



February 9, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Love is in the air!! Or at least on Friday, anyway! Hope your Valentine's Day was a good one. Valentine's Day is often seen as a day to give chocolate or pick out the card that says just the right thing, or send roses. Or anything else Hallmark is trying to get you to buy. As Catholics, we remember that day is named after a saint.

St. Valentine was a martyr. In the early church it was still illegal to practice the faith. He was arrested, sent to prison and because he kept the faith he was killed for it on Feb. 14th. His legend contains many stories of miracles, acts of charity to couples preparing for marriage and his own courage facing death. As you may have guessed he is the patron saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers. He is also the patron of beekeepers, epilepsy, fainting, plague, travelers and greetings.

We hear from St. John's gospel "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:12.

St. Valentine did exactly that. He witnessed the faith by shedding his blood. It was his love of Jesus that moved his heart. The scriptures come alive for the saints. They allow it to deeply enter their hearts to shape and form their activities.

We probably have heard from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians many times. "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." 1 Cor. 13:4-8a.

As we consider love and (St.) Valentine's Day, the greatest expression of love is Jesus for us. Often we can take that for granted or our parent's love for us and they pass on to their reward. What a great gift love is. It is not something that can be forced but simply given. The saints show us how to give love without strings attached. May we strive to do so each day.

Any one in a relationship knows that love lived out with a little humor helps us not take ourselves too seriously and allows us to put others first. With that in mind, enjoy.

- A Buddhist monk walked into a bagel store and said, "Make me one with everything."
- Ever since I got punched in the nose by that clown, I've smelled funny.
- What kind of underwear works best for dogs? Boxers.
- Why did the farmer name her most rambunctious pig "Ink"? Because it kept running out of the pen.
- Did you hear about the doctor who performed surgery by correspondence? He is being sued for mail-practice.
- Why did the bowlegged cowboy get fired? Because he couldn't keep his calves together.
- What kind of music do rabbits like? They're naturally inclined to hip-hop.
- How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb? None--that's a hardware problem.

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 9, 2020

Sat. Feb. 8	5:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Norman & Frances Thomas</i>
Sun. Feb. 9	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
	10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tue. Feb. 11	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Grzenia</i>
Wed. Feb. 12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jack Koca</i>
Thu. Feb. 13	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Carol Bonafacchi</i>
Fri. Feb. 14	8:00 AM	For <i>Living and Deceased</i> <i>Members of the Dan & Patty Schluter Family</i>
Sat. Feb. 15	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Howard G. Rose</i>
Sun. Feb. 16	8:00 AM	For our Parishioners <i>and our School Children</i>
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Kueppers</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lechleiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis and Marie Boehm.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

Please join us for a Holy Hour for Penance and Healing on Saturday, February 22nd, our Diocesan Day of Healing, at 3pm.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Art Randall who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

Ash Wednesday Masses ~ February 26, 2020

8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

ATTENTION LADIES—The February PCCW Meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th. Please plan to attend.

Save the Date! ~ St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Pot Luck Dinner in Reardon Hall~ Following the 10 AM Mass on Sun-

Stewardship Corner ~ February 1st & 2nd, 2020
(534 Registered Families)

	WKLY BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$10,776.27	\$ 5,243.00
On-Line Giving		1,862.00
Children's Envelopes	19.23	8.00
Loose Offering	596.15	790.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$11,391.65	\$ 8,694.00
Budget Contingency Fund		\$ 25.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$ 364,532.80
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$ 328,478.07

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday Feb. 12		Religious Ed Classes
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday Feb. 13	10:30—1	Rosary Makers—RH
Friday Feb. 14	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Fall Festival—It's never too early to start thinking about the Fall Festival! We are looking for someone to be in charge of the dining room (including set up and clean-up and finding help). We are also looking for a **Chairperson-in-Training**. If you are interested in either of these positions, please give Therese Gunther a call at 847-6744.

St. Mary's Parish ~ Lyndon Station Annual Ham Dinner—Sunday, March 15th. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

YOUTH NIGHT this Sunday (2/9) from 6pm-7:30pm at Saint Patrick's school gym. This is open to grades 7th through 12th. Any questions please contact Mrs. Thayer re@stpatricksmauston.com

Men of the Cross Retreat—Marshfield: Saturday, February 15th at St. John the Baptist Church from 9am to 3 pm. A Day of Renewal for Men. A half-day retreat with time for prayer, reflection and renewal led by Deacon Ralph Poyo—a favorite speaker from the fall conference. Cost is \$25 and includes morning snack and lunch. Register at menofthecross.org/

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, February 16th from 9 AM—12 noon
~ in Reardon Hall.

Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and support our KC's and the St. Patrick's 5th grade class.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Working Together, Sharing Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith"

Our 2019—2020 target is \$37,940.00.

97 families have pledged \$23,755 to date. Thank you!

