

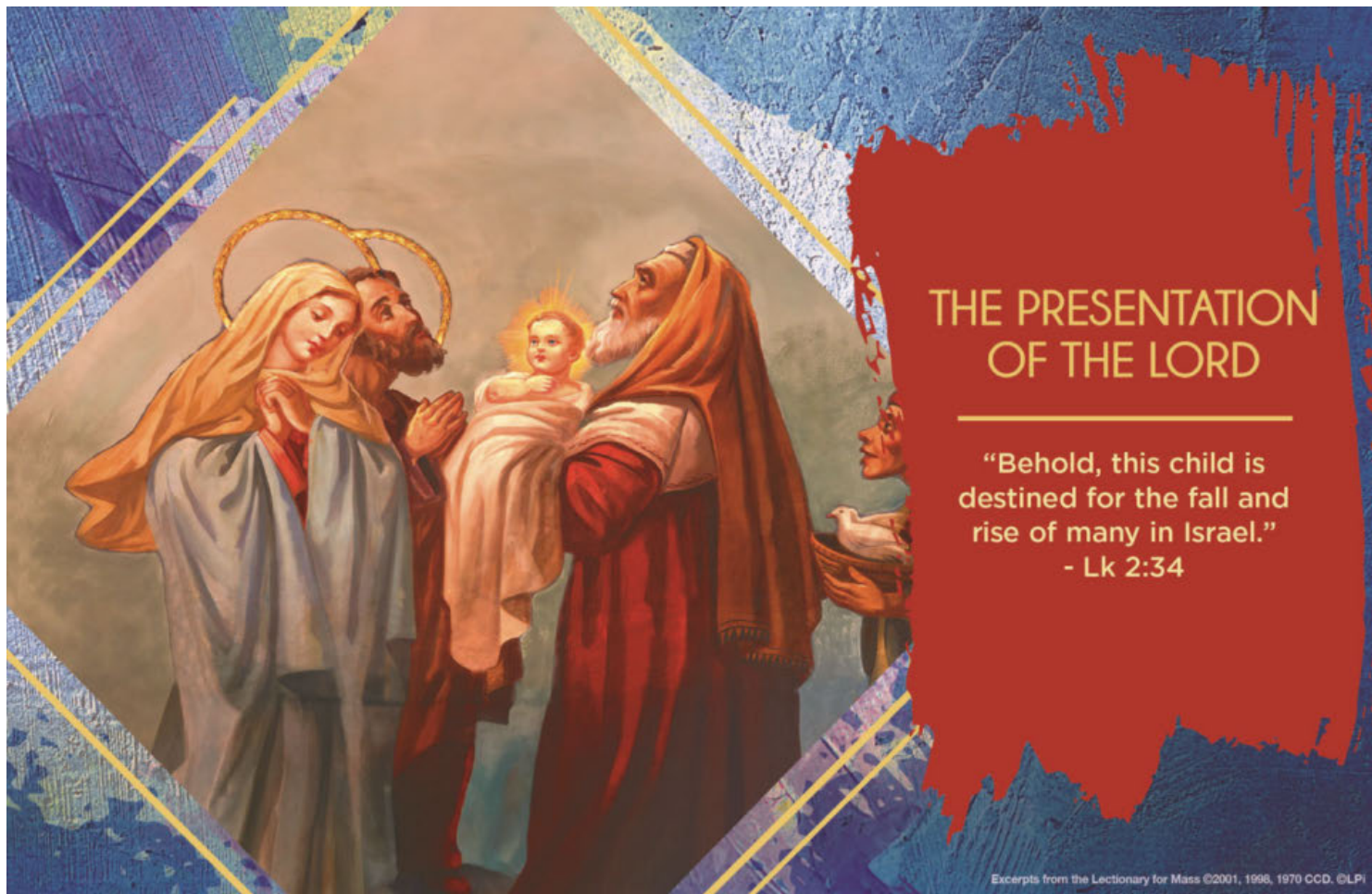


# St. Louis

## CATHOLIC PARISH

### February 2, 2025

902 Grant Ave., Louisville CO 80027 (303) 666-6401; [www.stlp.org](http://www.stlp.org);  
[parishoffice@stlp.org](mailto:parishoffice@stlp.org); Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is  
destined for the fall and  
rise of many in Israel.”  
- Lk 2:34

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#### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

**Anticipated Saturday: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:15 am**

#### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

**Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am**

*Communion Service: Monday 8:30am*

#### **ADORATION & PRAYER HOUR:**

Every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm

#### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Every Monday & Friday at 9:00am

#### **RECONCILIATION (Confession):**

Saturday 9am, or by appointment

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

- Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11// Mk 6:7-13
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

## **SACRAMENTS & SERVICE:**

*Please call the Parish Office at 303 666-6401  
for information on any of the following:*

### **Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/Shut-in Visits:**

Please contact the pastor at the parish office for an Anointing. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist distribute Communion to the hospitals on a regular basis. Please let the parish know if you would like a visit and to receive the Eucharist.

