

O my Jesus, in union with all the angels and the saints.
I adore thee in the most Holy Sacrament in which thou art concealed for the love of me.
I adore thee as my Lord, my God, my Creator, and my Redeemer. Amen

Diocesan Announcements

Lent Workshop – Join us for a transformative workshop during Lent 2024 on navigating the temptations in our world today and finding the guidance to overcome them! Led by Fr. Paul Zirimenya, this workshop will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 9:30am at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Arlington. Lunch is included, so please reserve your place by contacting Connie Martin or calling (817) 591-0186. Additionally, come together for a special Mass on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 11:00am, celebrated with the parishioners of St. Maria Goretti. Don't miss this opportunity of spiritual growth and community connection during the Lenten season!

Young Adult Lenten Retreat – February 24, 2024 held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Denton. Young Adult Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth are invited to attend a one-day Lenten Retreat led by the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. The retreat, which is specifically designed for those aged 18-35, will feature reflection on the Lenten homilies of St. Francis de Sales. The event will be held from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other young adult Catholics and deepen your spiritual practice. RSVP by February 21, 2024 <https://form.jotform.com/DioceseFW/young-adult-lenten-retreat-rsvp>

Young Adult Mass – All young adults, ages 18-35, of the Diocese of Fort Worth are invited to a special bilingual (Spanish & English) Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Olson on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 6:00pm. This Mass will take place at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth. Dinner will be offered in the St. Patrick Pastoral Center, but an RSVP is required before February 28, 2024.

Aging with Grace: A Catholic workshop for empty nesters, retirees, caregivers and their loved ones. Science may explain physical gaining, but life experience and faith can teach us far more about how to cope with it. As we age or care for aging parents, we often wonder what the Church teaches about ethical medical decisions, the sanctity of life, and preparing documents, such as advance directives or a will. This event will help answer those questions and provide guidance and inspiration for the journey ahead! The workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Catherine of Siena, 1705 E Peters Colony Rd., Carrollton, TX 75007. You are invited to join the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena for daily Mass before the workshop at 8:30am. Advance registration is REQUIRED and is limited to 50 participants. \$15 per person/\$25 per couple (includes Lunch, Snacks and Materials). To learn more or register visit: <https://www.advancementfoundation.org/aging-with-grace>

CDA Day of Reflection: Sat. Mar. 9, 9:00-2p.m., KC Hall in West. Program speaker: Sr. Mary Danielle Peters, member of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary. Submit name, phone #, & \$10 registration fee (check payable to CDA #829 or cash), by Fri., Mar. 1, to Cyndi Lair (254-537-2250). For additional information call Cyndi Lair, or June Danker (214-208-7514). Registration includes a lite breakfast and lunch

LOCAL EVENTS

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

219 W. MAGNOLIA ST.
PENELOPE, TX 76676

REV. THOMAS JONES, PASTOR
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First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024

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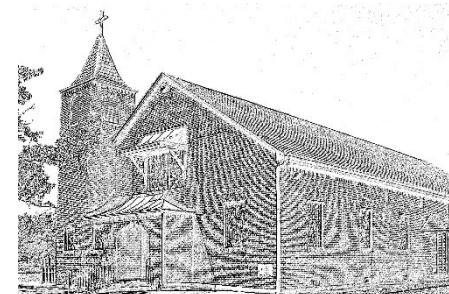
254-580-8458 (Deacon Denver Crawley)

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Parish Website: nbvm.org

Diocesan Website: fwdioc.org

A full list of Parish Staff and Ministry Leaders can be found on our parish website.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 8:00 am

Friday: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

After Mass on Sunday, 7:30am Thursday and Friday

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

Weekly Schedule

Date	Day	Time	MASS INTENTION	PARISH EVENT
2/18	Sunday	10:00 am	+Evelyn Makovy	
2/22	Thursday	8:00 am	+Barbara Rejcek Smith	
2/23	Friday	8:00 am	+Svacina Grandparents	
2/23	Friday	6:00 pm		Stations of the Cross
2/25	Sunday	10:00 am	+Patrick Kucera	

The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Memory of Mary Ann Fabian

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent beginning at 6:00pm

Second Collection, This Morning, February 18, 2024 - Today, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$23,900 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your support.

