



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF

ST. DOMINIC

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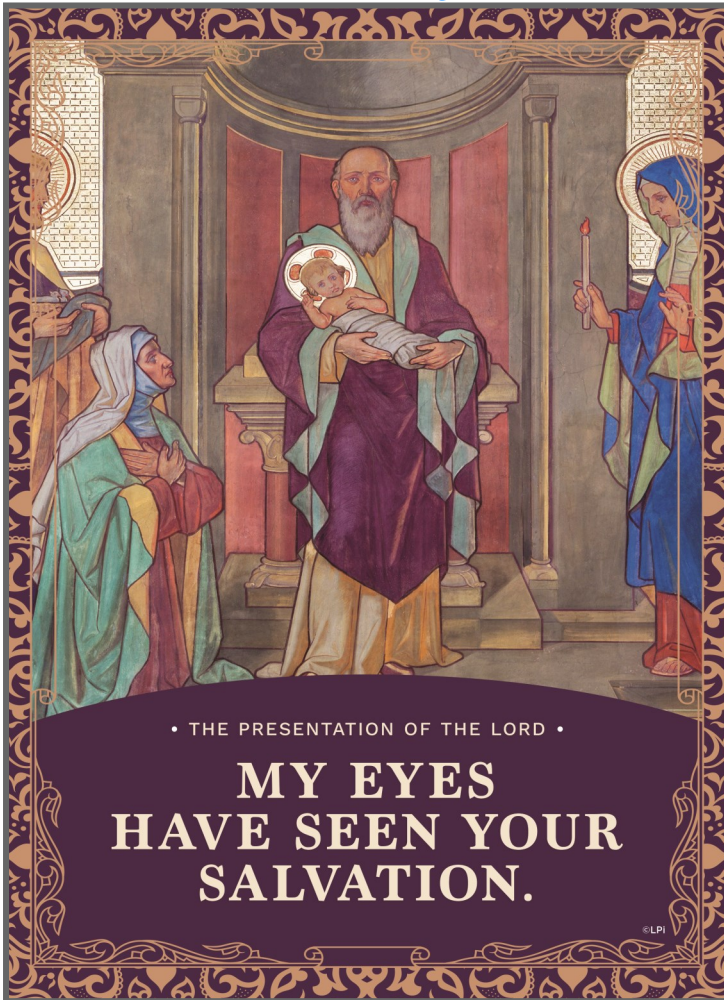


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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The Presentation of the Lord

February 1st & 2nd, 2025



When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface the temple. --St. Caesarius of Arles

Weekly Mass Times

St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:	
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM
Sunday	10:30 AM	Thursday	9:00 AM
Tues & Wed	10:30 AM	Friday	5:30 PM

Parish Contacts

St. Dominic

Parish Council

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Prayer for the Presentation of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
 we humbly implore your majesty that,
 just as your Only Begotten Son was presented
 on this day in the Temple in the
 substance of our flesh, so, by your grace,
 we may be presented to you with
 minds made pure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
 lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
 Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

