



St. Francis Borgia

Roman Catholic Church

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020



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Sacramental Emergencies Only: Please call the Parish Office and press "2"

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday-Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

First Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Mission Statement

As the Parish families of St. Francis Borgia of Blair, Nebraska, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the Roman Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ's presence among us. We manifest God's work through our active participation in spiritual, educational, liturgical and service acts directed at bringing Christ to all.

John 15: Jesus says "love one another as I have loved you."

Dear Friends in Christ,

1. **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple forty days after His birth, in accordance with Jewish law. We remember this occasion of our Lord's Life especially when we pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.

As Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple today, let us renew our commitment to God. Earlier this week, we celebrated the memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest theologians of our Catholic Church. As we rededicate ourselves to God, let us make use of one of St. Thomas Aquinas' many beautiful prayers:

Prayer for a Good Life

by St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant O merciful God, that I may ardently desire, carefully examine, truly know and perfectly fulfill those things that are pleasing to You and to the praise and glory of Your holy name.

Direct my life, O my God, and grant that I might know what you would have me to do and for me to fulfill it as is necessary and profitable to my soul.

Grant to me, O Lord my God, that I may not be found wanting in prosperity or in adversity and that I may not be lifted up by one nor cast down by the other.

May I find joy in nothing but what leads to You and sorrow in nothing but what leads away from You.

May I seek to please no one or fear to displease anyone, save only You.

Grant to me, O Lord God,

- a vigilant heart that no subtle speculation may ever lead me from You;
- a noble heart that no unworthy affection may draw me from You;
- an upright heart that no evil purpose may turn me from you.

Give me a steadfast heart that no tribulation may shatter and a free heart that no violent affection may claim as its own.

And finally, grant me O Lord my God, a mind to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you.

Give me a way of life pleasing to You; perseverance to trust and await You in confidence that I shall embrace You at the last. Amen.

2. **POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT**

Come and join us this Friday, February 7, for a potluck and movie night in our parish social hall. The potluck begins at 6:00 p.m. and the movie at 6:45 p.m. If you are not able to come for the potluck, you can still come for the movie. Please call Kelly at the Parish Office if you are coming for the potluck, so that we know how many people to expect. The movie is *Apparition Hill*, a powerful movie on Medjugorje. It is rated PG-13.

To Jesus through Mary,

Father Damien



Pray for one another

If there are any additions to, or removals from the prayer chain, please call Jane Gramke Stevens 402.278.2652

David Shumaker
Chris Stevens-Gill
Megan Sorensen
Sharon Allen
Amy Murray
Viola Michrina
Gavin McCoy
Mike Kult
Angela Howard
Clair Kneifl
Mary Nelson
Sherry McBride
G. & F. Marek family
Troy McCandless
Mary Ann Wenzl
Helan Johnson
Eric Sorensen
Mike Hoefler
Grace Sorsoli
Helen Herman
Vince Kavanaugh
Jason Smith
Judy Quest
Kevin Mann
Nathan Kocmik
Sherry Pruss
Mary C Beckman
Jerry Wilke
Barbara Rican
Luke Kollars
Phil Thomas
Gordon C Gladdon
Andrea Dickerson
Shitra Mickerjee
Jack Comstock
Kasey Comstock
Kevin Clarke

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE (meh-ju-go-ria)

I would like to personally invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **November 27 to December 5, 2020**. I have been to Medjugorje four times. Each time, it has been a powerful and moving experience. Medjugorje has given me a deeper love for Jesus and our Mother Mary. It has also positively impacted my priesthood in many ways. The Vatican has given permission for dioceses and parishes to organize pilgrimages to Medjugorje. We already have a few parishioners signed up! We will be going with Stella Mar Pilgrimages. They produced the movies *Apparition Hill* and *Where There Is Darkness*. (You might remember the latter movie being promoted in our parish this past summer). The cost is around \$2,735 per person, and includes airfare, lodging, breakfasts and lunches. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and speak with Kelly. Also, if you would like to watch the movie *Apparition Hill*, a powerful movie on Medjugorje, two copies are available for loan from the Parish Office.



Potluck & Movie Night

Come join us for a potluck and movie!

Date: Friday, February 7

6:00 p.m. Potluck

6:45 p.m. Movie: **Apparition Hill**

POTLUCK DINNER

If you are unable to make it for the potluck, feel free to come just for the movie.



Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 402.426.3823

SCAM ALERT

Scams (both email and text messages) involving church

Please be aware that there have been many recent scams in our Archdiocese of people impersonating priests and asking them to purchase large amounts of gift cards or to send money orders.

