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**Fr. Ron’s Reflections**

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As an additional precaution, a couple of years ago we began securing the area of the church in which we hold our Faith Formation classes. These classes are held in the back section of the social hall. The classrooms are formed by sliding walls. We now lock all of the doors which enter into the social hall during Faith Formation sessions, including the doors from the Gathering Space and the Kitchen. Anyone who may want to enter that space during Faith Formation sessions must report to the parish office, sign in, and be given a visitor’s pass. This is the same procedure used in schools. It is a necessary precaution. We ask all groups who use the social hall and the kitchen for various reasons.
FR. RON’S REFLECTIONS

to abide by this policy. If possible, please try to avoid using the area during Faith Formation classes, usually 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM Monday through Wednesday. When this is not possible, please abide by our policy and report to the Parish office to sign in, get a badge, and be admitted to the area. Please understand that this is a necessary policy if we are to do all that we can to protect our children.

Blessings,
Fr. Ron

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CONNECTING POINT

How can my light guide others toward Christ?

In today’s first reading the Prophet Malachi tells us that God says, “I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” He shares with us that the messenger will announce the coming of the Lord. In today’s gospel, we see this prophecy come to fruition with Jesus being presented by Mary and Joseph to God at the temple in Jerusalem.

At Jesus’ presentation, two additional individuals come forward, Simeon and Anna, who help guide others to the light of Christ with their prayers and blessings. We are told that Christ is the Lord of salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory for Israel. He is the Light of the World.

Jesus does not shine this light alone he invites us to share his light and the love of God with others. He asks us to share his light by being kind, patient and honest with one another. He calls us to do what is right even if it is difficult; especially in a world where people prefer to do just what is easy.

We use candles as a symbol of Christ like the Easter candle, baptismal candle, or an altar candle. Other symbols of lights that guide us are a lighthouse or a lamp in the window. The Light of Christ is the inspiration for the celebration of candles, a Christian tradition known as Candlemas. This year on February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation & Candlemas by blessing candles at Mass. May we always remember, as we use these candles, that we use our light to guide others towards Christ.

Ann De Rey
WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN
FEB 02
SCOUT SUNDAY
9:30 & 11:30 MASSES
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
RCIA
10:30 AM // ECR
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
SITE MEETING
6:30 PM // YR

MON
FEB 03
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
ARMCHAIR AEROBICS
8:45 AM // RC
DIVINE MERCY
1:30 PM // RC
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // SH
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG.
6:30 PM // ECR
BAPTISM CLASS
7:00 PM // FO
HEALTH MINISTRY MTG.
7:00 PM // RC
CANTOR REHEARSAL
7:30 PM // CH

TUE
FEB 04
MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
6:00 AM // ECR
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
ADORATION W/ BENEDICTION AT 6 PM
8:30 AM // RC
ROSARY MAKERS
9:00 AM // ECR
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // SH
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
CHRISTIAN SERVICE MTG.
6:30 PM // FCR
SITE RAINBOW PARENT MTG.
6:30 PM // ECR
USHERS MEETING
7:00 PM // RC

WED
FEB 05
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
BOOK CLUB
9:00 AM // ECR
MEDITATION CLASS
9:30 AM // CR-3
SCRIPTURE GROUP
9:30 AM // RC
FAITH FORMATION
4:30 PM // RC
JOYFUL NOISE REHEARSAL
5:30 PM // RC
FAITH FORMATION
6:15 PM // SH
MEDITATION CLASS
6:30 PM // RC
CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM // MR

THU
FEB 06
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
CROCHET GROUP
11:00 AM // YOUNG AT HEART
11:00 AM // DIABETES PREVENTION PROG.
1:30 PM // RC
SVDP MEETING
1:30 PM // ECR
ALTAR SOCIETY MTG.
6:30 PM // RC
TEEN ENSEMBLE
7:00 PM // MR

FRI
FEB 07
ADORATION
7:00 AM // CH
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
8:45 AM // SH
ALTAR SOC. EUCRHE TOURNAMENT
7:00 PM // SH

SAT
FEB 08
MASS
8:00 AM // CH
FRIENDS OF MACOMB PASTA DIN.
3:00 PM // SH
CONFESSIONS
3:15 PM // CH
MASS
4:30 PM // CH

SUN
FEB 09
K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7:00 AM // SH
MASS
7:30 AM // CH
MASS
9:30 AM // CH
RCIA
10:30 AM // ECR
GIVING TREE ENV. DECORATING
10:45 AM // FCR
MASS
11:30 AM // CH
K OF C MASS RECEPTION
4:00 PM // SH
MASS
5:30 PM // CH
SITE MEETING
6:30 PM // YR

