Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am Fri: 8:45 am

Adoration
Tues-Thurs: 7:00 am—8:00 am (C)
Thursday: 8:30 am—8:30 pm (SFC)

Confessions
Saturday: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
Tues-Thurs: 7:30 am—7:50 am
or by appointment

Morning Prayer/Rosary
Mon-Thurs: 7:25 am

Parish Office
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Fax: 651-777-8743
Office Hours:
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Website:
www.presentationofmary.org

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pastor@presentationofmary.org
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Deacon Michael Martin
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Preschool Director
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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” - John 2:1-3

**Mass Intentions**

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**From the Director of Administration and Finance**

There are many gifts. You shall be called "My Delight."

Last November I spoke from the pulpit regarding how over the past several years this community had been “distressed and dispirited.” I also recounted how, now with a new shepherd, we see a vigorous new spirit and enthusiasm. What a change in just a few months!

Today’s readings remind me of a similar theme of change: God’s great blessings bring new life to the distressed and desolate. “No more shall people call you ‘Forsaken,’ or your land ‘Desolate,’ but you shall be called ‘My Delight’” (Is 62:4). God has indeed blessed this parish with, among other things, a great spirit of generosity and involvement.

Today’s epistle speaks to a message I frequently address: recognizing the many gifts given to, and manifest in, God’s people. Paul furthers this theme in his letter to the Corinthians by addressing the source, the One Source, from which all gifts emanate.

Indeed there is great reason to see delight in Presentation! The many gifts of the individuals and families at Presentation have been abundantly given to our December Drive. The result was a greatly successful campaign! As the bulletin has clearly reported, the Drive provided the funds to exceed our year-to-date need as of the end of December. Though we still have a great deal of makeup work to do, this huge stride greatly assists us in getting back to a balanced budget.

There is a long history at Presentation of abundant generosity of giving to special projects and special collections. This same generosity is needed for the day-to-day operations, for repaying our past several years’ shortfalls, for the repairs and maintenance of our facilities, and for establishing reserves for the normal ups and downs experienced over time. I encourage you to continue to remember our annual operating needs in your giving and to continue your faithful sharing of your gifts of time, your many talents, and your treasure.

In Christ,

- Steve Blessing

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**Infant Baptism:**
Contact the Parish Office.
A preparation session is required. Session may be taken prior to the birth of the child.

**Marriage:**
Begin arrangements with the priest or deacon at least 1 year in advance.

**Anointing of the Sick:**
This sacrament is available to anyone who is seriously ill or suffering from a prolonged illness. Please call the Parish Office for arrangements.

**First Communion, First Confessions, Confirmation, Adult Baptism:**
Please call the Parish Office at 651-777-8116.

**New Parishioners:**
Anyone wishing to register as a member of the parish may call the Parish Office at 651-777-8116. If you move, or change your phone number, please call the Parish Office and let us know your new address.

**Prayer Line:**
Jo Kusz 651-771-7438

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**Save the Date for Chris Stefanick Live!**

Coming to Presentation Parish
Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Tickets: $19.00
For tickets and more information, visit www.presentationofmary.org

*Rediscover the life God created for YOU!*

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**H.E.O. Update**

Thank you for your donations to area food shelves. 98 pounds went to Merrick Comm. Serv., Mplwd., on January 11. January 18—Anne Carlson, Salvation Army, Maplewood

Thank you for your generosity! May God bless you!
In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for us alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Stewardship

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center lower level. For more information, please call Colleen at 651-295-9853.

The Two Feet of Social Concerns

Justice: Some members of our Justice Committee and also several members of our Faith Community are participating in the 4-week series of workshops on the Islamic Religion. These sessions are held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (6:30 – 8:30 pm) on 4 Mondays: January 11th, 18th, 25th, and February 1st. All are welcome to participate. One can also be informed on the same topic by going on-line to the following website: http://lirs.org/myneighborsmuslim.

Charity: Donations of food, funds, clothing, gift cards, and household items can cause a ripple of HOPE in the hearts of people who face poverty every day. Thus we welcome donations of anything that is clean and in good condition.

NEEDED: Quarters for laundry, a small George Foreman grill, a small or medium sized crock pot, gift cards for food and gas, and bed linens for two twin sized beds. In advance: THANKS AND BLESSINGS!

“People honored and respected M. L. King because he honored and respected them.” - Author unknown

Retirement Fund for Religious

“We cannot begin to repay all who contribute,” writes a Catholic sister. “So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you.” Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

For Sale—One Day Only!