The email and text messages look realistic, but are in fact scams. Please call the Parish Office immediately and let us know if you receive one of these email or text messages supposedly from Father Damien or any other priest.

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — 33 Days to Morning Glory



A five week preparation to Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary beginning Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. and meeting each week until March 24, 2020, with Consecration taking place on March 25, 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation. If you have already made a consecration, this is your opportunity to renew it. If you have never made a consecration, this is your time. You will need the book 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Gaitley. You can find it on Amazon for kindle new or used paperback.

Questions email Rebecca Crotty racrotty222@hotmail.com or text 402-237-9892.

It is urgently necessary in these times for the Blessed Virgin to have a powerful victory over evil: the triumph of the Immaculate Heart, the triumph of grace over sin, of light over darkness, of truth over error, of holiness over corruption, of peace over war and violence. "The triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is necessary for the salvation of humanity, to show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of her womb" (John Paul II: Angelus, July 8, 1984)

Do you know the power of a Mass Intention?

As Catholics, we have a special responsibility to pray for those who have died. A Mass may be said for anyone who is living or deceased, or may be said for the intention of anyone you know, in thanksgiving for something, or for a birthday or anniversary. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for a Mass intention.



Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, February 7 from 7:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Spend precious time with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration!

Please call the Parish Office if you are able to spend the 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. or the 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. hour with Jesus during Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

* Eucharistic Adoration is on the first Friday of each month *

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

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

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Safe Environment Certification is the key to providing a safe place for our children, and it's a way to honor their trust in us as adults. This past year, the archdiocese expanded the number of adults that need to be Safe Environment certified in parishes. This still includes all PRE teachers and assistants and has added any other adults that have contact with children or vulnerable adults. For example, some Knights of Columbus, EMHCs who take Communion to the sick and home bound, and parish celebration volunteers, including fish fry volunteers, Sunday donut volunteers, Celebration Committee members, etc.

The certification has three steps:

- * Completing a criminal background check
- * Reading and acknowledging the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct
- * Attending a Safe Environment Training class (a two-hour in-person training that helps adult recognize the signs of abuse and neglect)

This certification is valid for five years. Recertification can be achieved through online training and a new background check. For more information on Safe Environment, please visit: www.wordofhonor.archomaha.org

There are several training sessions offered in Fremont and Omaha, and those can be found by visiting www.archomaha.org/safe-environment/. You will select your class and follow the account setup and registration process.

Please contact Sinéad Chaffee (sinead.pre@outlook.com) in the parish office (402-426-3823) with questions about the program.

Pastoral Care

MASS FOR SHUT INS

First Friday at Crowell Nursing Home - 10:00 a.m.

Second Friday at Good Shepherd - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday:

Archdiocesan Mass: Channel 6 at 10:30 a.m.

PARISH ROSARY

Saturday 4:35 p.m. & Sunday 7:35 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.

First Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Confessions may also be heard by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

Baptisms

Contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance to schedule. All parents are expected to attend a short Baptism preparation meeting.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders

Please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Rev. Andrew Roza, at 402-558-3100.

Hospital Calls

Please contact the Parish Office.

Funeral Rites

Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

For General Operations

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 5,385.00
Collected January 25/26	\$ 7,203.23
Budget YTD	\$ 166,935.00
Collected YTD	\$ 170,139.11



MASS TIMES

Please note that there will be **NO weekday Mass on Tuesday, February 4.**

Monday, February 3 <i>Frank & Lorraine Smith †</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, February 4	NO MASS
Wednesday, February 5 <i>Patricia Vandello †</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Thursday, February 6 <i>Mel & Barb Kennedy †</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Friday, February 7 <i>Lucy Wee †</i>	7 a.m. Mass
Saturday, February 8 <i>Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia</i>	5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, February 9 <i>Subby & Norita Salerno †</i> <i>Dave Stephenson †</i>	8 a.m. Mass 10 a.m. Mass



LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES

For the Weekend
Of Feb. 8 & 9

5:00 P.M. SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY
EMHC (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) * Denotes Distribution of Precious Blood		
J. Adams Zurek K. Adams* Aman* Bretey*	Camelin M. Comstock* C. Comstock* Demers* Foley*	Mullen Petersen Ortmeier* Sorensen* Bray* Sheehan*
Lectors		
Wilkins	Boesiger	Frazer
Altar Servers		
S. Lager Q. Bretey M. Bretey	K. Adams E. Adams K. Cortez	A. Czapl W. Clarke M. Schrad
Rosary Leaders		
Crotty	Tonn	McKeon