

# FEBRUARY



### OUR CATHOLIC FAITH IN FEBRUARY

With Christmas behind us, February falls within ORDINARY TIME in our liturgical calendar. February is a short, cold month, but you'll see green around our churches as it is the color that represents Ordinary Time. As we work through the calendar, your children will learn more about Jesus' life and miracles. February is dedicated to honoring the Holy Family. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus gave us a wonderful model of a self-less, devoted family. You can honor the Holy Family this month by discussing ways that you can be more like Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Set aside a day or evening that you spend together, doing something that you love. Other ways to practice your Catholic faith this month...

-February 2nd is the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. Light candles at dinner or in the evening as a reminder of the light that the infant Jesus brought to the world.

February 3rd is the feast day of St. Blaise. St. Blaise once saved a boy who was choking and later said that anyone who lights a candle in his honor will be free of infection. We could all use protection from illness during these winter months!

-On February 8th, pray for the safety and strength for Christians living in parts of the world where Christians are persecuted in honor of St. Josephine Bakhita.

IFebruary well is cold and dreary in our part of the world. Take a winter walk as a family to find God's glory and goodness all around us.

### CLASS MEETINGS IN PERKINSVILLE

**February 2 and 9**

9:00 Children's Liturgy  
& Classes after Mass

*February 9*

*To celebrate and show God's love, we'll be creating Valentines for shut-ins. Please join us for the first 15 minutes of class if you'd like to do some card making with us!*

### FIRST PENANCE

First Penance lessons have begun with our 2nd grade students. We have 5 children excited to learn more about how they can receive God's grace through the Confession and Penance. Please add Finn, Josie, Lincoln, Lucas, and Olive to your prayers. They have lots of questions and I can tell that they really want to strengthen their "friendship" with God. Classes meet on Thursdays from 5:00-6:00 in the St. Mary's Annex in Dansville. If your child is 7 or older and would like to participate, please contact Rachele as soon as possible.



### PREPARING FOR LENT

Though it feels like we just finished celebrating Christmas, it's already time to start thinking ahead to Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 5th. We'll help to prepare the children at class on 3/2 and hope that you'll join us for Mass in the evening on March 5th. The children of HFCC are so eager to learn and grow in their faith, I see it each time we celebrate Children's Liturgy. Filling our Mass obligations is an important part of their faith formation and allows the Holy Spirit to fuel that desire for more in their hearts.

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On Sunday 2/2, the children will hear how Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple and what Simeon and Anna noticed about him. My hope is to further the idea that what's really valuable about others is not what's seen on the outside, but who they are on the inside. Please continue to work on the craft your child brings home by recognizing their talents and good qualities. These words fill our children's hearts and help them fulfil God's plan for them.