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MASSES: SAT EVENING 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
TU, WED, FRI: 8:00 A.M.  
THURSDAY: 5:00 P.M.  
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
TUES, WEDS, FRI: 7:30-7:45 A.M.  
THURSDAY: 4:00-4:45 P.M.  
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRI 8:30-NOON & 1:00-4:00  
CLOSED ON MONDAYS

WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US

*The Week Ahead*

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**

**5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Tom Andreas

Eucharistic Ministers: Janelle Schmitt, Leanna Andreas

Acolytes: Sam Bechtold, Lukus Schmitt

Ministers of Hospitality: Dillon & Vance Reed

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Kristin Swonger

Eucharistic Ministers: Dick Buchanan, Jeremy Swonger

Acolytes: John & Chris Morgan

Ministers of Hospitality: Mike Sands, Dave Leininger

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

Lector: Charlotte Hill

Eucharistic Ministers: Tonia Weigold, Joe Cochran

Acolytes: Samuel Hunter, Emma Flanagan

Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

**Collections for February 6, 2022**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,337.00
Loose	642.76
Repair	312.00
Candles	28.00
Religious Ed	118.00
Total in pew	<b>\$ 3,437.76</b>

**Online Collections (January 31-February 6)**

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,481.00
Repair	452.00
Religious Ed	35.00
Total Online	<b>\$ 1,968.00</b>

**THANK YOU**

We the Knights of Columbus want to THANK all of the parishioners that made this last benefit breakfast a grand success. From the people who donated, worked, and help advertise this event. The generosity of this parish came through once again. We made \$1,200 for the benefit of the education and support of our Seminarians.



**February 13 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) † Ambrose & Edith Miller Families

8:00 a.m. (Sun.) † Jeff Dunlap

10:30 a.m. (Sun.) † Parishioners

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

(Adoration one hour before Saturday Mass and Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass)

**February 14 Monday: Saints Cyril, Monk, &**

**Methodius, Bishop**

No Mass

**February 15 Tuesday: Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † John Wright

**February 16 Wednesday: Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Ray & Rose Fearnow

**February 17 Thursday: Weekday**

5:00 p.m. † Terry Baker

**February 18 Friday: Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † Larry Reynolds

**February 19/20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, February 19 5:00 p.m.: † Andy Lowe

Confession: 3:45-4:45

8:00 a.m.: † Parishioners

10:30 a.m. : † Deceased members of the Robert Senesac Family

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

**Adoration: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Homebound Ministry of the Sick.**

There are parishioners who are not able to make it to church due to health reasons; maybe they are in the hospital, in an assisted care or nursing home. Maybe they are confined to home for health reasons and can't make it to church. Maybe you have been in one of these positions yourself. Did you contact church to let us know? Could you receive communion? Did someone from St. Paul of the Cross visit you? If not, maybe it was because the church office didn't know, or maybe.....there was not a parishioner available to come visit.

WE NEED YOU! Help us visit the sick and distribute communion. The more help that we have the less time it will be for all. This is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. So, if you have the calling, and I think that you do, contact Joe Cochran, or Jeanne in the church office. Don't be afraid; we will give you simple instructions and God will guide you and give you many graces.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate St. Valentine's Day in our society; a day in which we remember our loved ones. But there are different forms of loving. For instance, the love that we give and receive from God is different than the one that we give and receive from other people. The former is infinite and the latter is finite.

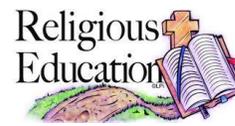
All of us are called to love and to be loved, no matter our age and cultural background. Some of us may have made the mistake of seeking that infinite and perfect love (that only God can give) and demand it from others, including our loved ones. That is unfair, since God is love by definition according to St. John (1Jn 4:8) and He cannot not love. We on the other hand are limited and make mistakes; our love can only go so far.

Now, God has loved us into existence and He sustains us in this world because of love. In today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading Jeremiah states: "Cursed is the one who trusts human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord." The problem is when we seek our happiness just in creatures (including people and pets) and reject God, the Creator, as if He did not matter anymore.

However, we are blessed indeed when we recognize that Christ who died on the cross out of love for us, also rose from the dead. St. Teresa of Calcutta, also known as simply Mother Teresa, said that when we contemplate the Cross, we see how much God loved us (past tense) but when we contemplate Christ in the Eucharist we see how much He loves us now (present tense). Our very own Bishop Kevin Rhoades said recently at a young adult gathering in Fort Wayne (called "Theology on Tap") that, "the Eucharist is the greatest mystery of faith and love because it is the very presence of Jesus and his love unto the end: his sacrifice for our salvation." The martyrs radiate this self-sacrificial love by laying down their life for others (see Jn 15:13).

The original St. Valentine saint was apparently a martyr in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. He was beheaded due to his pledging the validity of Jesus in a pagan environment in Rome. Although little is historically known about the original saint, causing the removal of his feast day from the Roman Saints Calendar (called martyrology), the important aspect of this saint's legacy is his conviction of knowing that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead. That was his hope and it should be ours as well.

May the original St. Valentine saint, please pray for us!

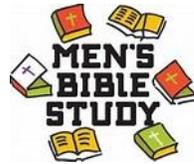


We are now using Remind 101 to share Rel. Ed. class cancellation and other important reminders. If you did not receive a text message or email asking to join, please be sure to let Anita Senesac know. The class code that will need to be entered is **dh66ac**.

### 2022 REKINDLE THE FIRE MEN'S CONFERENCE



Join hundreds of men on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for a full day of great speakers and fellowship with other Catholic men. Tickets on sale now at [rekindlethefire.net](http://rekindlethefire.net).



The Men's Bible Study group meeting is this coming Sunday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Church Sofa room. Come and bring a friend.

### INTO THE DEEP



Into the Deep is back again and will present: Building a Domestic church & Living Liturgically. If you've ever wondered, "What are these and why are they important?" or "How do I implement this in my own home?" Come join us on February 27 from 9:15 a.m.-10:00 in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center. We will learn how to keep our lives focused on Christ by following the Church's liturgical seasons, planning Catholic family events, and creating a prayerful home environment. There will be take home activities, prizes, and interactive planning. All are welcome!

### YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS FOR ONLINE GIVING USERS

Online Giving switched to a new platform in March and our census software had a new platform switch in September. For whatever reason neither of these months exported or imported. You can log into your Online Giving account and print your year-end giving report from there. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

If you used your envelopes for in pew giving, you may pick up your statement in the office during office hours or call and we will mail it to your home. I will be out of the office February 16, 17, 18 and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.  
~Jeanne~