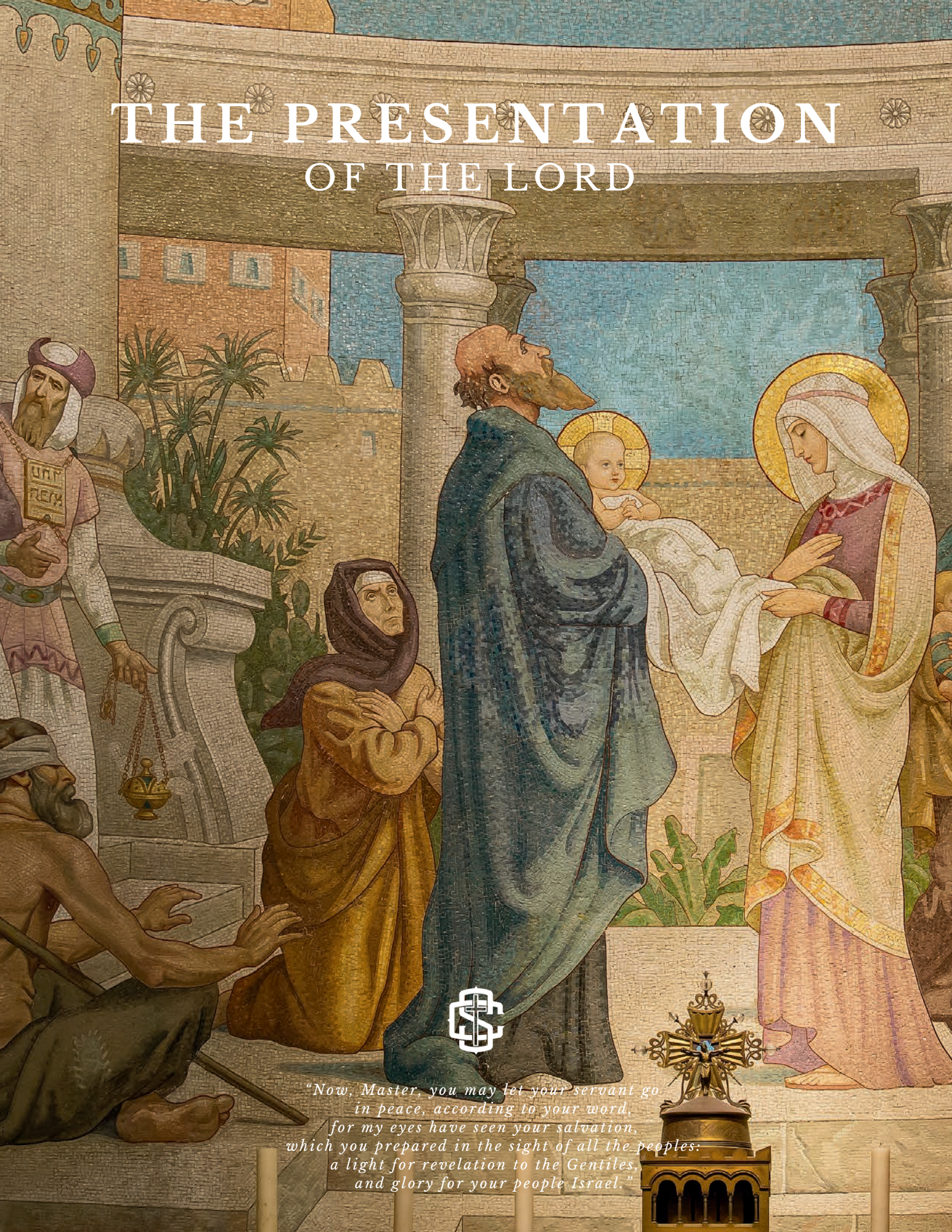


THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel."*

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TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN... May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm

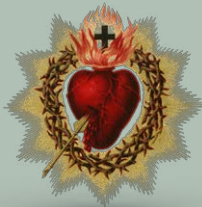


Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour
Saturdays at 3:00pm

Confession

Tuesday 7:30pm
Thursday 7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am



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ADORE Night
Every Thursday at 7:00pm

A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, February 2nd: *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
11:00am Holy Mass (Joseph Ridgeway)
5:00pm Holy Mass: Candlemas (Lisa Kelly) 🕯️

Monday, February 3rd

8:00am Holy Mass (Mary Agriesti Gall)
6:30pm Melchizedek Project
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 4th