Pledge forms are available in the gathering area and at the rectory office.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 8th & 9th**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: David Hoffmann
 Extraordinary Minister: Rita Hamm
 Servers: Channing Sonnenberg, Braden Heath
 Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker, Dustin Ryberg
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Shari Sarazin
 Gift Bearers: Joan Potter & Bob Thomas
 Scrip Seller: Erin Lund
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
 Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Paul Schaller, Larry Moore
 Servers: Christopher & Noah Fry
 Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Carol Gross
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary
 Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack & Family
 Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller
 Ushers: Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,
 Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Bill Curran
 Extraordinary Minister: Joelle Curran
 Servers: Christian Brow, Brayden Housworth, Carter Field
 Greeters: Kris Mazur, Bill Thill, Devan Minard
 Musicians: Anna Boppart, Liz Housworth
 Gift Bearers: Mary Ann & Jim Allaby
 Scrip Seller: Gina Boppart
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
 Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Marion Koca & Donna Miller

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 15 & 16**Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Jerilynn Kolba
 Extraordinary Minister: Dorothy Gorski
 Servers: Nolan Powers, Karter & Gracey Kobylski
 Greeters: Marge Tremain, Joan Potter, Claire Fischbach
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Elliot Thayer
 Gift Bearers: Gary Rose
 Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal
 Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman,
 Dustin Ryberg

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lectors: Bridget Gunther, Mary Ann Strack
 Servers: Seth Schwedsky, Cody & Blake Komiskey
 Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey, Amelia Gunther
 Musicians: Ann Benz, Sadie Eckerman
 Gift Bearers: Jim & Debbie Bires
 Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry
 Ushers: Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan,
 Dave Netzer

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lectors: Howard Boppart, Jaime Pouillie
 Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart
 Servers: Caroline Marien, Eli Boppart, Garett Pouillie
 Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray
 Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
 Gift Bearers: Rita Kueppers
 Scrip Seller: Jodi Field
 Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby,
 Jim Allaby

10:00 AM Nursing Home Service:

Deacon Juan Delgado

Please join us for a Couple's Fiesta! Enjoy Mexican food and a game night in Reardon Hall on Sat. Feb. 29 ~ 6pm-8:30pm. This is a potluck so we ask that if you have been married: 1-10 yrs: please bring taco shells and toppings, 11-19 yrs: a side dish, 20-29 yrs: meat or beans, and 30+ yrs: dessert. We encourage you to also bring a game that you would want to play, but playing cards will be available. Questions? Please contact Katie Radl 608-343-3020, Jaime Pouillie 608-847-2233, or Cassandra Thayer 608-847-6054. We hope to see you there!

National Marriage Week February 7-14 ~ This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled "Stories from the Domestic Church." This and other valuable resources are available for couples at foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/

St. Patrick Parish in Sparta invites you to a powerful parish retreat beginning Sunday, February 16 for three nights, sessions at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's - Sparta. Father John Riccardo, a classmate of Fr. Eric Berns, is a well-known evangelizer and founder of Acts XXIX ministry. The retreat, titled "Recapturing the Big Picture," will be sure to fan into a flame your relationship with Jesus. Father Riccardo and his team normally do not bring their ministry directly into parishes, so this will be a rare opportunity. Please join them on February 16th in Sparta.

Vote in the Judicial Primary Tuesday, February 18 ~ Three candidates are running in the February 18 primary for Wisconsin Supreme Court. You can learn their judicial philosophy at a number of sites, including www.ballotpedia.org and www.wifamilycouncil.org. For general information on voting, visit www.wisconsinvote.org. The courts have a vitally important role in our government. Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote.

We live at a time in history when many seek to undermine the beauty and dignity of motherhood, the importance of fatherhood, authentic femininity, noble character, and even the belief in the existence of God. In response to the times, the La Crosse and Eau Claire Council of Catholic Women deaneries are uniting to host an event for women of all ages that will revive in them the nobleness of their mission, the dignity of their vocation, and their call to holiness as women reflecting Christ. This special day for ladies is a lovely one-day conference to be held at St. Mary's Community Center, Altoona, WI on Saturday, March 7th, 2020. Singles, religious, young ladies in high school, mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers will be edified and challenged to fully embrace their call to holiness. For more information please call Julianna Brindle at 715-456-6351 or email at julianna.brindle@gmail.com

South Central Shamrock St. Patrick's Dinner & Celebration in honor of Irish Rose and Irish Man for 2020 ~ Saturday, March 7th. Kathleen Crowley Marien – Irish Rose and Dennis Boland – Irish Man for 2020 will be honored. Where: Reedsburg Country Club at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$27 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Send reservations by Feb. 20th to: Jolene Crowley E 10870 Terrytown Rd Baraboo, WI 53913. Checks should be made out to: South Central Shamrock Club of WI

Formed ~ Pick of the Week

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is on February 11, and to celebrate we invite you to join us in watching the film "**Bernadette**" on formed.org. St. Bernadette was one of the small children Our Lady appeared to many times in Lourdes, France and this film retells the epic story.