

February 10, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR:

The scriptures tell us of the love that God has for us, He so loved the world that He sent His only Son for our salvation. That is truly good news. In the month of February there is also love in the air; especially on (St.) Valentine's Day. There are many ways that we can express love. Some gestures are grand and others are offered on a daily basis. I would like to offer some thoughts for couples from "101 Tips for a Happier Marriage" from the Ruth Institute.

Concentrate on changing yourself, which you have the power to do. Leave your spouse some room for his or her own growth process. The expression "You can't change a person" is often used, and with good reason. People have to be willing to change their ways. That desire has to come from within, not from you. You can nudge and nag all you want, but that may only cause resentment and resistance. Instead, take a closer look at yourself. While it is humanly impossible to be perfect, you can still do your best. Ask yourself: What about myself could use improvement for the betterment of my marriage? Consider changing your reactions to the imperfections of your spouse. It's possible that he or she has just as much to put up with as you do.

Take responsibility for your own happiness. Your spouse does not really have the power to make you happy or miserable. You have a choice about how to react to what your spouse succeeds or fails to do. If there is one thing you can control in your relationship, it's how you react to the things that happen around you. Try planning your reactions in your head by imagining future (potentially irritating) conversations with your spouse. Practice graceful responses like, "I am sorry that you feel that way. What can we do to make you feel like I'm on your side right now?"

Take responsibility for meeting your own needs. You can take care of yourself. Know that you will survive, no matter what your spouse chooses to do or not to do. Knock yourself out of the mindset that your spouse has often done this or that for you, and therefore should always do those things for you. Sometimes that just won't be possible, and that's okay, because you're a Big kid. You will survive, even if it means squishing the big spider yourself, pulling the chair over to reach the top shelf on your own, or cooking for yourself. It may mean listening to "Eye of the Tiger" several times in advance, but you can do it.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God....No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us." 1 John 4:7, 12

May your Valentine's Day be filled with gestures of love, great and small, knowing that the greatest love has already been given to each of us by our heavenly Father. That love lasts a whole lot longer than a box of chocolates!!

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

HOLY HOUR Mondays at 2:00 PM

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

Sat. Feb. 9	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners	
Sun. Feb. 10	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Don Strack	
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Dr. C. J. Laridaen	
Tue. Feb. 12	5:30 PM	For Addi Zavala	
Wed. Feb. 13	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Carol Bonafacchi</i>	
Thu. Feb. 14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Grzenia</i>	
Fri. Feb. 15	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Susan Allen Kayser	
Sat. Feb. 16	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners	
Sun. Feb. 17	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Jeri Delgado	
	10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Virginia Rhyner</i>	

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Bonnie Norton, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Shirley Mills, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Bill Eisch, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Dale Dolata, Therese, Sandy Sarazin, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Margaret Gabay, 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, John Sustar, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Kelly Kellaher, Mary Taylor, Paulette Wells, Tillie Schumacher, Bill Loescher, Fran Watry, Fran Skalak, Sandy Wilke, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher and the Johnston Family.

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 and Zachary Bader.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

ATTENTION LADIES—Our February PCCW meeting is <u>THIS Thursday, February 14th</u> in Reardon Hall following the 8 AM Mass. All ladies are invited! Please plan to attend.

<u>Stewardship Corner ~ February 2nd & 3rd, 2019</u> (538 Registered Families)

WKLY	BUDGETED		ACTUAL		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 9,090.82		7,837.00		
On-Line Giving		\$	1,302.00		
Children's Envelopes	28.84	\$	36.00		
Loose Offering	596.15	\$	429.60		
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,715.81	\$ 9	9,604.60		
Budget Contingency Fund			0.00		
Year-to-date* budget req	\$ 3	307,905.92			
Year-to-date amount contributed			298,248.93		
*Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 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					

Weekly Calendar Monday Feb. 11 2:00 PM Holy Hour Tuesday Feb. 12 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation 7:30 PM Catholic Ed Mtg-RH Wednesday Feb. 13 **RE** Classes 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal Thursday 8:45 AM PCCW Meeting-RH Feb. 14 10:30-1 Rosary Makers - RH Friday Feb. 15 8:45 AM Friday Folders

Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

ATTENTION MEN—The February Knights of Columbus meeting is Tuesday, February 19th at 7 PM. All men are invited to attend.

Men's Renewal Retreat – Marshfield - Feb. 23, 9am-3pm ~ It is great to be a man! It's also a great challenge and at times even a battle. Plan to attend a one-day retreat that will focus on practical ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended. Because you were made for more! The retreat leader, Fr. Guiseppe, who some call "Chuck Norris in a habit" will challenge men to be who they were made to be! Retreat held at St. John the Baptist, 201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI. Cost: \$20/ person in advance (Includes morning snack and lunch) -\$25 at the door. Register at <u>https://menofthecross.org/</u>

SCRIP NEWS: Planning your SPRING BREAK?? There are lots of travel and vacation cards that you can use. Planning a trip to Disney World or Land? You CAN get scrip to use to book your trip and put on your wristbands. We can order scrip for MANY hotels and airlines as well as restaurants and gas stations. Staying local? How about movie and shopping cards? There's no reason not to use scrip during your spring break!!