7:00pm Athletic Board Meeting
7:00pm Holy Mass (Carmella Kelley)
7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, February 5th: *Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

9:00am Holy Mass (Josepha Vasiliauskas)

Thursday, February 6th: *Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

9:30am Little Saints
8:00am Holy Mass (Harold Ridenour)
7:00pm ADORE Night

Friday, February 7th

8:00am Holy Mass (Henry Kossler)

Saturday, February 8th

7:00am That Man Is You!
8:00am Confirmation Retreat
8:30am Holy Mass (Mary Ann McCarrick)
9:00am Confessions

Sunday, February 9th: *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am Holy Mass (Jimmy Corrova)
9:30am Family of Faith
11:00am Holy Mass (People of the Parish) 🕯️
12:00pm Knights of Columbus Supper Bowl
5:00pm Holy Mass (Jack Murphy)

Offering and Attendance

Thank you for your presence and your generosity!

Sunday, January 26th

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SCAN TO GIVE



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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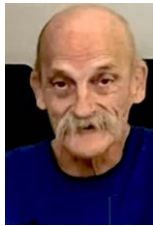
Baptisms

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

Sunday, January 12th
Kennedy Sue Berkeybile
Azelea Maria Yarmesch

May They Rest in Peace

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



Dennis J. Lyons

August 29, 1955 – January 20, 2025

St. Catharine extends our heartfelt prayers for the eternal soul of Dennis, and we extend our deepest sympathies to all of his family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto Dennis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



St. Joseph, defender of life,
pray for us!

Message from John Haemmerle

Transformed by Light: Lessons from Candlemas



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord where we remember when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to fulfill the requirements of the Old Law. In our Gospel today we hear Simeon proclaim that Jesus is "a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel." Jesus indeed is the light of the world who has come to cast away the darkness of sin. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it!" (John 1:5)

Because of this connection with light, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also traditionally called Candlemas, as we bless all of the candles that will be used in the Church throughout the year on this day. Candles have a rich history of symbolism dating back to the Old Testament and continuing through the writings of Medieval saints, yet I think it can be helpful for us to ask the question - why do we still use candles? Why use candles to provide light when we can just as easily flip a switch? And the concept of using candles as a heat source seems impractical and dangerous in our modern times.

Many answers could be given to this question, but I will propose that the main reason we still use candles is because God became man! What do I mean by this? As Christians we make a unique claim that the God who created the universe and who has existed before time began took a human nature to Himself and became man in the person of Jesus Christ. Because of this reality the physical world has taken on a new meaning.

In Jesus we come to encounter God in a concrete way through the material world. Our God has entered into our human condition and understands the weaknesses, frustrations, and joys that we all experience daily and which come with being humans made of a united body and a soul. Because of the Incarnation, the material world has become the arena and instrument of our salvation. Unlike trends that pop up every so often throughout the 2,000+ years of the Church's existence, the material world is not something evil that needs to be escaped, rather, God comes to meet us in the material world. Through things like water, wood, oil, and candles we can encounter God. These simple material things come to take on a deeper meaning and to serve as a sign of a deeper reality - that our God has entered into our human condition to cast out the darkness of error and to save us from sin!

So yes, candles are signs of Christ as the light of the world—Christ as the perfect offering that is totally consumed leaving nothing behind and the eternal presence of God. But on a basic level they are also a sign to us that our Catholic faith is sensory and even the simplest things can become signs of the love of God! The most ordinary bread and wine can become the source and summit of our Faith in the Eucharist! What are those ordinary, mundane, maybe even frustrating, things in your life that you overlook? God desires to transform them, so that like the candle, you may serve as a light in the darkness offering all that you are to our God who loves us immensely!

John Haemmerle • Director of Children's Faith Formation

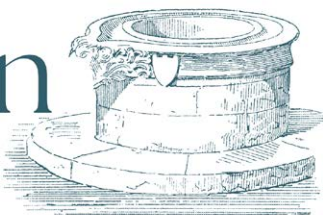
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St. Catharine Women

Women at the well



1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center

Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee, prayer, and small groups.

Bring Jesus your heart...your tired and lonely heart, your overwhelmed heart, your full heart, and allow Jesus to fill you with His love. For Jesus says, "Whoever drinks of the water I shall give will never thirst." There is no sign up.

Simply come as you are.

Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com



THE MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

Every 1st Monday of the Month at 6:30pm

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Questions? frbrown@stcatharine.com



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St. Catharine Men



Saturdays at 7:00am in the Parish Center

Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire. Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome. **Questions?** Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com



2nd Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

As a brotherhood of Catholic men, we are committed to practicing and promoting the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We welcome all Catholic men who share our values to join us in our mission of service and faith-based fellowship

Questions? Ed Stange • Deputy@koc11354.org



Men's Rosary

**Last Thursdays of the Month
7:30am in the Church**



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Competition will be held Saturday, February 15th

Doors open at 5:00pm for sign-ups and warm-ups

Competition Schedule

6:00-6:15 9-year-olds
6:15-6:30 10-year-olds
6:30-6:45 11-year-olds
6:45-7:00 12-year-olds
7:00-7:15 13-year-olds
7:15-7:30 14-year-olds

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- 9-11 year olds will shoot from the 12 foot foul line
- 12-14 year olds will shoot from the standard 15 foot foul line
- All girls and 9-11 year-old boys will use a 28.5" ball
- 12-14 year-old boys will use a 29.5" ball

Preregistration Link: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/250194208769060>

Questions? Please reach out to Free Throw Championship Chairman, Mike Berndt, at (614) 634-0650 or Michael.Berndt@att.net



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Moral Cooperation in Health Care
Elliott Bedford, MA, PhD

The Witness of Hippocratic Medicine in a Secular Culture
Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD; Paul W. Hruz, MD, PhD; and more!

Addressing Disparity in Health Care
Rev. Columba Thomas, OP, MD

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John Bradford is the founder of Wilderness Outreach. John was born into a construction family where he learned how to work and think like a man under the tutelage of his father, uncles, cousins and other construction craftsmen. This early experience set him on a course of construction entrepreneurship that eventually led he and his wife, Laura, to build a good construction company with the help of many good men. He is a student of organizational behavior and leadership, in particular where it applies to Catholicism, formation of men, and masculine spirituality.

"I believe that our Church, families, children, men and women are under attack by the world (culture), flesh (self) and the devil. Men in particular have opted out from their responsibility of living lives of conviction, purity, integrity, duty and honor and need to be challenged to re-engage in a Christ centered life of action. I believe that one the most important works of the New Evangelization is building a system of masculine formation that helps men understand what they are as a male creature, and what they are called to be and do as men. Men need to understand how the world is attacking manhood and fatherhood and respond by going on the counterattack. We need to actively defend our families and Church from the corruption of the secular culture."



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Mary and Joseph bring their 40-day-old infant Jesus to the temple in order to fulfill the Mosaic law. There, they are met by Simeon and Anna, the faithful prophets who have spent their lives waiting for the coming of the King of Glory. These many years of waiting were like the “refiner’s fire” which the prophet Malachi describes in the first reading. Refined like gold by prayer and fasting, Simeon and Anna are prepared to meet their Lord. And in this moment, the Old and New Testaments meet and the fulfillment of the Old is foreseen. Imagine the splendor of the moment when they finally laid their eyes on this king of light and glory – the culmination of a lifetime of hope, prayer, and preparation. Overcome with peace and joy at seeing his Lord, Simeon declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” for he had seen the glory of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever marveled at the beauty of a shiny, gold ring? Gold has long been regarded as one of earth’s greatest treasures, yet the gold we admire today doesn’t emerge in its pure, radiant form. To produce such beauty, gold must first undergo a process of intense refinement. A crude material is exposed to extreme heat to be melted and purified – until something of profound value emerges. Like gold, we, too, must be forged in fire to be made pure and holy. This is one way we can understand the prophet Malachi’s words. The “fires” we experience in our lives are not without purpose – God is purifying us so that one day we may live with him in eternity. He isn’t afraid of our “crude material”; rather, he gazes upon us with such intense love that our own beauty is revealed. As we undergo personal purification, let us stand in holy confidence like Simeon and Anna, witnessing to the truth that it is through the refiner’s fire that we are brought to glory.

REFLECT

We can become discouraged, feeling that our prayers are unanswered or that a life devoted to Christ is too difficult. When these moments arise, consider the prophets Simeon and Anna, who gave their lives in quiet devotion, trusting in God’s promises. Pray Simeon’s canticle, meditating on the glorious gift we have been given in our salvation, and the promise that even in the darkest of days a bright and shining light awaits us.

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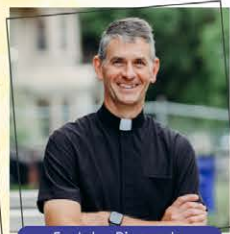
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