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After a time of silence, all hold lighted candles as the leader continues:

Let us pray.
God of night and of day,
We praise you for the brightness of our sun,
For the softer light of the moon
And the splendor of the stars,
For the fires of earth that bring us light and warmth
Even as they imperil all who use them.
By the great and small lights we mark our days and seasons,
We brighten the night and bring warmth to our winter,
And in these lights we see light:
Jesus, whose light we receive in Baptism,
Whose light we carry by day and by night.

In the beauty of these candles,
Keep us in quiet and in peace,
Keep us safe and turn our hearts to you
That we may ourselves be light for our world.

All praise be yours through Christ,
The light of nations,
The glory of Israel,
Forever and ever,
R./ Amen.

The leader says:

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

The service may conclude with song.



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Holy Family Parish

Florence—Marion—Pilsen

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Pilsen Tues. 5pm - mid-
night; Tampa Weds. 8am - noon; Marion Thurs. 6am
– Fri. 8am.

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD: 30 minutes before every
Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, PSR, RCIA: Contact the church
office for information.

Saturday, Florence 5:00pm

EMHC: volunteers

Lector: Michele Regnier

Ushers: Nick Kraus, Duane
Kirkpatrick

Gift Bearers: Reilly &
Susan Reid

Servers: volunteers

Church Cleaners: Pat &
Mary Zogelman

Sunday, Marion 8:30am

EMHC: Loretta Turk, Ken Stuchlik,
Mitch Guetterman

Lector: Jordy Raymer

Ushers: Harold Bezdek, Russ Hake

Gift Bearers: Drew Salsbury family

Servers: Hugh & Hank Guetterman,
Ryder Kraus

Rosary: Theresa Cady

Coffee & Rolls: Ken & Malinda Stuchlik

Church Cleaners: Julie Scharping

Sunday, Pilsen 10:30am

EMHC: Francis & Mary Jirak, Vickie
Jirack

Lector: Tom Oborny

Ushers: Gail & Ron Makovec, Cody
Schafer, Gene Welter

Gift Bearers: David & Sam Oborny

Servers: Cameron Marsden, Kollin
Klenda, Canon Schafer

Rosary: Francis & Mary Jirak

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

THIS WEEK’S HOLY MASSES & INTENTIONS

Tues., 2/4	Marion 5:30pm	+Rich Schlehuber
Wed., 2/5	Marion 8am	+Edith Kmetz
Thurs., 2/6	Pilsen 8am	+Robert Neuwirth
Fri., 2/7	Tampa 6:30pm	+Flo Rahn
Sat., 2/8	Florence 5pm	+Amy Raleigh
Sun., 2/9	Marion 8:30am	For the Parish
	Pilsen 10:30am	+Bob & MaryAnn Schepker

Liturgical Assignments for February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time R 592 B 962

Homebound EMHC: Marion: Theresa Cady
Hillsboro: Bruce Winkler

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL WITH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Sunday, March 2, 2025 at the Pilsen Community Center

Starts at 11:30am with a brisket (not steak) and hot dog meal, games, and stewardship tables.

RSVP is greatly appreciated, but not required.

Please contact the church office for meal count by Fri., Feb. 21st.

*Come join us as we live together our communion that is Christ:
eating together, praying together, playing together.*

**CATHOLIC
HOUSEHOLD
BLESSINGS
AND
PRAYERS:**
more books have
been ordered and
will be here next
week!

A Note From Our Diocesan Director of Worship

The connection between the presentation of the Lord and candles is found in the canticle of Simeon—Simeon’s response to the presentation of the Lord: “Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). The light of the candles blessed in this liturgy is a liturgical symbol of Christ’s revelation of the Father to the nations. Christ is the light of the world (see John 1:3-5 and John 8:12), and in the liturgy, this light is seen. Liturgical symbols are not signs of absent realities. Because the light of these candles is a symbol of Christ, Christ—the light of the world—is present through the light of these candles.

Pope Sergius first established this procession in response to the pagan festival of Juno Februata, which included a candle procession of Ceres, searching for Proserpine. This procession stood in opposition to the pagan festivities, witnessing that Christ is the true light of the world. For this reason, the liturgy begins in a suitable place that is not inside the church and processes through the city. When the candles have been lit (symbolizing Christ), the people of God carry these lights through the city, revealing the light of Christ in profane space. In every liturgy, the faithful journey as pilgrims toward the holy city of Jerusalem (cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 8), and in this liturgy, that pilgrimage is made visible to all the nations. During this procession in which the faithful reveal Christ to the nations through symbols, they fittingly sing the antiphon, “a light of the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of your people, Israel.” This liturgical procession is, par excellence, the Church’s ritual witness of Christ to the world.

