

## ***Valentine's Day***

A variety of early Christian martyrs were named Valentine. While Valentine's Day is an official liturgical feast day in the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church, since 1969 it has not been observed within the Roman Catholic calendar. *"Though the memorial of Saint Valentine is ancient, it is left to particular calendars, since, apart from his name, nothing is known of Saint Valentine except that he was buried on the Via Flaminia on February 14."*

The association of Valentine's Day with romantic love can be traced to the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer (circa 1382). Around 1400 feasts, songs and jousting within the context of a royal court began to develop as an annual celebration. Around 1800, in England, written verses began to be mailed as an expression of love, along with the delivery of gifts and flowers. Today, many Americans see roses, chocolates and jewelry, along with a Mass-produced greeting card as "traditional" Valentine's Day gifts. But is this the only day and format in which we express our 'love'? I hope not!

Love is more than just a greeting card and candy. How each of us expresses love, as a personal reaction to the love God has for each of us individually, is influenced by the example of the people in our lives (family, friends, the Church) that we look up to and emulate. One influence that needs to be significant not only to us but all of modern society is the social teaching dimension of the Catholic Church. Catholic social teaching needs to be a central and essential element of our personal and communal expression of faith. The Catholic Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom that has developed over the centuries. Rooted in the recognition of God's love for all humanity, especially the poor, seven key themes are:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

To better understand the challenges offered by Pope Francis, in light of our country's and the world's political directions, I suggest we all read and reflect upon the various documents offered by the Church in these areas. A good place to begin is at the beliefs and teachings page on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org)).

God's love, and our expression of it to the world around us, does not have an expiration date like a box of chocolates. It is best encountered as soon as possible and continuously over our lifetime, so we can savor it and share it always.

**-FrChuck**



## Readings for February 12 - 19

### Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28,  
33-34a, 37

### Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 & 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4,3b & 9c-10;  
Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday

Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

### Friday The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34-9:1

### Saturday

Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

### Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;  
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



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## Happening this Week in Our Parish

### Sunday (2/12) 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Mass	For Our Parish	Cook-DeWitt
9:15	Faith Formation (K-2)		Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass	For those being baptized	Cook-DeWitt
<b>Baptism of Aubrey Marie Schoenborn</b>			
2:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation		
5:30	Mass	For those who have Health Issues	Cook-DeWitt

### Monday (2/13)

7:00 p.m.	Exposition and Adoration	Cook-DeWitt Greenroom
7:00	Reconciliation	Cook-DeWitt Rm 120

### Tuesday (2/14)

7:30 p.m. K of C Council Meeting

### Wednesday (2/15)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	For all Married Couples	Parish Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation		Parish Trailer
6:00	Youth Group (6-12)		Kirkhof Rm 1142
6:15	Young Disciples (3-5)		Cook-DeWitt
7:30	Parish Choir Rehearsal		Cook-DeWitt
8:00	RCIA Inquiry		Cook-DeWitt Rm 120
8:30	Campus Musicians Rehearsal		Cook-DeWitt

### Thursday (2/16)

8:00 p.m. Catholic Student Ministry Kirkhof Rm 2215

### Friday (2/17)

5:00 p.m.	Mass	For Newly Engaged Couples	Parish Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation		Parish Trailer

### Sunday (2/19) 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### No Faith Formation

8:00 a.m.	Mass		Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass		Cook-DeWitt
5:30 p.m.	Mass		Cook-DeWitt

## Ministries for Feb. 19

### Lectors

8:00 a.m. Jason Horton (1st), Gayle Johnson (2nd)  
10:30 Joel Dykstra (1st), John Graveline (2nd)

### Altar Servers

8:00 a.m. Alaina Barksdale  
10:30 Destiny Gaiser, Gabbi Gaiser

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m. Fr. Brad Schoeberle, Sheryl Horton, AJ Sujkowski  
10:30 Elaine Briar, Sabrina & Tom Van Wyk, Amy Wolf, Linda Mitchell

### Ushers

8:00 a.m. Ron Gorlewski (lead), Tim Rowland  
10:30 Dan Gaiser (lead), Tom Garvelink, Isaiah Van Wyk



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### Financial Update

	January	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for Month		\$ 14,241	\$ 7,745	\$ 21,986	\$ 29,300	\$ (7,314)
Weekly Average for Jan.		\$ 2,848	\$ 1,549	\$ 4,397	\$ 5,860	\$ (1,463)
Feb. Month to date		\$ 2,718	\$ 1,345	\$ 4,063	\$ 5,860	\$ (1,797)
Paulist Appeal		\$ 2,342				

### Saint Luke University Parish

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

**Paulist Appeal - Thank you!**

On behalf of the Paulist Fathers, Fr. Brad & Fr. Chuck offer their thanks for the generosity of the members of St. Luke University Parish to the Annual Paulist Appeal. \$2,342 was collected locally.

**SCRIP**

Have you tried St. Luke's Scrip Program? If no, why not? Are you thinking "my involvement won't matter". You are WRONG! Look what one person's savings could do over a year's time with no additional cost other than your normal spending.


Category / (% of Scrip rebate)	Amount spent	Annual earnings for St. Luke
Gas (≈4%)	\$25/week	\$52
Groceries (≈3%)	\$100/week	\$156
Eating out (≈8%)	\$50/month	\$48
Clothing (≈4%)	\$300/year	\$12
Gifts (9% - 17%)	\$200/year	\$18-34
Total for St. Luke for 1 year:		\$286 - \$302

Plus, you can legally claim the amount that goes to St. Luke's as a tax-deductible donation! While the spending above may vary from person to person, for most of us it's probably on the conservative side – yet it would still earn the church around \$300 without it costing us anything!

25 people participating as above:	\$7,150 - \$7,550 per year for St. Luke's
50 people participating as above:	\$14,300 - \$15,100 per year for St. Luke's
75 people participating as above:	\$21,450 - \$22,650 per year for St. Luke's
100 people participating as above:	\$28,600 - \$30,200 per year for St. Luke's

Now, what if we got a lot of us doing that? Why not give it a try? Stop by the scrip table after Mass and pick up an information packet. Need help getting started, our volunteers can help or contact our scrip coordinator, Carol Schoenborn at 616-283-4449.

**Rice Bowls**  
Rice Bowls for this year will be available to take home for the Lenten season starting next week, Feb. 19.



**Fundraiser Church Vehicle**


Do you hate taking back your pop & beer cans? Problem solved! Just drop them off at Diane Emelander's home at 10301 68th Ave. Allendale.

**Hiking in the City**


Holy Redeemer Parish has a group that goes to the Heartside neighborhood, on the third Sunday of each month, to distribute socks, snacks, and other necessities for those that live in shelters or on the street. The group leaves Holy Redeemer at 1 p.m. and returns by 3 p.m. This is the neighborhood near God's Kitchen and the Cathedral. They will meet at Holy Redeemer at 12:45. Families/children (with adults) are welcome to join. If you have any questions, contact Barb Grzegorzczuk at 616-240-1783 or Barbgrz@outlook.com.

**Pray for our Paulist & Diocesan Seminarians**

Loving God,  
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**St. John Vianney - Kindergarten Information Night**

Monday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Kindergarten Classroom. Primarily for new prospective Kindergarten parents, but a good refresher for returning parents as well. Come and find out what our school has to offer, both academically and spiritually. Learn how and when to register for the 2017-18 school year. Learn ways to save on tuition including: scholarships, parish assistance, and Scrip. Contact Jen Quint at 532-7001 or jquint@stjohnvianney.net for more information and to reserve your spot.