

January 28, 2024



*Saint Joseph's
Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel
Traditional Latin Mass*

*29968 County 22
Harmony, Minnesota 55939*

Sunday, January 28

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

Septuagesima Sunday

(St. Peter Nolasco; St. Agnes VM)

Friday, February 2

Confessions 5:30 pm
Holy Mass 6:00 pm

Purification BVM

(First Friday)

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 3

Holy Communion 7:30 am
Holy Rosary 7:45 am

BVM Saturday

(St. Blaise, BM)

Sunday, February 4

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

Sexagesima Sunday

(St. Andrew Corsini, BC)

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MASS INTENTIONS may be submitted to Father for a stipend of \$25.00. If you wish a specific date, please submit well in advance. Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

MEAL VOLUNTEERS: There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule for the month of January to help provide Father with a meal-to-go after Mass. *Thank You* to all those who have been assisting with this Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry; and supporting your parish priest.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND for May of 2024 is being coordinated by Fr. Benedict Hughes. Please see flyer in the vestibule and contact Fr. Benedict if interested.

CATHOLIC CALENDARS 2024 are available for sale in the vestibule, \$10 each.

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION is on February 2nd. As a part of the Liturgy there will be the blessing of candles on this day at St. Joseph's Church, which is also a First Friday. If you would like some for your home, the suggested donation is \$7 for a box of two candles. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm, before Mass, and will end with a procession.

ST. BLAISE – BLESSING OF THE THROATS will take place after Mass on Sexagesima Sunday in honor of St. Blaise, the patron of throat diseases since he once saved a child from choking.

St. Joseph's Church Financial Statement

Average Weekly Operating Costs: \$590

Average 2024 Weekly Collection (year-to-date): \$703

Last Four Collections: 12/31 \$821 1/7 \$1,370 1/14 \$0 1/21 \$739

The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This great solemnity, which closes the holy season of Christmas, has been established in commemoration of the two last mysteries of our Savior's Birth and Infancy. The most pure and beautiful Virgin, in obedience to the law, presented the child Jesus in the temple, offering a couple of turtle-doves for her purification, and five sicles as a ransom for her first-born, Jesus. On this day is fulfilled the prophecy of Aggeus concerning the Messiah, Agg. ii. 8: "Yet one little while . . . and I will move all nations: and the Desired of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory." This day St. Simeon and holy Anna, full of the Holy Ghost, recognize our Lord and welcome Him into the temple, as the Salvation, the Light, and the Peace of the world.



Wax candles are solemnly blessed on this day, in commemoration of our Lord, whom they represent as the Light of the world: "Three things," says St. Anselm of Canterbury, "may be considered in the blest candle: the wax, which is the production of the virginal bee, is the Flesh of our Lord; the wick, which is within, is His Soul; the flame, which burns on the top, is His Divinity." These blest candles are to be carried in procession, in remembrance of that wondrous procession made in the temple by our Lady, St. Joseph, St. Simeon, and holy Anna. They should also be kept, to be used by the faithful either on land or sea, and especially to be lit near the bed of a dying Christian, as a symbol of the immortality merited for us by Christ, and as a pledge of the protection of our Lady.