**Baptism:** Class is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the parish office. Parents & Godparents are encouraged to attend before the baby is born. Call to register.

**Funerals:** Contact the Funeral Home as soon as possible for Funeral Masses and they will contact us. The Marthas can assist with funeral luncheons.

**Marriage:** Marriage Preparation is required. Contact the Pastor at least nine months before the intended date & before making other arrangements.



## **PARISH PRAYERS**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OR INJURED,**

**including:** Ann DelPizzo, Dianne Ostdiek, David Hawk, Crew Stephen Maliwat, Ava, Scott Dewhurst, Phil Martinez, Richard Ratajczyk, Bea Trujillo, Jeff & Lynn, Jim Green, Jolene Neill, Reuben Bernal, Mike, Anna, Gina Corey, Katie, Sophia, Mark Martinez, Brendan Martinez, John Martinez, Abe Gutierrez, Marilyn La Salle, Vivian Grilli, Rex Wisheart, Larry DiGiacomo, Kelly Garcia, Aubrey Greiner, Cecilia Cervantes, Sue Jesch, Susie Chavez, Tien Nguyen, Archer, Cody Helmig, Gilbert Martinez, Patti Dunn, Matt, Loretta Chavez, Brittany Romero, Veronica Orozco, Leo Patnode, Susan Meylor, Pattie Stanford, Theresa Cole, Renee Grano, Brendan Wirth

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Zachary Schultz, Jondane Garza, Marcos Sullivan, Andrzej Walega, Stephen Spink, Jarrett Mastriona, Jonathan Wiese, Steven Stott, Michael Eaton, Ryan Pritchard, Sergeant Christopher Viger, Jacob Martin, Mark Zambard, Heather DiSilvio, Travis Beckman, Quinton Lorenz, Jeff Arroyo, Jason Ysebaert, & Joe Gates. May God protect them, keep them safe, and give peace to their loved ones waiting at home. *If you know of someone who is in need of prayers & would like their name in the bulletin, call the Parish Office.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR,**

**including:** John Parker, David Hjelstrom, Anne Mescall, Alberto DeSimone, Ihar Lebiadzinski, Wayne & Mary Christensen, Eulalia Gutierrez, Shirley Kailey, Mary Ferrone, Roy Warembourg, Joan Archer, Stephen Kenney, Elsie Chavez, Virginia Chavez, Irene C. Jensen, Renee Ray, Karol Ferrera, Nash Rangel, Arnie Wallace, Gus Cruz, Bob Farrell, Denise Romero, Betty Spahr



**FEBRUARY 1 - 9, 2025**

Sat. 5:00p.m.	†Elizabeth Rivet
Sun. 7:30a.m.	†Nash Rangel
9:00a.m.	†Tom Cole
11:15a.m.	St. Louis Parishioners
Mon. 8:30a.m.	Communion Service
Tues. 8:30a.m.	Altar & Rosary Society Members
Wed. 8:30a.m.	†Alix Cauvin
Thurs. 8:30a.m.	†Gloria Scarpella
Fri. 8:30a.m.	†Donald Ross
Sat. 5:00p.m.	†Joseph & Stella Giorzelli
Sun. 7:30a.m.	†Nash Rangel
9:00a.m.	†Elsie Chavez
11:15a.m.	St. Louis Parishioners

## **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**Feb 2, 2025/The Presentation of The Lord**

### **First Reading:**

Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
and suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek. (Mal 3:1)

### **Psalm:**

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)

### **Second Reading:**

Therefore, he had to become like his brothers  
and sisters in every way,  
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest  
before God. (Heb 2:17)

### **Gospel:**

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

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## **Altar & Rosary February Cleaning Schedule:**

**Linens:** Yvonne Larson      **Server Robes:** Deb Lynch

**Altar Cloths:** Paddy Bray

**Church Cleaning:**

Week of February 3 - Pam Pierce



**St. Louis**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*Administrative Assistant, Lori Welty; Lwelty@stlp.org*

[www.school.stlp.org](http://www.school.stlp.org)

