

SUNDAY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, February 3 — St. Blaise

7:30 AM - Joe Heim

Wednesday, February 4 — St. Andrew Corsini

8:15 AM - Dorothy Riley+

Thursday, February 5 — St. Agatha

7:30 AM - Kim Atwell+

Friday, February 6 — St. Paul Miki and Companions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 5:00pm

8:15 AM - Alice Van Dyke

Saturday, February 7 — St. Romuald

No Morning Mass

5:00 PM - Jim Alford+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, February 8 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

10:00 AM - Steve Pfaff

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Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

I Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12a

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org,

if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC), at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

• **“BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS THEIRS!”**

THIS WEEKS' SAINTS

February 2: Presentation of the Lord

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

February 3: St. Blaise

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

February 4: St. Andrew Corsini

He was born in Florence on November 30, 1302, a member of the powerful Corsini family. Wild in his youth, Andrew was converted to a holy life by his mother and became a Carmelite monk. He studied in Paris and Avignon, France, returning to his birthplace. There he became known as the Apostle of Florence. He was called a prophet and miracle worker. Named as the bishop of Fiesole in 1349, Andrew fled the honor but was forced to accept the office, which he held for twelve years. He was sent by Pope Urban V to Bologna to settle disputes between the nobles and commoners, a mission he performed well. Andrew died in Fiesole on January 6, 1373. So many miracles took place at his death that Pope Eugenius IV permitted the immediate opening of his cause.

February 6: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: “The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.”

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES FEBRUARY 7-8		
Mass Time	Position	Knights
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Sam Brobst Shay Johnson
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	David Lentz Gabe Widner
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	A.J. Warren Oliver Perry Burke Beetsma Rocky Sherer Grady Allen William Feeney Jack Cooper

LECTOR SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 8	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Steven Palmer
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter



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*Weekly Offering
January 25, 2026*

*Offertory \$ 14,972
Votive Lights \$296
Birthright \$100*

Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

February 6—Exposition following the 8:15am and ending at 5:00pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights meeting will be Monday, February 2nd at 7:00pm in the Bishop Hogan cafeteria.

Sunday Bulletins are also published on the website stcolumbanchurch.com [facebook.com/St.Columban Church/](https://facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/)

ALTAR SOCIETY COOKBOOK SUBMISSION

The Altar Society is now accepting parishioner recipes for our upcoming cookbook, which will be available at the Salad Luncheon.

At the back of the church, you'll find two baskets:

- One contains instructions and entry forms for submitting recipes either online or manually.
- If you prefer to submit manually, please complete the form, **include your phone number for follow-up questions**, and place it in the second basket. We will enter your recipe for you.

We especially encourage submissions of the salads and pies featured at the Salad Luncheon. To help us highlight these, please write "Salad Luncheon" next to your name. All recipe categories are welcome. We look forward to including your favorites!

VOCATIONS CHALICE

We are excited about a brand new initiative here at St. Columban to help promote and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life! It's a traveling vocations chalice! Every week, the chalice will go to a family who will pray with it for more vocations. With the chalice will be a few prayers that the family is to say every day they have the chalice as well as some other ideas for you and your family to do when you have it. We will be continually adding to it and feel free to add your own ideas for those who come after you! If you would like your family to have the chalice for a week, please email the parish office and we will get you on the calendar. Thank you for helping us pray for more vocations!

SCHOOL NEWS

This past week was filled with activities and excitement as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. We were honored to welcome Mayor Theresa Kelly, who presented a Proclamation recognizing the vital role Catholic schools play in fostering spiritual growth, academic achievement, and service to the community. Catholic Schools Week is a time our students eagerly anticipate each year. Throughout the week, we celebrated our students, staff, and the wider community who make our school such a special place. And we prayed for each group, as well as adding the special intentions of parishioners into our daily prayers

At Bishop Hogan Memorial School, we are lucky to learn, pray, and grow in a special environment. This would not be possible without the generous support of people like you, the members of St. Columban Parish. When you support our school, you invest in the future of all of our students and the Catholic Church.

As we end Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you for all you do to help our school. We know that St. Columban Church is an integral part of our community. Thank you for being a blessing to us!

Gratefully,
Pam Brobst and Bishop Hogan School