SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (OF)
PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (EF)

Clergy
Reverend Mark Moriarty, Pastor
Reverend James McConville, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Nathan Allen

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:15 pm (Vigil Mass that fulfills the Sunday obligation)
6:30, 7:30 am (Latin EF Low Mass), 8:30, 10:00 am (Latin OF High Mass), 12 Noon

Weekday Masses
6:30 am Monday through Friday
5:15 pm Friday, 8:00 am Saturday (Sung Latin Mass)
During the school year, there are Masses on most Tuesdays and Thursdays
(and occasionally on another day) at 8:45 am

Holy Days of Obligation
Watch bulletin for Mass schedules

Confessions
Fridays 4:00-5:00 pm (Chapel)
Saturdays: 4:00-5:00 pm (Upper Church) and 8:00-9:00 pm (Chapel)
Every Tuesday following the 7:00 pm Novena (Chapel)

Adoration and Devotions
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Chapel)
7:30 pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary
First Wednesday of each month: Benediction preceding the 8:45 am Mass
First Fridays: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:15 am (Chapel)
Saturday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4:00 p.m. until
5:00 pm Benediction (Upper Church)
Sunday: 3:00 pm Vespers during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
concluding with Benediction (Upper Church)

Parish Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am – Noon

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**Pastor’s Column**

Candlemas
February 2nd is the fortieth day after Christmas, a number that marks a time of significance especially in regard to conversion and celebration. Although the blessing of candles did not begin to occur until the 11th Century, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple was connected with the procession of lit candles since the fifth century. The Christ child, who is the Light of the world, was brought into the Temple of Jerusalem forty days after His birth; the candles of course signify His light. The Presentation of our Lord is celebrated concurrently with the Feast of the Purification of Mary and has been since early times.

The Roman Church, up until recently, called this Feast the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary while the Greek churches have called it the Presentation or the Meeting. Joseph and Mary brought the child Jesus to Jerusalem in order to fulfill two Old Testament Mosaic commandments. First, the ritual purification of a mother after the birth of her first son. Second, the presentation and redemption, or buying back, of the first born son who was to be specially dedicated to God as a thanksgiving sacrifice in remembrance of the saving of the Israelite firstborn sons at the time of the Exodus.

At this propitious meeting, the prophet Simeon gives us the beautiful canticle, Nunc Dimittis: “Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.”

Mardi Gras!
I wish to extend an invitation to all the men of the parish to join me and the members of the Men’s Club on Tuesday evening, February 25, for Mardi Gras! We will have recitation of the rosary at 6:30 in the Chapel, followed by a brief religious talk and the event will begin. Peter Dahdah will again be making his legendary gyros. We will have other adult beverages, in addition to the customary beer and cigars, for those so inclined. We will have a free poker tournament (Texas Hold ‘Em) starting at 7:45 pm. Please RSVP to mensclub@churchofsaintagnes.org. The cost will be $20 for food and drink, or $25 for food, drink and cigar.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Mark Moriarty

Archdiocesan Synod Parish-Wide Survey
To prepare for the Archdiocesan Synod next year, we are invited to participate in a parish-wide survey. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and may be accessed by computer, smartphone, or tablet at [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com) from February 1st to March 1st. If you do not use a computer, smartphone, or tablet, paper copies are available. You may pick up a copy in the Sacristy or at the Parish Office. The Survey comes in 10 different languages. If you need a copy of the Survey in another language, please call the Parish Office at 651.925.8800. Individual’s responses are confidential. Thank you for your participation in this important project.

Sincerely Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. McConville

**Today at Saint Agnes**

Enjoy beverages, pastries and breakfast sandwiches that are being served today in Schuler Hall by the members of the Altar and Rosary Society.

This is the first weekend of the month and the collection for the red envelope will be taken up for our outstanding school. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. It is also Candlemas Day and we will have Blessing of Candles after all Masses. If you brought your own candles you may have them blessed. We have a small supply of candles you may pick up for a donation.

We will also have the blessing of expectant mothers at our Blessed Mother’s altar immediately following the 8:30 am Mass.

Everyone is invited back this afternoon for Solemn Vespers at 3:00 pm.

**Chorale and Orchestra Notes**

W.A. Mozart, Missa Brevis in F, K 192 (1774)

Wolfgang Mozart (1756-1791) was 18 when he composed this Mass. The Credo features the “Do-Re-Fa-Mi” plaintive motif, which Mozart reprised 14 years later as the main theme to the final movement of his final symphony, Symphony No. 41, “Jupiter,” K 55.