CALENDAR LOCATION KEY //
A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms,
CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive
Conference Room, FCR-Front
Conference Room FO-Front Office,
GS-Gathering Space, K-Social Hall
Kitchen, MA-Maintenance Room,
MR-Music Room, PL-Parking Lot,
OS-Off Site, RC-Resource Center,
REC-Rectory, SH-Social Hall, YR-Youth
Room

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 FOR STAFF RETREAT

PARISH OFFICE HOURS // 586-286-1700
MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
LUNCH HOUR
12:00 - 1:15 PM (M, W, Th, F)
12:00 - 1:30 PM (T)
SATURDAY
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SUNDAY
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 2, 2020
POPE’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION // FEBRUARY

Listen to the Migrants’ Cries
We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH     MACOMB, MICHIGAN

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
- 4:30 PM
  - † Robert Bronson
  - † Nicholas Tatarchuk **7TH ANNIVERSARY**
  - † Andrew Nicosia
  - † Bob VanEnoo
  - † Duane Mousty
  - † Mary Marion
  - † Bill Kroczolowski
  - † Dominik Wiktor
  - Carol Sobolewski

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
- † Joan Seger
  - Family
  - Family/Friends
  - Bernadette Salinger
  - Wife, Virginia
  - Family
  - Family
  - Virginia Mousty
  - Husband

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
- 4:30 PM
  - Calmeyn and Monserez Families
  - Maria Monserez
  - Wife,
  - Eleanor
  - Carl & Linda Yaden
  - Elisa and John DiBella
  - Sister
  - Peter and Cassie
  - Husband

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
- 7:30 AM
  - † Dolores Busacca
  - Evelyn Edwards
  - † Petrina Boyd
  - † Raymond Sadowski **BIRTHDAY**
  - † David Nichols
  - † Annie Bolvar

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
- 9:30 AM
  - † Virginia Siwicki
  - † Alex Albert Katona
  - † Eric Pauli **ANNIVERSARY**
  - † Robleto Pablo

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
- 11:30 AM
  - † Joan Seger
  - Alfredo Martino
  - Esse and Grace Salamie

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
- 5:30 PM
  - † Joseph Kaptur

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3
- Mr and Mrs Randall Patzer and Family
  - Parents
  - † Charles Habel **2ND ANNIVERSARY**
  - Mother

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
- Mr and Mrs Michael Herc and Family
  - Parents

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
- John Hilt
  - Pat Saelens

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
- Menard and Daniel family
  - Family
  - † Joe Twardzik **10TH ANNIVERSARY**
  - Wife
ST. VINCENT de PAUL

“Our lives impact others in ways that we can never predict and might never be aware of. Embracing the Child of Light and carrying him with us wherever we go in this messy world – who knows what shadows we can help lift?”

LIVING FAITH BY AMY WELBORN

As you shop this week, please keep our neighbors in need in mind. Our Pantry needs are:

- Shampoo
- Paper Towel
- Toilet Paper
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Wrap
- Paper Plates
- Dish Soap
- Pump Hand Soap
- Rice and Pasta Sides
- Chicken & Rice Soup
- Oatmeal Packs
- Pork & Beans
- Brownies
- $25 Kroger/Meijer Gift Cards

God Bless

BABY PANTRY

Prayer: Please God, provide to us the graces we need so that we give to the poor and help lighten their burdens.

You can help low-income families with young children. We are resolved to use your generous donations with caring concern for people in need.

Please donate
- Baby sensitive laundry soap
- New children’s books

In a world of darkness for low-income families, your donations become a “light” to those living in poverty.

Thank you and God bless all of you for your support! You are incredibly generous.

S.I.T.E YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 9-12 & their friends are invited!
Contact Beth Beebe at (586)286-1700 ext. 2116 or beth@stisidore.church

RAINBOW PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, February 4 // 6:30 PM
Parents of teens attending the Rainbow Conf are invited to attend to review conference details. Meeting will be in the parish office.

RAINBOW

February 14 & 15
Weekend will begin with outing Friday evening followed by Rainbow Conf Saturday and Sunday at the Detroit Marriott in the Ren. Cen.

MEETINGS

Sunday, February 2

ST. VINCENT de PAUL
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE FOR LIFE

Thursday, February 6 // 1:30 PM
DIABETES PREVENTION CLASS

Has your health care professional told you:
• you have pre-diabetes?
• you might get diabetes?
• you have “borderline” diabetes?
• you have high blood sugar or glucose?
• you had diabetes when you were pregnant?

