

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ FEBRUARY 1, 2009 • EPIPHANY IV •

**ST. IGNAIUS BpM • WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES** The 9:00 AM Mass today is of the Solemnity of St. Francis de Sales Today is the First Sunday of the Month. Our **Special Second Collection** is for *Our Seminary*. The Blessing of Religious Articles follows all Masses. Early Vespers of the Purification and Benediction are at 1:15 PM.



### ✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule this morning. The ushers are collecting alms for the **Alter Christus Confraternity** to support priests who might not otherwise receive help. Please be generous.

### ✠ THIS WEEK



✠ MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND - CANDLEMAS

The Feast of the Purification/Candlemas. A special evening "Mass of Candles" follows their Blessing and the Presentation Procession at 5:30 PM. Our "Winter Soup Supper" follows the Mass. Plan to spend this lovely feast of Our Lord and Our Lady with your "church family" by bringing your children to take part in the candlelight procession. After Mass we will share a family supper of bread, wine, soup and desserts.

As you did last year, bring your favorite soup in a crock pot, and the church will supply a variety of tasty breads and wines.



✠ TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD - FEAST OF ST. BLAISE. The Blessing of

Throats will follow the 11:25 AM and 5:00 PM Masses. Throats will also be blessed on *Sunday, February 8th* following all Masses.

✠ WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4TH - Our early Mass is at 6:30 AM.

✠ FIRST THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH - Masses are at 11:25 AM and 5:00 PM. Remember to pray for priests today and everyday.

### Collection Report

Sunday January 25th .....\$5,559.24

*Thank you for your generosity!  
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ FIRST FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

*The intention for the All Night Adoration: In Reparation to the Sacred Heart, for our young people.*

10:45 AM - Confessions

11:25 AM - High Mass & Benediction

5:15 PM - Rosary & Confessions

5:45 PM - Low Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sorrowful Mother Novena.

✠ SORROWFUL MOTHER NOVENA

This Friday we open our Novena to the Sorrowful Mother with the Blessing of the Sick. Call or write in to the office the *first names* of those for whom you would like us to pray, as well as the names of your sick.

*ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT*

7:15 PM - Parish Potluck Supper

8:00 PM - Sacred Heart Holy Hour

✠ FIRST SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

*Intention: In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary For immodest fashions and sins of the flesh.*

6:30 AM - Low Mass followed by Confessions

7:10 AM Rosary & First Saturday Devotions

7:40 AM Benediction & Confessions

8:00 AM Low Mass followed by Confessions.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

We open the Solemn pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima. The Blessing of Throats follows all Masses. Catechism and Adult Classes are at 10:30 AM. Early Vespers and Benediction, for your convenience, are at 1:15 PM. Pack a lunch for after the 11:30 Mass and "make a day of it" at church.

Set your Missal: Septuagesima Sunday, with commemoration of St. John of Matha, and Preface of the Trinity.

### Serbers

FEBRUARY 2-9, 2009

•MON 2/2 5:00 PM Low: C. Ritzi  
•TUE 2/3 5:00 PM Low: G. Keaveney, G. Wnek  
•WED 2/4 5:00 PM Low J. Bayer  
•THU 2/5 5:00 PM Low C. Ritze  
•FRI 2/6 5:45 PM Low: G. Keaveney, C. Ritze, J. Bayer, M. Ribar  
7:30 AM Low: C. & T. Simpson  
8:00 AM Low: G. Keaveney, M. Briggs  
7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann  
•SAT 2/7 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: J. Lotarski, T. Simpson  
TH: R. Hill, ACs: G. Wnek, F. Puglielli  
TORCH: P. Duff, J. Simpson, N. Puglielli, D. Wnek  
11:30 AM Low: M. & J. Brugger  
1:15 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: MC: G. Miller.  
TH: T. Kunkel, ACs: S. & S. Cozzens  
5:45 PM Low: M. Dirksen

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

PET PENGUINS

Some people keep dogs  
And some people keep cats.  
Some people even  
Keep pet rats.  
People ride elephants  
And talk to parrots  
And feed white bunnies  
On tender young carrots.  
Some admire goldfish  
Swimming in a bowl,  
And I know a man  
Who owns an oriole.  
But I always thought  
It would be lots of fun  
When I go walking  
To have just one  
Black and white penguin  
To march ahead of me  
Very proud and dignified  
For everyone to see!



### A MARTYR'S MASS

Kneeling he spoke the Names he loved the most  
As the air was fanned by the whirl of invisible wings;  
He seemed like a priest about to breathe on the Host  
After the Sanctus rings.

"This is My Body," he said on his First-Mass Day,  
When the rose of priesthood slipped its snowy bud.  
Lifting his chalice heart now could he say  
At death, "This is My Blood."