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit organization that depends solely on the generosity of its patrons. Programs are available at the church entrances and are posted on the Chorale’s website at [www.catholicchorale.org](http://www.catholicchorale.org), which also contains a video about the Chorale’s role in the 10:00 am Mass. Next Sunday the Chorale and Orchestra will present Franz Schubert’s Mass in C.

Saint Agnes “Car Raffle”

**Drawing on February 8, 2020.**

A raffle ticket is $20 for each chance to win a new 2019 4 door SUV in Magnetite Metallic with ebony black cloth seats, seats 7, Ford Explorer. It is a 6-speed auto transmission, 2nd row 60/40 flat fold, 3rd row 50/50 flat fold, reverse sensing system, rearview camera, control, intelligent access with push start button, AM/FM/MP3, 6 speakers.

Purchase tickets at the Main School Office or at Mass and priest’s collection.

Purchase tickets at the Main School Office - 651.925.8700 or the Parish Office - 651.925.8800. The winner will be drawn at our Red & White Dinner-Auction. The winner need not be present to win. 100% of proceeds benefit Saint Agnes School.

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday, February 8, 5:15 pm**

P. Rother, W. Kiehl, P. Burns, C. McNamara

**Sunday, February 9**

7:30 am
D. & X. Adkins

8:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm
G. Lennes, J. Hintgen, C. Heffron, J. Nelson
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
“Love one another as I have loved you.” - John 13:34. Experience the love of your spouse in a deeper, more meaningful way on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next available weekends are Feb 7–9, 2020, in Buffalo, Minnesota, and May 1–3, 2020, also in Buffalo. Early registration is recommended. For more information visit our website at: twin citieswwme.org or contact Brent and Tracy at applications@twin citieswwme.org or 612.756.8720.

Quo Vadis Youth Vocation Camp
July 19–22, 2020, Dunrovin Retreat Center, Marine on St. Croix, (for young women); Kiwanis Camp, Marine on St. Croix (for young men)
Quo Vadis is a camp experience for youth ages 14-17 to learn that nothing is more important than discovering God’s will for your life – and living it! Quo Vadis (Latin for “Where Are You Going?”) begins on Sunday, July 19 with 4 pm registration, followed by 5 pm Sunday Mass and concludes on Wednesday at 1 pm. The camp includes Mass, prayer, campfires, talks, field trips to visit religious communities, confession, Rosary, and lots of outdoor camp fun and recreation. Registration fee: $150. For more information and to register, visit www.1000vocations.org.

Totus Tuus Team Missionary Application deadline: Friday, February 3, 2020
Is God calling you to serve as a Totus Tuus Team Missionary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis this summer? We need men and women age 18-26 committed to their Catholic faith who are called to share it with youth (grades 1–12) in local parishes, May 29–July 28, 2020. Missionaries will receive $2,520 for their service. If you are interested, visit www.archspm.org/totustuus or contact Nancy Schulte Palcheck at 651.291.4489 or schulten@archspm.org for additional information.

Vianney Visit
February 14 - 16, St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul
Vianney Visit provides high school sophomores through college age men (ages 16–24) the opportunity to take a closer look and experience college seminary. Attend Mass, prayer, and spiritual conferences with SJV priests and hear testimonies from SJV seminarians. There is no charge for the event. All meals are provided. Please contact Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, at 651.962.6890 or sjv/registration@stjohnvianney.org to let him know of your interest in the Vianney Visit. To register, please call 651.962.6825 or online at https://semssp.org/registration-svj/.

Cathedral Young Adults presents “Theology On Tap” on Wednesday nights. This 6 week Catholic speaker series runs from January 15th until February 19th. Enjoy food, drink and fellowship while deepening your faith. Join us at our new location: Gabe’s By the Park, 991 Lexington Pkwy N, St Paul, MN. The Social hour starts at 6:30 pm and the speaker will begin at 7:30 pm. Visit http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cya-theology-on-tap for the speaker line-up.

World Day of the Sick Mass
Saturday, February 8 at 10:00 am. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate the Mass and there will be a blessing with Lourdes Water. A reception and presentation by Dr. Tod Worner will follow. For questions call 1-844-287-2846.