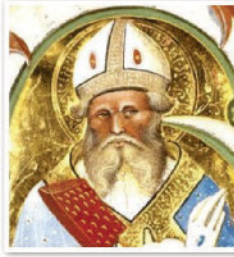
Question: Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to

communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary ?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple. Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi



St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was

forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by the priest taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi

For more information on St. Blaise go to [The Feast of St. Blaise \(catholiceducation.org\)](http://The Feast of St. Blaise (catholiceducation.org)).

Monthly Healing Mass At St. Patrick Parish

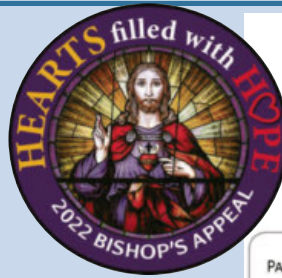


Starting Thursday, February 10 at Noon St. Patrick's will be having a Healing Mass every second Thursday of every month. The 8:00am mass will still be held.

Discover! Follow! Worship! & Share Jesus!

Bishop's Appeal 2022

During the first week of February, parish members will receive a letter from Bishop David Ricken requesting a pledge or gift to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal. With the letter, you will receive a pledge card and return envelope. Please mail your envelope to the Catholic Foundation. Last year, through your generosity, the Bishop's Appeal campaign received more than \$6.3 million in gifts that is being used to share our faith with hundreds of thousands of people throughout northeastern Wisconsin. We ask again for your generous response to help our parish meet its goal for this year. If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please contact our parish office.



MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday Services

March 2, 2022

9:00AM & 6:30PM



ST. PATRICK'S 2022 LENT PROJECT:

St. Patrick Parish will be collecting items for the Winnebago Mental Health Institute during Lent between Sunday, March 6 through Sunday, May 1. A box will be available starting March 6 in the Gathering Area. Watch for more details.



CEL O'BRATION 2022

Cel O'Bratton 2022 will be held between March 11-20. We will have 2 Fish Frys, Theme Baskets, Simple breakfast, kid's scavenger hunt, and more! Watch for more details.

ST. MARY AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTRY

Winter Youth Events 2022

FEBRUARY

5: Middle School EXTRA-ordinary Mini Lock-In 6-10pm

KEEP CALM IT'S ORDINARY TIME

23: FREE High School event w/Jason Evert 6-8:30pm

26-27: High School Lenten FULL Lock-In

MARCH


5: Middle School Lenten Mini Lock-In 6-10pm

19: High School Field Trip for ARISE MKE Youth Day

Email Bethany Doll with questions: bjoll@smcatholicschools.org

Keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook page for most recent updates!

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St. Patrick's Weather/Cancelation Policy

If at any time the Neenah and Menasha schools close due to inclement weather, St. Patrick's Parish Office will be closed and any scheduled events, programs or meetings for that day will be canceled. Closing and cancelations will be posted on our Facebook page and via email blast.

In the unlikely event that mass is cancelled it will be posted on our Facebook page and via an email blast.

If a priest cannot be present to celebrate Sunday masses, a Communion Service will be offered.

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