Swift as an altar chime the rifles rang...  
The stole of crimson flowing over his breast,  
How bright it burned, and how his sealed lips sang  
The Ite, Missa Est!

*Fr. Leslie, Pray for us.*

*-With Thanks to Miss Lucy Drolesky*

### Ushers

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Joe Bayer, Jim Kolenich  
9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Bernie Brueggemann  
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Will Wiegand, Kirby Bischel  
5:45 PM John Seyfried

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 2/2/09 PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY, CANDLEMAS**  
**5:30 PM Blessing of Candles, Procession and Pontifical Mass**  
*Fr. Ramolla (A. & S. Johns)*  
 followed by our **Winter Soup Supper**
- TUES 2/3/09 WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ST. BLAISE, BPM, BLESSING OF THROATS FOLLOWS ALL MASSES**  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Eileen Bartels 1st Anniversary  
*(Bishop Dolan)*  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** *In Reparation for Abortion*
- WED 2/4/09 ST. ANDREW CORSINI, BPC**  
**6:30 AM Low Mass** †Deceased of Capetillo Family  
*(Mr. & Mrs. Capetillo)*  
**11:25 AM High Mass** *So My Family gets back to God and Sacraments (Charlene A. Bloemker)*  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †M. Miska (MAW)
- THUR 2/5/09 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ST. AGATHA, VM**  
 FIRST THURSDAY  
**11:25 AM High Mass** *For the Sanctification of the Clergy*  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** *Needs of the Chris Ritze Family (Bernie Brueggemann)*  
**7:00 PM Compline**
- FRI 2/6/09 ST. ST. TITUS, BPC. ST. DOROTHY, VM**  
 FIRST FRIDAY  
**10:45 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM High Mass and Benediction**  
*†Mrs. Bertha Villaescusa 2nd Anniversary (Tom & Stella Simpson)*  
**5:15 PM Confessions/Rosary**  
**5:30 PM Infant of Prague Novena VII**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** †Fr. Leslie (GPK)  
 Opening of the Sorrowful Mother Novena, Blessing of the Sick, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena and All Night Adoration  
**8:00 PM (N.B. Special Time:) Sacred Heart Holy Hour**
- SAT 2/7/09 ST. ROMUALD, AB**  
 FIRST SATURDAY  
**6:30 AM Low Mass** *Godchildren (Kirby & Jean Bischel)*  
 Confessions  
**7:10 AM Rosary and First Saturday Devotions**  
**7:40 AM Closing of All Night Adoration, Benediction**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** *In Honor of the I.H.M. for Kathleen West (Norman & Janice West)* Confessions
- SUN 2/8/09 SEPTUAGESIMA-ST. JOHN OF MATHA, C**  
**Blessing of Throats after all Masses**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** *Connie Kamphaus (Bob Brueggemann)*  
**9:00 AM High Mass** *Merry Christmas to Kathy, Sam & Seth for the benefit of the Poor Souls who have no one to pray for them (Eilerman Family)*  
**10:30 AM Catechism Classes**  
**11:25 AM Low Mass** *Happy Birthday to our Wonderful Catholic Mother, Patricia Patton (Donna, Bud, Sharon, Lori & Julie)*  
**1:15 PM Vespers and Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** *For the People of St. Gertrude*

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Speaking of weather...No sweet sunny days for us last week, but plenty of austere white, icy beauty for those who didn't have to be out fighting it. I figure Winter got together with its accountants and called us in for an audit, assessing back taxes and penalties! I hope we're paid up now.



Will winter soon be over? Any volunteers to meet Senex, our resident groundhog, at dawn tomorrow and check on the shadow? Seriously, we all need to meet the Light of the World, with Mary and Joseph, at dusk tomorrow for the last of Christmas, the great and moving Candle Mass, with its sweet little procession. Afterwards, we're all looking forward to the Winter Soup Supper. See you tomorrow!

Thursday throats get blessed, and again on Sunday. The First Friday of short February has its all night vigil of prayer, spanning the Sacred Heart to the Immaculate Heart this coming weekend.

We just barely managed Fr. Richter's Requiem on Tuesday when the weather shut us down. I thank the brave souls who helped us do the proper honors for two great priests of God, Fr. Leslie and Fr. Richter. Please remember them in your prayers.

Today we are "solemnizing" St. Francis de Sales, who would other wise have missed his feast-well, **we** would have missed it due to "Ice and Snow, bless the Lord!" May our gentle patron saint protect us!

Don't be misled by the typical "media circus" concerning the Organized Forces of Naturalism and the Pius X Society. Much confusion and propaganda...but the truth is simple, and lies needn't interest us too much! Be sure to follow the Christ or Chaos website.