Sunday, January 17, noon-2:00 pm, Presentation Rectory Garage

35 30” x 80” folding tables: $15 each; 6 36” x 80” easily repairable folding tables (includes all available parts): FREE! If you can’t attend the sale that day but are interested, contact Rick Bidwell at 651-260-7032.

Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus Council #4374 is sponsoring a pancake breakfast for Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 31, from 9:00 am–12:30 pm in Kenney Hall, featuring all-you-can-eat pancakes with sausages, scrambled eggs, potatoes, orange juice, coffee, and milk. Cost: adults: $8; children ages 5-13: $5; children ages 4 and under: free.

FFF: Since this is a holiday weekend, there is no FFF session today nor on January 31st (Catholic Schools Week). There will be FFF sessions on January 24th and each Sunday in February.

- S. Kathy

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available for parish weekday and weekend Masses for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one on the anniversary of their death, or another special occasion; or, for example, for someone living on the occasion of a serious illness. If you would like to have a loved one remembered at a parish Mass, please contact the Parish Office to schedule an available time.

Pastoral Care

PASTORAL VISITS: Because of the Right to Privacy laws, Presentation Church is not notified of parishioners who are in the hospital, homebound, or have entered a health care facility. We must hear from you, a family member, or a friend if you wish to be visited by our pastor or pastoral minister. Call our Parish Office, and our receptionist will pass on the information.

“Little Angels Suite”

We would like to introduce to you the “Little Angels Suite,” which is the confessional on the north side of the Church! This can be used during Mass by anyone who would like a quiet place with their child.

Stewardship

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Preservation School News

♦ Parents who missed Kindergarten Information Night last Thursday are encouraged to contact Principal Pete Noll (651-842-6032 or principal@presentationofmary.org) for more information about enrolling in our school for next year.

♦ Presentation School will be closed on Monday, January 18th, in observance of Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

♦ Our annual Presentation School Open House is Sunday, January 31st, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The Open House is our official kick-off to Catholic Schools Week. We look forward to showing everyone what has been going on in our building and welcoming those who are new to our community or considering joining.

♦ The annual Catholic United Financial School Raffle will officially be launched on Thursday, January 28th! Watch for a flyer in the January 31 church bulletin containing more details. School families will be selling tickets after weekend Masses beginning that weekend. Updates on the Raffle will be posted on our school website. Thank you, in advance, for generously participating in our Raffle which supports our school program.

Preschool News

The RRR children have been learning about winter. We did a snow experiment to see what would happen when the snow melted and whether the snow was clean or dirty. We graphed our favorite snow activity (ice fishing won). We brainstormed all words that described winter and made our favorite scene in a winter snow globe.

- Ms. Michelle H.

My School at Presentation Preschool!

For Toddlers 18 months — 3 years of age

Longing for a program your toddler can call their own? Come to “My School” at Presentation Preschool! Classes are held once a month on Tuesdays from 6:00 pm—7:00 pm. The cost is $10 per child per class. Classes will be held on January 19, February 9, March 15, and April 19.

Invitation to Potluck

Please join us for dinner in Kenney Hall on Saturday, January 23rd, at 6:00 pm. following the Saturday Mass. The meal is open to all and is being hosted by the Presentation Women’s Group CCW.

Come meet us! The group’s officers will be on hand to answer questions, and to welcome any women parishioners over 18 years of age interested in joining.

There is no cost for this meal, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Needed

Presentation School is seeking a long-term substitute teacher for middle school (Grades 6-8) Mathematics and English/Literature for February-April 2016. This position may be split into two part-time positions if necessary. (Math in morning and English in afternoon). This is a temporary/long-term, full-time position with benefits, and will remain open until filled.

Please send a cover letter, résumé, and two professional references (preferably in the form of recommendation letters) to principal@presentationofmary.org. For more information, contact:

Dr. Pete Noll, Principal
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School
1625 Kennard Street, Maplewood, MN 55109
Direct: 651-842-6032; Fax: 651-777-8283
Web: www.presentationofmary.org/school

55 Club Lunch

When: Tuesday, January 19
Where: Moose Lodge Banquet Room
1946 English Street, Maplewood, MN
Time: 11:45-12:00 check-in; 12:05 lunch
Followed by entertainment and socializing
Cost: $8 per person (all you can eat served buffet style)
Menu: Meatloaf, roasted reds, salad bar, cupcakes
Entertainment: Steve Paris on guitar
RSVP: 651-842-6055 by January 18
Please bring a canned item to be donated to Presentation’s Pastoral Emergency Fund.

Thinking Spring

Calling all Motor Heads: The Spring Festival is only four months away on the weekend of May 14 and 15. This year we will be hosting a classic car show. Anyone who owns a classic car (or knows of anyone) and belongs to a club, please contact Jim Heymans.