St. Mary's Parish ~ Lyndon Station Annual Ham Dinner—Sunday, March 10th. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Adults: \$9.00 and Children: \$5.00. Carry-outs available. Raffle tickets—\$1.00 each.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 9th & 10th Saturday, 5:00 PM Lectors: David Hoffmann Extraordinary Minister: Corinne Kaiser Servers: Zach, Annah & Logan Lund Greeters: Monica Niles, Donna Bollig Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Shari Sarazin Gift Bearers: Erin & Chris Lund Scrip Seller: Erin Lund Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman, Dustin Ryberg Sunday, 8:00 AM Lectors: Veronica Sustar, Bridget Gunther Servers: Martin Wolf, Carson Demaske, Johann Wolf Greeters: Ron & Marge Bailey Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary Gift Bearers: Mary Ann Strack Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires, Árris Sullivan Sunday, 10:00 AM Lectors: Sue Hollenbeck, Howard Boppart Extraordinary Minister: Gina Boppart Servers: Jackson Whitney, Brayden Housworth, Christian Brow Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer, Catherine Murray Musicians: Anna Boppart Gift Bearers: The Laridaen Family Scrip Seller: Julie Whitney Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby 10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary: Harry & Shirley Buttner MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 16th & 17th Saturday, 5:00 PM Lectors: Jerilyn Kolba Extraordinary Minister: Roxanne Shragal Servers: Elliot Thayer, Landynn Miller, Sena Vinopal Greeters: Ernie & Audrey Schmocker, Dustin Ryberg Musicians: Ann Benz, Martin Wolf Gift Bearers: The Great-Grandchildren of Carl & Rosemary Wier Scrip Seller: Donna Miller Ushers: Carrol Kaiser, Greg Gruber, Mark Heitman, Dustin Ryberg Sunday, 8:00 AM Lectors: Paul Schaller, Larry Moore Servers: Christopher Fry, Emma Eilers, Cody Komiskey Greeters: Kathleen Quinn, Bridget Gunther Musicians: Ann Benz. Joe Clarv Gift Bearers: Volunteer Scrip Seller: Nancy Schaller Ushers: Larry Lubinski, Chuck Kraemer, Jim Bires, Arris Sullivan Sunday, 10:00 AM Lectors: Paul Curran, Olivia Lulich Extraordinary Minister: Mary Beth Crowley Servers: Nathan & Carter Field, Hudson Randall Greeters: Kris & Janina Mazur, Bill Thill Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Carla & Jacob Brunner Gift Bearers: Sue & Fred Hollenbeck Scrip Seller: Jodi Field Ushers: John Walsh Jr., Jeanne Walsh, Mary Ann Allaby, Jim Allaby 2:00 PM Nursing Home Service: Deacon Juan Delgado

SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY—Viewing pornography prevents a person – especially a child - from giving and receiving authentic love. Why? Because porn essentially trains men and women to be consumers, not lovers; to treat sex as a commodity; to think about sex as something on-tap and made-to-order. Learn more about the harms of pornography on Safe Haven Sunday - March 10.

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## Formed ~ Pick of the Week

Whether you've been married less than a year or upwards of sixty, every marriage thrives when Christ is at the center. This week's FORMED Pick of the Week is an episode from the acclaimed series, *Beloved: Living Marriage*. The mix of theoretical teachings and practical advice in this captivating episode will lead to fun and meaningful conversations between you and your spouse.

This week, go to formed.org and watch **Beloved**, Living Marriage: Episode 1: Christ at the Center.

**Community Sharing Pantry News**—Thank you to everyone who donated to the food panty in January. All donations are appreciated! Our needs for February are: juice, cereal, soup and veggies of any kind. We are low on all of these items.

**Domestic Church Retreat ~ If You Love Your Spouse - Don't Buy Roses this Year...** Invest in a marriage retreat instead. Register today to take part in the Domestic Church retreat on March 28-31<sup>st</sup> at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon. Attending the retreat will bring more love into your marriage than a dozen roses. Take your marriage to the next level of happiness. Register today at <u>diolc.org/marriage/domestic-churchevangelization-retreat/</u> For more information, call 608-791-2673 or email <u>familylife@diolc.org</u>.

Children's Come and See Day at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation. Come and See is an opportunity to visit with the Sisters, pray, play and learn more about the Sisters' lives.

When: March 23, 2019 Who: Girls ages 9-12 Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse Registration and Information: Register by March 13 (or until filled) at <u>www.materredemptoris.org</u>

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or <u>materredemptoris@gmail.com</u>

# DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL Our goal for this year is \$37,390.00 Pledged to date: \$29,440.00 95 families have pledged

We ask each and every family to prayerful consider supporting the appeal. Your support is needed. Please return your pledge card as soon as you are able.