U.S. Church Regulations for Fasting:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from meat for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding from age 14 onwards.

The church recognizes that there are chronically or seriously ill individuals who cannot fast or abstain. The church still calls for these individuals to participate in acts of penance and works of charity. These can be performed throughout the week; however, it is especially appropriate that these acts be performed on Fridays in place of the Friday fast.

SAVE the DATE - Sunday (February 25, 2024) Annual Fried Chicken Dinner – Serving beginning at 10:30am. Meal consisting of fried chicken, dressing, sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, slaw & dessert. All parishioners are asked to bring two desserts. All help is appreciated in order to make our Fried Chicken Dinner a success!

2/25/2024 SERVERS		READER	GIFT BEARERS
Cross Eric Dudik		Jennifer Mynarcik	Larry & Jennifer Mynarcik
Riley Dudik			
USHERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS
David Holub	Joey Jaska		Derek Lednický
David Kucera	Dylan Kucera		David Lednický

	Fulton, Eugene	PRAYER LIST	Ohnhieser, Bernice
Abby, Linda	Hanzlicek, Pam	Matus, Brian	Peoples, Jessica
Altamirano, Salvador	Jackson, Heather	Matus, Herman & Joann	Perras, Jean
Baily, Samuel	Knapek, Lottie	Mikuda, George	Roessler, John & Alma
Barton-Finely, Amy	Kral, Donna	Miller, Janet	Roskos, David
Carlie, Carolyn	Kriss, Jr., Robert	Miller, Jim	Short, Meredith
Carr, Phyllis	Lander, Kevin	Mills, Adira	Sulak, Andrea
Cates, June	Lopez, Angel	Moreno, Jr., Perfecto	Talley, Renee
Disher, Benjamin	Lozano, Mary	Mynarcik, Diane	Taylor, Kent
Dudik, Ronnie	Machac, Judy	Nors, Fran	Warren, April
Dvorak, Mary Ann	Machac, Matthew	Nors, Kaitlin	Watson, Troy
Fleming, Bert & Barbara	Martin, Brantley	Oelrich, Don	Weber, Shelby

It is not necessary to be a member of the parish to be added to the list. You will not be put on the prayer list without your permission. **To have anyone added or removed, please contact Janice Chase via phone, text, or email at (254) 723-7943 or jac76707@yahoo.com.** Only the person requesting, or the person being prayed for can request removal from the list.

Enriching our Catholic Faith and our Love of God

Classes have resumed on Sunday's after Mass and will conclude at the end of the Easter Season in 2024. The classes are for all current parishioners along with anyone interested in becoming Catholic. The classes will focus on increasing our faith using Holy Scripture, The Catechism of the Catholic Church and supplemented with Ascension Press videos. If you have any questions please see Deacon Denver after Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: On Sundays we will have Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30-9:25am followed by the Rosary at 9:30am and Mass at 10:00am. We will continue Exposition, Adoration and Benediction beginning in January on First Fridays after Mass.

RCIA - Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic (RCIA) should contact Kelly Dudik at (254) 709-3022 for more information. proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - MARK 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

COLLECTION 2/11	
Envelopes	\$ 440.00
Loose	\$ 410.00
TOTAL	\$ 850.00

NATIVITY PARISH HALL RENTALS: Contact Debbie Lednický 254-709-6003.
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977 or jac76707@yahoo.com
(Announcements due by Wednesday, noon, to be included the following Sunday)
SANCTUARY LIGHT & MASS INTENTIONS: Contact Janice Chase 254-826-3977
 (Suggested donation \$5.00 per intention. Intentions may be placed in the collection basket)
CLMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS: Contact Marcella Sinkule 254-826-3860