Join our free, proven Diabetes Prevention Program (1 hour a week for 16 weeks and support sessions for a year) taught by a trained Lifestyle Coach.
For registration, visit healthcare.ascension.org/events
For more info call 248-849-5752

Friday, February 7 // 6:30 PM
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Altar Society is once again hosting the Euchre Tournament.

Sign-in is at 6:30 PM
Tournament will begin at 7:00 PM

Tickets are $15.00/person (includes cash prizes, snacks, and dessert bar) and may be purchased at the door. For ticket information, contact: Janet Stark (586) 749-9423 or Sue Schwark (586) 949-6907

Saturday, February 8 // 5:30 PM
PASTA DINNER

Friends of Macomb Township present a pasta dinner at St. Isidore to help fund programs for Glen H. Peters School in Macomb Township which provides educational services for Macomb County students, ages 3 to 26, who have moderate to severe cognitive impairments or severe multiple impairments.

$10 per person for an all-you-can-eat pasta dinner (pasta, salad, bread, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverage). $5 for children 12 and under. For tickets or more information please call Kerry Jantz at 586-610-3511 or visit: macombtownshipfoundation.com

Sunday, February 9 // 5:30 PM
MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Knights of Columbus Council #7200 will be hosting a Special Needs Mass for our parishioners and community. If you or someone in your family faces physical, emotional, mental, or cognitive challenges, this mass is being offered especially for you.
Fr. Ron encourages all who experience this situation in their daily lives to join us at this special Mass.

After the Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Social Hall for these individuals and their families.

Sunday, February 9
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This 2/9 breakfast is after all morning Masses and includes pancakes, sausage links, applesauce, coffee, milk, and orange juice at the low cost of $6.

February 26 // 9 AM & March 2 // 7 PM
“NO GREATER LOVE” 5-WEEK PRESENTATION

Prepare for Easter by becoming familiar with OT prophesies, messianic expectations, Biblical symbolism and the historical context that shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death.

Offered on Wednesday mornings at 9 AM beginning on February 26 or Monday nights at 7 PM beginning on March 2. The cost is only $10 and you will receive both the book and workbook that accompany the seminar. Call the office to sign up.
Budget update as of: January 26, 2020
Weekly Budgeted Amount: $24,519.23
Actual Amount Received: $20,883.76
Comparison to budget: ($3,635.47)

Fiscal Year to Date: July 1, 2019 to January 26, 2020
Budgeted Amount: $760,096.13
Amount Received: $705,799.15
Comparison to Budget Target: ($54,296.98)

This week:
Envelopes Returned: 776
Online Gifts: 92
Registered Households: 3263
Percentage of people making contributions: 27%

CSA as of January 12, 2020
CSA 2019 Goal $192,588.00
CSA 2019 Pledges $310,270.39
CSA 2019 Payment on pledges $284,851.86
Monies returned to the parish* $117,682.39

*If pledges are paid in full, this money will be returned to the parish in full. As a reminder, monies received through CSA are not assessed by the Archdiocese (7%) nor are they part of future CSA calculations (14.5%).

52 Sundays
Reclaim the Lord’s day for faith and family in 2020! With this weekly guide from the Archdiocese of Detroit, families can honor the year’s 52 Sundays in their own homes through such engaging activities as reading the Gospels, learning about our “extended family” of saints, and spending time together in the kitchen. 52 Sundays is a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord’s Day with prayer, activities, food, and more! It offers simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith and having fun while you’re at it. Visit 52Sundays.com to learn more and to sign up for weekly email reminders.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CSA-FUNDED MINISTRIES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES, PLEASE GO TO AOD.ORG.
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bob Aguis  Richard Mooney
Mary Aguis   Debra Mousty
Jonathan Bisdorf  Jeri Nofs
Tom Buback  Joseph Nothdurft
Nancy Campbell  Samuel Nothdurft
Alexis Caramagno  Natalie Perini
Robert Caulfield  Louisa Pietrowsky
Cerrito Family  Darlene Pische
Pam DeClercq  Pauline Pische
Michael Digregorio  Yolanda Polisena
Isaiah Ford  John Privett
Jason Gaca  Mary Kay Puvvalowski
Richard Gdowski  Roxanne Puvvalowski
Marge Grekowicz  Eric Racette
Fred Grzelak  Nocholas Rinehart
Patty Haberkamp  Gary Ross
Dale Harris  Carolyn Sands
Barbara Haworth  Conrad Sands
William Hengstebbeck  Denise Schibal
Mary Lou Hiyduk  Jerry Schmeiser
Georgiann Kaptur  Linda Schriever
Kathy Karpinski  Joyce Scott
Kenneth Karpinski  Marie Slominski
Jenny Kasselmann  Samantha Slowke
Dale Kellar  Carol Sobolewski
Joseph Klingkammer  John Strauch
Delphine Kolpacki  Darlyn Stephens
Pat Kush  Breanne Talmadge
Bernadette Lapinski  Anthony Tancredi
Bill Lawicki  John Terry
Joseph W. Lynch  Albert Toccaceli
Norma Maday  Romano Umberto
Vince Mariani  Suzanne Umberto
Janet McDonald  Robert Wayne
Kenneth Meerschaert  Robert Warner
Dominic Messina  Rosemary Warner
Michels Family  Curtis Wellhausen
Mario Monacelli  Sarah Wilson
Maurice L. Monserez  Patrick Ziamba

