

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
JANUARY 29, 2012**

Monday, January 30

8:15AM Deceased Members of CCW

Tuesday, January 31, St. John Boxco

8:15AM Shannon Waller

Wednesday, February 1

10:00AM Robert J. Wojcik

Thursday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

No Mass

Friday, February 3, St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

8:15AM Roberta Postman by Romana Lofink

Saturday, February 4

5:00PM John Hangar by Family

Sunday, February 5

9:00AM For The Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JAN, 29TH THRU FEB. 4TH

Sunday	9AM Mass - Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9:45 - 11AM PSR Class Pre-School Sunday School During 9AM Mass Beginning of Catholic Schools Week
Monday	11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon
Tuesday	7PM Fanning the Flame Discussion Group - Parish House 8:15AM Mass (Grades 1 - 4)
Wednesday	10AM Mass at Chester Rehab
Thursday	No Mass - Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM All School Mass Early Dismissal at 1:30PM (Bus Service Available)
Saturday	5PM Mass PTO Trivia Night
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ. For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

SERVERS SCHEDULE: Feb. 5, 5PM, Colin Wingerter, Elizabeth Soellner; 9AM, Rachael Niermann, Hunter Fedderke

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: LEADERS - Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD for Jan. 22nd: \$5,944.68 from 149 env.; Imp. Fund, \$839.50

THANK YOU so much for your care, prayerful support and expressions of sympathy upon the death of our mom, Vi Pautler. She led a long, full, and happy life of almost 92 years; and although we will miss her greatly, we celebrate her life. Cheryl Gross and family.

HAVE YOU heard of Catholic Radio? We will be getting a station in the area soon. Please come to a Benefit Dinner on Friday night, March 30, 2012 at the Perryville Knights of Columbus. Bishop Robert Hermann will be the Keynote Speaker. Reservations are required. Please contact Covenant Network at 877-305-1234 for reservations or more information.

FR. JOHN MARK ETTENSOHN, O.M.I, of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate will conduct a four-day Parish Mission at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 611 West Broadway in Sparta from Sunday, January 29th until Wednesday, February 1st. The faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Pius V. Churches would be most happy to have you and your friends as their guests for this grace-filled event. The principal powerful message will be at 7PM each evening. For more information, please call (618) 443-2811 or visit www.MyLourdes.org.

BUENA VISTA NATIONAL BANK & CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT offer **FREE** Child Fingerprinting February 11, 2012, 9AM - 12Noon at Buena Vista National Bank in Chester. Nothing is more important than your child's safety! Each child will receive a **FREE** Fingerprint ID Kit!

YOU'RE INVITED Evansville K of C fish buffet is Friday Feb. 3rd from 4:30PM to 8PM. Buffet includes 4 kinds of fish & 7 sides. Adults, \$11.00; Children, 5-12, \$5. Buffet is dine in only. Carryouts are by the plate, sandwich or by the pound.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
Seed Folks: A Self-Care Retreat sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries. Presenter: Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell. Friday, February 17, 6PM - Sunday, Feb. 19, noon. We will consider sowing into the soil of who we are . . . For pricing and more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6281.

THE NEXT CCW (Sodality) meeting will be Monday, February 13, at the KC Hall. All Parish women welcome.

LIBRARY - Additional study resources for Fanning the Flame are available in the Catholic Library at the Parish House or searching for information on a saint, try the Catholic Library. There are books, DVD's, video's, cassette's, . . . Feel free to come in and explore.