Thank you for your continuing and regular support, both in the pew and in the baskets. God reward you.

Be with us for the wonderful feast days and observance this week.

I'm in Columbus, but send a blessing.

—Bishop Dolan

*Please remember our dead in your prayers!*  
**February**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Bartels, Eileen R.	2-03-2008
Winningham, Margaret	2-04-2002
Stoll, Dorothy	2-10-2002
Gebel, Peter J.	2-11-2006
Downing, Homer (Dale)	2-14-2003
Gough, Robert H.	2-16-2000
Strunk, Vashtie	2-16-1991
O'Donnell, Mary	2-20-2000
Wilson, Joseph D.	2-20-2002
Ewers, Paul J. Sr.	2-22-1984
Brueggemann, Rita	2-27-2008
Mahsling, Mary A.	2-27-1994

# FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION CANDLEMAS SOUP SUPPER

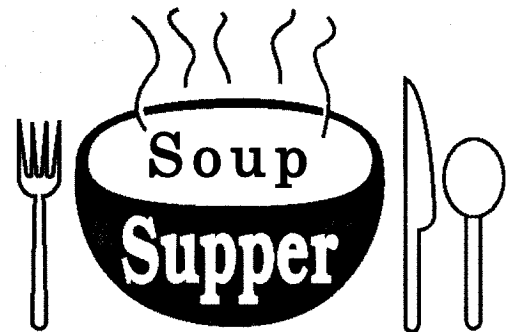
**When:** FEBRUARY 2ND

**Time:** IMMEDIATELY AFTER 5:30 PM MASS

**Where:** HELFTA HALL

**What:** SOUP OR DESSERT

**Who:** EVERYONE IN THE PARISH

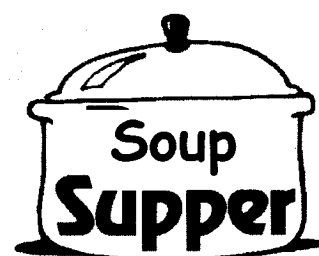


We are looking forward to tasting all the special soups on Feb. 2nd after the evening Mass!

This tends to be the highlight of Winter Dinners at St. Gertrude the Great as the skilled culinary talents of our parish members and illustrious Bishop Dolan really shine.

Bring your recipes to share, won't you? (perhaps on "3x5" cards.) There will be blank tent signs provided to label the Name of the Soup and the Identity of the Preparer. If you don't have a favorite soup, bring a delicious dessert. The church will supply the bread and wine, and other beverages.

This is always so much fun and very relaxing. So bring your favorite soup/stew, your appetite and recipes February 2nd!



## ✠ SUNDAY AFTERNOON SPIRITUAL READING

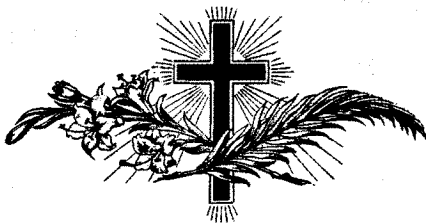
### PATRON SAINT OF WRITERS ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Also called the Gentle Christ of Geneva, Francis de Sales was born in Savoy in 1567. His family was well-to-do and his parents wanted him to carry on the family's fine standing by becoming a lawyer and entering the political arena. He granted their wish, and after intense education he returned home a doctor of law and took a position in the Senate. However, Francis heard a voice one day that told him to leave everything he had worked for so he could follow the Lord. He joined the priesthood, and in time his family accepted his life change. Francis then became a spiritual writer and spiritual director in the district of Chablais, which is why he is considered the patron of writers.

*May the Lord guide me and all those who love to write. Through your prayers, St. Francis de Sales, I ask for your intercession as I attempt to bring the written word to the world. Let us pray that God takes me in the palm of His hand and inspires my creativity and supports my success. St. Francis de Sales, you understand the dedication required in this profession.*

*Pray for God to inspire and allow ideas to flow. In His name, let my words reflect my faith for others to read. Amen.*

*-Dedicated with affection to our St. Francis de Sales writers group*



It is a great part of our perfection to bear with one another in our imperfections. How can we, in fact, practice love for our neighbor, if not by this forbearance?

*-St. Francis de Sales*

### CANDLEMAS DAY

The festival which we celebrate on the second of February is also called CANDLEMAS DAY. It is called Candlemas Day because wax tapers or candles are solemnly blessed by the priest and carried in procession on this day. The feast with its procession dates back to the earliest days of the Church. Mention of this feast is made by Pope Gelasius I, in 494. St. Bernard in a sermon on this day, says: "This holy procession was made first by the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, St. Joseph, Holy Simeon, and St. Anne." He also adds: "They walk two by two holding in their hands lighted candles, first blessed by the priest in church, and singing praises of the Lord because great is His Glory,"

Candles will be blessed for this solemn occasion at the High Mass.