We are also looking for help in chairing some activities such as obtaining gifts and giveaways, table set-up and take-down, and custodial work. There is also an opening for a co-chair to assist in planning the organization of and overseeing the weekend of the event.

Please call Jim Heymans at 651-353-3866 or Kay Mottaz at the Parish Office if interested and for more information.

At The Advertisers
Supporting Our Church Bulletin
**Mass Readings (Week of January 18)**

18-Mon: 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Ps 50: 8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23; Mk 2: 18-22

19-Tues: 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Ps 89: 20-22, 27-28; Mk 2: 23-28

20-Wed: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3: 1-6

21-Thurs: 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Ps 23: 1b-3a, 4-6; Mt 13: 44-46

22-Fri: 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Ps 57: 2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3: 13-19

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

23-Sat:

24-Sun: Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19: 8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 12: 12-14, 27; Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

**Homebound Communion Ministers**

January 17th  
Bob Alman  
Sheila Blanda  
Pat Blaskowski  
RoseLyn Worrel—MCC  
Mary Ann Leo—Iowa Hi-rise

January 24th  
Christine Jacobson  
Ellen LaScotte  
Deb & Mike Braun  
Tom Bieter—MCC  
Doug & Joanne Cunnien—Iowa Hi-rise

**Altar Servers Schedule**

**Saturday, January 23—5:00 pm**  
Bobbie Taylor, Dain and Davis Erickson

**Sunday, January 24—8:30 am**  
Art, Matthew, and Kari Heimer

**Sunday, January 24—10:30 am**  
Danny Hagedorn, David Gallagher, Joey Bertini

**Domestic Disaster Relief Collection**

Archbishop Hebda is asking all parishes of the Archdiocese to join with Catholics around the country to help support the victims of the severe storms, tornados, and flooding in the South and Midwest regions of our country. Therefore, a special second collection will be taken at next weekend’s Masses, January 23 and 24. Please make checks payable to Presentation Church, and on the memo line indicate “Domestic Disaster Relief.”

**Rest in Peace**

Please remember in your prayers  
Marie Anzevino  
who died recently.  
Our sympathy to her family and friends.

Our parish welcomes the newly baptized:  
Zoey Irene Ruiz  
Please pray for her as she continues to grow in Christ.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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Total (past week) ........................................ $9,317... $402,504
Sunday Envelopes (past week) .............. $8,197.... $294,149
Automatic Deposits (past week) ....... $772.... $97,258
Plate Collection (past week) ........... $346....... $10,829
Children’s Envelopes (past week) ........ $2.65...... $267.99

Total Received (thru Jan 11) ........... $30,319 ... $402,504

RENEW Fund Prior Balance ................. $88,536
New Receipts Past Week .......................... $774
RENEW Fund Current Balance ............... $89,310

Religious Retirement Collection ........... $4,732.59

**Parish Calendar**

17-Sun: 12:00 pm RCIA (CR)
18-Mon: OFFICE AND SCHOOL CLOSED (MLK Jr. Day)
                      6:00 pm Brownie Troop 53655 (KH)
19-Tues: 11:45 am 55 Club (Off Site)
                      7:00 pm WYD 2016 Planning Meeting (CR)
                      7:00 pm Presmen Basketball (G)
20-Wed: 6:30 pm Youth Choir Practice (C)
21-Thurs: 8:30 am Adoration (SFC)
                      2:30 pm Rosary Ramsey Care Center
                      6:00 pm SAC Meeting (MRS)
                      6:00 pm Science Fair (KH)
                      6:30 pm Reboot Live Training (CR)
                      7:00 pm GA (MR/KR/FR)
22-Fri: 8:45 am All-School Mass (C)
                      10:30 am Ramsey CC Communion Service
                      5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 55582 (MR)
23-Sat: 10:00 am Cub Scout Pack 461 Pinewood Derby (G)
                      6:00 pm Parish Potluck Hosted by CCW Women’s Group (KH)
                      6:00 pm High-School-Only Roller Skating (Off Site)
24-Sun: 9:45 am Children’s Choir Practice (MRS)
                      9:45 am Faith Formation (S)
                      12:00 pm RCIA Program (CR)
                      6:00 pm Confirmation Candidates (KH)

**Key to Meeting Places:**

Parish Center  
Other Areas:  
C-Church, BR-Band Room, FFC-Faith Formation Center, FL-Faculty Lounge, G-Gym, KH-Kenney Hall, KRS-Kindergarten Rooms in School, MRS-Mary’s Room in School, PS-Preschool, R-Rectory, RF-Raymond Field, S-School, WR-Wold Resource

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”  
—Martin Luther King Jr.