MILITARY LIST

PFC Tanner Adkins, Army – Afghanistan
WO1 Jeremy Bentley, Army – Iraq
Christian Bobbish, Navy
Pvt. Troy Ciamarella, Army – USA
GySgt. Sean Collins, Marines – USA
Sgt. Tyler Dean, Army – Kuwait
PFC Anthony Difatta, Army – Afghanistan
LCpl Blake Doetsch, Marines
CPL Brian Domzalski, Marines
PFC E3 Jeffrey Frame, Army
Justin Francis, Army
W04 Jason Gaboury, Army – Kuwait
Capt. Wade Gaboury, Air Force – USA
Sgt. James Galowski Jr., Army – Middle East
PFC John Gellert III, Army
Michael Giacalone, Coast Guard – Afghanistan
Lt. David R. Grzywacz, Navy
LCpl Alexander Hendzell, Marines
LCpl David Horton, Marines – Afghanistan
Maj. Jeffrey Jablonski, Army – Michigan
Sgt. Logan Jobour, Marines
J. Jackson, Navy
Staff Sgt. Ethan Jensen, Air Force – Afghanistan
PFC Sean R. Kellogg, Marines California
Sgt. Griffin Kozakf, Marines – California
Sgt. Edward Kujawa, Marines
Jason Kupiewski, Navy – Afghanistan
Audrey Lynch, Marines – North Carolina
Spec. Michael Manning, Army – Afghanistan
Connor McDonald – Navy, Texas
Tristan Newton, Navy
Courtney Osborne, Navy – Afghanistan
PFC Matt Piotke, Army – Iraq
MC2 Jeffrey Richardson, Navy – Afghanistan
SSgt Justin Santiago, Air Force – Guam
Joel Sebastian, Army
Chief John C. Sbraccia, Navy – Kuwait
Sr. Airman Jeremy Spanski, Air Force – Afghanistan
CPL Jeremiah Stewart, Army – Afghanistan
Gjelosh Vata, Army
Pvt Andre Ventmiglia, Army – USA
Thomas Yombor, Army Ranger 1/75
PFC. Nicholas York, Marines – New York
Jesus told the people to do something. What was it?

Write the letter that is missing in each set. Then copy those letters on the line below.

1) P Q S T U V __
2) B C D F G H __
3) H I K L M N __
4) K L M N P Q __
5) F G H J K L __
6) A B D E F G __
7) D F G H I J __

“________ and be glad,

Find the Beatitudes.

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them.

Find 15 differences in the pictures below.

Find out what Jesus said.

“16) ______ are the
19) ______ in 1D) ________,
for theirs is the 20) ________
of 8D) ________.
16) * ________ are those who
23A) ________, for they will be 11D) ________, 16) ________ are the 25) ________, for
they will 15) ________ the 4) _________. 16) ________ are those who 8A) ________ and 3)
for 12) ________, for they will be 17) ________, 16) ________ are the 14) ________, for
they will be 13) ________ 23D) ________, 16) ________ are the 21) ________ in 7) ________, for they will 1A)
18) ________, 16) ________ are the 10) ________, for they will be 11A) ________ 9) ________
of 18) ________, 16) ________ are those who 24) ________ because of 12) ________
for theirs is the 20) ________ of 8D) ________, 16) ________ are you when 6) ________ 2) ________
you, persecute you and 5) ________ say all kinds of 22) ________ against you because of Me.”

Use these words to fill in the crossword. Then fill in the blanks.

God see evil meek poor pure earth heart mercy mourn shown called filled heaven hunger insult people spirit thirst blessed inherit falsely kingdom children merciful comforted persecuted peacemakers righteousness