Prayer List

Lisa Hanschu	Rita Brennan	Jeremy Schlehuber	Candee Thode, <i>Daniel Stuchlik's sister</i>
Charlotte Casey	Jay Smith	Jake Smith	Mary McCarthy, <i>Ann Holt's sister</i>
JoAnn Nowak	Demitry Evancho	Lea Schwart	Tom Yazel, <i>Brad Yazel's father</i>
Delores Svoboda	Larry Rudolph	Mary Griffith	Harlan Knight, <i>Linda Judd's grandson</i>
Terry Holt	Robin Zimmer	Tim & Amy Vogel	Levi Williams, <i>Collette Haslett's nephew</i>
Charlotte Houle	Brandon Klenda	Jackie Palic	Elaine Stirn, <i>Art Stroda's sister</i>
Loretta Reising, <i>Sarah Fenske's aunt</i>			Tom Reichenberger, <i>Julie Carlson's father</i>
Beth Bouflog & family, <i>Susan Ross's daughter</i>			Perry Schump, <i>LaVada Holub's nephew</i>
David Staatz, <i>Art Stroda's brother-in-law</i>			Deanna Saba, <i>Lou Voelker's daughter</i>
Melissa Arnold, <i>Sarah Fenske's friend</i>			LaVerna Molleker, <i>Don Molleker's mom</i>
Vince Truax, <i>Rita Brennan's brother-in-law</i>			Dan Sobczynski, <i>LaVada Holub's nephew</i>
Cassandra Montoya, <i>Bob & Marlene Herzet's friend</i>		Charles Horinek, <i>Jim & Norma Horinek's nephew</i>	
Bob Grochowsky, <i>Don & Jeannie Vinduska's brother-in-law</i>		Ben Klenda, <i>Mark Klenda's brother</i>	
Jillian Ledford, <i>niece of Don & John Vinduska & Carol Wituk</i>		Taia Tinsley, <i>Pat Holub's daughter-in-law</i>	
Connie Whitcomb, <i>Duane & Lori Kirkpatrick's friend</i>		Sharon Hatfield, <i>Mark Klenda's sister</i>	
Jacque Havice, <i>Peggy Kleiber's sister-in-law</i>			

HOME BOUND & NURSING HOME: Tillie Schafers, Madonna Schafers, Dale Smith, Robert Raleigh, Susan Ross, Walter Plus, Kathleen Oborny, Glennis Monares, Irma Benda, Sunny Herman, Fr. Paul Oborny

22nd ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION

~ Saturday, February 22, 2025 ~

~ Pilsen Community Center ~

A meal will be served by the Pilsen Community Center at 6pm, followed by Live Auction around 7pm.

Silent Auction open for bidding upon arrival.

Join us for an evening of fun & a little friendly competitive bidding on KSU tickets, Thunder tickets, quilts, custom metal art, etc.

All funds raised benefit Marion County Charities and Individuals in need.

To donate items for the auction, contact Kim Oborny [785]366-3448, or Sam Oborny [620]382.4196.



95" x 111" quilt made by Jeannie Vinduska



Autographed Patrick Mahomes jersey donated by Marion Christian Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT TABOR on Tues., Feb. 4th at 7pm in small white chapel located on D St. in Hillsboro across from Tabor gym and by the cemetery.

SUPER BOWL SQUARES: St. Patrick's Altar Society is holding a fundraiser. After Mass, purchase a square for \$20 for your chance to win a payout. For questions, contact Melissa Parmley at 620-381-4173.

CANDLES BLESSED BY FATHER? Bring your candles to be blessed by Fr. Isaac **THIS SAT/SUN., Feb. 1st & 2nd** to Mass. Each household will get a 6 day votive candle to take home after Mass. FL - Set your candles on table behind last pew. Get them after Mass. MN - Mass starts in MAC. Place personal candles on table for blessing. Retrieve them in back of church after Mass. PL - Mass starts in PL Comm Center. Place personal candles on table for blessing. Get them at the bottom of the PL church steps after Mass.

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

God never stops dreaming of us becoming men and women of hope, harmony, and peace, as people who are not overcome by adversity. May we have the courage to dream for ourselves what God dreams for us!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tues., Feb. 4 - Adoration 7pm, Tabor college (small white chapel), on D St. in Hillsboro.
Fri., Feb 7 - First Friday Mass, Tampa 6:30pm. Before Mass, Confessions at 5:30pm, First Friday Devotions at 5:50pm, and Rosary at 6pm. NO Marion Mass.
Sat., Feb. 8 - Extra Confession 3-4pm, PL
Sat., Feb. 22 - Marion County Charity Auction, Pilsen Community Center, beginning with meal at 6pm
Sun., Mar. 2 - Mardi Gras Festival w/ Stewardship Renewal and meal, Pilsen Community Center, 11:30am

Your Contribution for Jan 25 & 26	\$8,063.52
Weekly Operating Budget	\$6,000.00
Overage (Shortfall)	\$2,063.52

Candlemas

Receiving Blessed Candles at Home

On February 2, forty days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (see Lk 2:22-40). Because it echoes the Christmas festival, this day is a celebration of light in darkness. Its Gospel tells of the old man Simeon's calling the infant Jesus a "light to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel."

For centuries, the Church has blessed candles on this day. Because of its simplicity and beauty, candles are used when the Church gathers for prayer, both in public places and in the home. Candles blessed at the Mass for this feast day may be brought into the home with the rite that follows. One or more of the candles is lighted; others are placed nearby. These candles are lighted at ordinary times (at dinner, for example) and at special times such as during the Anointing of the Sick or when Holy Communion is brought to a member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
A light no darkness can overpower.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
R/. Now and forever.

The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the prayer:

These candles bring beauty and light to our home. In the darkness, they tell us of God's gift of light and of Christ, whose light we received at Baptism. As we bring these blessed candles into our home, we are reminded of our call to be the Light of the world.

Then the scripture is read:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:25, 27-32):

There was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him....He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let you servant go in peace, according to your word,
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
R./ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

