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**Catholic Charities Bulletin Inserts  
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**The Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2025**

*“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” (Heb. 2:18)* Christ suffers with us in all of our trials. It is through joining others in their own tribulations that we build up our compassion, our love for God and others.

For all those who suffer from poverty, that Catholic Charities can aid in easing their pains; let us pray to the Lord.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 9, 2025**

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said; ‘send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8)* The Lord calls out to us, seeking disciples to send out into the world bearing His Good News. To fulfill the Gospel call, we must go out from our homes and into the community, to build it and serve it.

For the leadership of the Church and Catholic Charities, who did not shy away from responsibility but have given of themselves without reserve; let us pray to the Lord.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 16, 2025**

*“And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.’” (Lk. 6:20)* The poor have always held a special place in God’s heart. We are all called to solidarity with the poor, to live with them, to be poor in spirit.

For all those whose hearts have been hardened to the suffering of others, that the witness of Catholic Charities may soften them; let us pray to the Lord.

### **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle – February 22, 2025**

*“Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly.” (1 Peter 5:2)* Through Christ we share in a common Priesthood and each of us is called to serve our brothers and sisters in whatever way we can. And we should do this not in hope of reward, but for the joy of service.

For the silent servants of Catholic Charities and all those who provide help and create hope without reward; let us pray to the Lord.

### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 23, 2025**

*“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” (Lk. 6:38)* Christ tells us to be generous, as our Father in Heaven is generous, for we shall receive in kind what we have given to others and to God.

For an increase in the generosity of all people, that they may be inspired by the work of Catholic Charities to give of themselves in service to the poor and vulnerable in whatever way they can; let us pray to the Lord.