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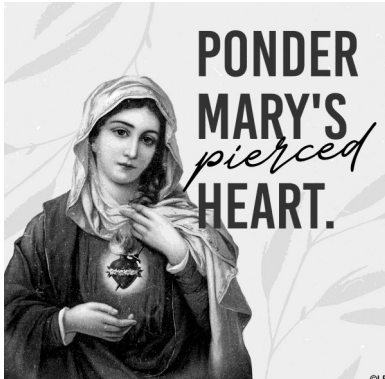
~~~ **Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of the Gospel** ~~~

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so

on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty. — Father John Muir ©LPi



**ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER**

Thank you for the generous response to our Protect Life Baby Shower these past weeks.

This week all the items will be taken to Options on 8 in St. Croix Falls which serves Polk, St. Croix, and Burnett Counties.

If you would still like to support this cause, please bring your donation to our weekend Masses or the parish office by *Wednesday, February 5*. Thank you again for your generous support.



**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we? ©LPi

**Baby Shower Thank You**

We want to thank all those who welcomed baby Petra and her parents, Ceilia and Roberto Martinez at the baby shower last Sunday at Immaculate Conception. Petra is home and doing well as everyone adjusts to life as a family of three.



**Light of Reconciliation and Forgiveness**



The Light of Reconciliation and Forgiveness and the accompanying prayer are offered as a reminder of the need for us to atone, to ask forgiveness as a Church for the suffering caused by abuse. Its flame symbolizes repentance, as the light dispels darkness and offers hope for us all.

Our candle and prayer will be placed near the votive candles in both churches.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

**Question:** What is another name for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord?

**Answer:** candelmas

**SD Matching Parking Lot Grant—Update**

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

We have reached the goal of the \$10,000 Matching Parking Lot Grant and we couldn't have done it without your generous support. We are so grateful!

With additional funds still needed for this project, we continue to accept donations for the parking lot repaving and look forward to the fall when it can be completed.



There are poinsettias in the back of church at St. Dominic that are looking for a new home. Feel free to take some home with you if you like.

**Devotions Explained**

**Prayer to St. Joseph**

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ, who was obedient to the will of God in all things.

One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unending prayer to St. Joseph." It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle.

For a full text of this prayer, visit [ewtn.com/catholicism/library/novena-to-st-joseph-11865](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/library/novena-to-st-joseph-11865). ©LPi

**SD Fellowship: February 9**

St. Margaret Mary—Cindy Mullner

**IC Fellowship: Sunday, February 9**

St. Bridget—Karen Klinkhammer

**Abuse Reporting**

The Catholic Church is working diligently to prevent sexual abuse by parish employees, volunteers, deacons, and priests. If you have been sexually abused by someone associated with the Church and would like to report or discuss the experience, we urge you to contact: Bonnie Thom: 715-718-1110

The Diocese of Superior welcomes your call and understands how difficult it may be to reach out in this situation. The phone number provided is confidential and dedicated solely to these calls. Know that your call will be treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. The Diocese of Superior is bound by civil and canon law to report sexual abuse of a minor to civil authorities. Anyone who believes that they have been sexually abused is strongly encouraged to report as well.

**CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?**

**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

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, February 3**

SD Quilting & Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 1:00 pm

**Tuesday, February 4**

No SD Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 5**

Rosary 9:30 @ CCC

IC Bible Study @ 12:30 pm

**Monday, February 10**

IC CCW Meeting @ 11:00 am at T-Dawgs

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT**

**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 ©LPi

**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

|         | SD    | IC                                   |
|---------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Feb. 5  | CLASS | 1st RECONCILIATION SERVICE @ 4:00 pm |
| Feb. 12 | CLASS | CLASS                                |
| Feb. 19 | CLASS | CLASS                                |



# MASSES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday, February 1

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm Jeanine Axelson by Larry & Nancy Axelson

## Sunday, February 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am Clayton Myers by Mike & Lucy Myers  
SD 10:30 am People of the Parish

## Tuesday, February 4

SD 11:00 am *Funeral Mass for Judy Aarnold*

## Wednesday, February 5

IC 7-10 am Adoration  
SD 10:30 am Dave Pederson by Grant Pederson  
SD 11-12 pm Adoration

## Thursday, February 6

IC 9:00 am Betty Hinrichs by The Harter & Bowman Families

## Friday, February 7

SD 1:30 pm Intentions of those present at Mass  
*Frederic Nursing Home - All are Welcome!*  
IC 5:30 pm Deceased Members of IC by The CCW

## Saturday, February 8

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm Toby Carley by The Carley Family  
*\*Anointing of the Sick following Mass*

## Sunday, February 9

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am The People of the Parish  
SD 10:30 am Kaye Heine by Greg Heine & Family  
*\*Anointing of the Sick following both Masses*



### Parish Services

#### Home Bound

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

#### Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

#### Prayer Chain

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

#### Rosary

The Rosary is recited one half hour before weekend Masses.

| STEWARDSHIP 1/26/2025          | SD           | IC             |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Envelope Collection            | \$1,070.00   | \$870.00       |
| Loose Collection               | \$515.00     | \$435.00       |
| Children's Collection          |              | \$11.00        |
| Catholic Schools               | \$365.00     | \$457.00       |
| Parking Lot                    | \$1,500      |                |
| <i>Outstanding CSA Pledges</i> | <i>\$832</i> | <i>\$1,315</i> |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

#### Saturday, February 8

##### St. Dominic - 4:30 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Don Supinski  
Greeters: N - Jackie Schommer  
S - Carol Schommer  
Lector: Ronda Thompson  
Sacristan: Kathy Supinski  
Communion: Jackie Schommer  
Server: Steve Swies

#### Sunday, February 9

##### Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Homebound: Jennifer Wagner  
Lector: Pete Lauer  
Communion: Dolores Swenson  
Sacristan: Shannon Webster  
Ushers: Brian Webster, Mike Cole

##### St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Homebound: Colleen (S), Colleen (L), John (F)  
Ushers: Joe Draxler, John Scheidt  
Greeters: N - Myrna Deutsch  
S - Jeanette Laqua  
Lector: Ken Deutsch  
Sacristan: Nancy Chenal  
Communion: Myrna Deutsch  
Server: Patrick Chenal



### New Parishioners

#### *Welcome!*

If you would like to become a member of our Parishes, please fill out the following form. Then mail it, drop it off at the parish office, or put it in the collection basket.

St. Dominic       Immaculate Conception

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_