**Early Learning Center: 303-666-6220 X500**

*Director; Jessica Ferrera, Jferrera@stlp.org*

## Principal's Corner

*St. Louis is a unique and exceptional community because:*

- St. Louis School is a place where students, families, and staff genuinely feel a sense of belonging.
- Emphasis on meaningful education, not just "checking boxes"
- Students graduate well-prepared for high school
- Consistently high test scores
- Differentiated learning tailored to individual needs
- Leadership opportunities for personal growth
- Faith-based education at the core
- Direct teaching with minimal time spent on discipline
- Participation in community and parish events
- Faith formation integrated into the curriculum
- Opportunities for faith experiences inside and outside of school
- A place where you can feel God's presence
- A glorious school with a vibrant spirit
- High expectations for all students
- Emotional safety for every child



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**Feb 2 - 9, 2025**

Sun 2/2 **Presentation of the Lord**  
8:30am-10:30am - Knights of Columbus pancake Breakfast—CB

10:00am - Adult Faith Formation - PO

Tues 2/4 9:30am - Biblical School - CB  
6:30pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting - CB  
6:30pm - Altar & Rosary Society Meeting - PO

*All Ladies welcome!*

Thurs 2/6 7:00pm - Adoration/Holy Hour - CH

Fri 2/7 9:30am - Drop-in painting class w/Carol - CB

Sat 2/8 6:30am - That Man Is You - CB  
9:00am - Reconciliation

Sun 2/9 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am - Smith Baptism

10:00am - Adult Faith Formation - PO

Key: BH=Benedict Hall CB=Church Basement CH=Church  
PO=Parish Office SH=School

## SPRING 2025 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST LITURGY

**The sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion will be administered on Sunday, May 4, during the 11:15am Mass at St. Louis.**

In keeping with the restored order, these sacraments are open to children in 3rd grade and older. Both First Communion and Confirmation will be received at the same liturgy.

Children who are in 2nd grade can begin to prepare and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation which must be received before First Eucharist and Confirmation.

St. Louis Parish places the responsibility of a child's sacramental preparation upon the parents and a dialog session with the pastor to verify a child's readiness must take place prior to their receiving sacraments. If your child is ready, set up an interview with Fr. Tim at the Parish Office by contacting Lori Domenico [ldomenico@stlp.org](mailto:ldomenico@stlp.org), 303-666-6401, ext. 411

For further information about Sacraments, Religious Education or to request a Sacramental Parent Handbook to assist you in your child's preparation, contact the parish office.

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*6:30pm  
Feb 6*

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

To learn more about the Catholic faith, we invite you to attend a series of presentations on DVD at 10AM at the St. Louis Parish office.

**Consoling the Heart of Jesus by Fr. Michael Gaitley**

2/2/2025 - Laying the Foundation

2/9/2025 - Obstacle 0

2/16/2025 - No Presentation—Presidents's Day Weekend



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

### The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to pray the rosary with seniors especially in facilities near your parish. We pray in teams of two, for one hour a week in a group setting and training is provided. The Rosary Team has over 500 volunteers yet many seniors are still waiting for a Rosary Team! Visit [www.therosaryteam.org](http://www.therosaryteam.org) to sign up or email us at [contact@therosaryteam.org](mailto:contact@therosaryteam.org).  
**Endorsed by Archbishop Aquila.** See our website to watch The Rosary Team in action filmed by EWTN. If you're not able to volunteer, please consider a donation to help us bring the love of Jesus to seniors.





**PARISH NEWS**  
 Parish Office: 303 666-6401  
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Today is World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



**SPRING SEMESTER  
 BEGINS SATURDAY,  
 FEBRUARY 8, 2025  
 ST. LOUIS CHURCH  
 BASEMENT**

#### **SPRING SEMESTER OUTLINE: BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART**

- Week 14: What Must I Do?
- Week 15: That Man Is You!
- Week 16: The Heart of Man
- Week 17: Becoming a Man after God's Own Heart
- Week 18: A Heart Enslaved by the Flesh
- Week 19: A Heart Bound by the World
- Week 20: A Descent to the Isolation of Self
- Week 21: The Ascent to the Mind of God
- Week 22: The Practice of the Presence of God
- Week 23: The Hidden Face of God
- Week 24: The Triumph of Mercy
- Week 25: Encountering the Good Master
- Week 26: A Man after God's own Heart

**OBJECTIVES:** Identify the three fundamental orientations of each person and the means by which we encounter God according to these orientations. Identify the three fundamental temptations in the spiritual life and the means for overcoming them. Put into place a spiritual plan of life.

## **Everyday Stewardship**

### **Healing Our Blindness**

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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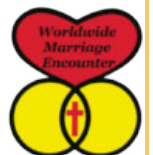
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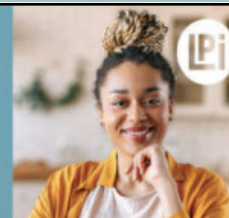
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