### ST. BLAISE- FEBRUARY 3RD BLESSING OF THE THROATS

The third of this month is the Feast of St. Blaise, Patron of Throats. St. Blaise, was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, who died as a martyr in 316. His remains were transferred to Paris where a church was erected in his honor. He is considered to be one of the wonder workers. The faithful call upon him in diseases of the throat and teeth. According to some authors, while St. Blaise was in prison he kept a young boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat from choking to death. The blessing of St. Blaise is given with two candles formed in the cross of St. Andrew.

During the blessing of throats on this day, the Church prays over her children by the lips of the priests: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver thee from troubles of the throat, and from other evil, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Blessing of throats will take place after each Mass.

## ✠ CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

### SUBJECTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION

REMEMBER, CHRISTIAN SOUL, THAT THOU HAST THIS DAY, AND EVERY DAY OF THY LIFE-

GOD TO GLORIFY  
JESUS TO IMITATE  
THE ANGELS AND SAINTS TO INVOKE  
A SOUL TO SAVE  
A BODY TO MORTIFY  
SINS TO EXPIATE  
VIRTUES TO ACQUIRE  
HELL TO AVOID  
HEAVEN TO GAIN  
ETERNITY TO PREPARE FOR  
TIME TO PROFIT BY  
NEIGHBORS TO EDIFY  
THE WORLD TO DESPISE  
DEVILS TO COMBAT  
PASSIONS TO SUBDUE  
DEATH PERHAPS TO SUFFER  
AND JUDGEMENT TO UNDERGO.



### LAY BAPTISM

If an infant (or any unbaptized person) is in danger of death, **ANYONE**, whether man, woman, or child, may (and **SHOULD**) baptize in the following manner:

While pouring common water on the head, or face, say the words:  
**I BAPTIZE THEE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.**



*Speak of yourself as little as possible; this I tell you earnestly; remember it and pay attention to it. If you are imperfect, humble yourself and do not speak of it.*

*-St. Francis de Sales*



## GUARD OF HONOR



**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Tom & Tim Kunkel & Dale Wilker**  
**8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gerry Keaveney, Ken Gilliam**  
**9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Peter Gebel, Richard Smith**  
**10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Joseph Manzardo, James Kolenich,**  
**11:00 PM - Midnight: Alphonse Capetillo**  
**12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Tom Simpson, H. O. Hinton, Mario Derksen**  
**1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Chris Brueggemann, Paul Puglielli**  
**2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Keith Monnin, Will Weigand**  
**3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Vic Ritze, Chris Ritze**  
**4:00 AM - 5:00 AM: B. & R. Uhlenbrock**  
**5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: John Wiesman, B. Brueggemann**  
**6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, Scott Richesson**

N.B. The Adoration Guard of Honor ends at 7:00 AM, due to the new schedule

### *ACT OF REPARATION OF HONOR - TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*

*In the Most Adorable Sacrament of the Altar*

*(Official Act for Members of the Guard of Honor)*

*In the name of the Father, etc.*

**M**ost adorable Saviour; by the most wonderful prodigy of Thy love for us, Thou dost remain hidden in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, in order to be the perpetual sacrifice of the New Law, the innocent victim for our sins, the celestial food of our souls, our kind physician, our good master, our powerful mediator, and our loving father. But, alas, with what ingratitude, on our part, Thine infinite kindness is repaid!

**P**rostrate before Thine altar, where Thou art as really present as in the highest heavens, we come to make reparation for all the injuries and for all the ingratitude inflicted on Thy loving Heart in this sacrament.

**O** divine Jesus, grant us to make a fitting reparation for all blasphemies, all profanations, and all sacrileges ever committed, for the want of devotion and neglect of preparation for Holy Communion, for the little fruit we have drawn from it.

**P**ardon, O Lord, pardon, for so many Christians, who know Thee not and who offend Thee; for so many heretics who insult Thee, for so many impious men and apostates who persecute Thee. By the fervor of our love we would wish to make amends to Thee for all their contempt and for all their sacrileges.

**H**ow happy should we be, O Jesus, could we but make reparation to Thy glory by our respect, by our zeal, aye even by the shedding of our blood. At least, most adorable Saviour, grant us the grace to love Thee in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, with the most tender, the most generous, the most perfect, the most constant love.

**V**irgin most holy, by thy holy and Immaculate Heart, make us enter into the adorable Heart of thy divine Son, Jesus Christ.

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