



The Spirit of St. Catherine's

We, the community of St. Catherine Labouré, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will strive to serve the Gospel message in reaching out as the Body of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters.

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Mass Times

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FEBRUARY

Let's start with what we know. February is the second month of the year. It's also both the shortest month of the year and the only month that is less than 30 days. Additionally, it's also the only month to be affected by leap year. And February is also derived from the Latin word *februum*. It "means purification because the month was a time for purification." It was like an early Roman spring cleaning festival. February used to never exist... that's right. It just didn't. The old Roman calendar only included 10 months out of the year. January and February, winter months obviously, were eighty-sixed because winter didn't sit well with the Romans. They hated the cold. Now why is February so short? Well, it's short in order to harmonize it with the solar year. When February only has 28 days, like it does this year, it occurs in a common year. Common years occur three times in a four-year period. Thus, leap years occur only one time in a four-year span. The next leap year is in 2024. Thus Feb. 29 takes place in a leap year. Were you born on Feb. 29? If so, when do you celebrate your birthday? Do you celebrate on March 1 or Feb. 28? Or do you just have a mega, one-every-four-years, party?

February is mostly recognized for Valentine's Day, flowers, and depending on where you are, being incredibly cold! Oddly enough, even though it's just another month, there's a lot of history behind this month of romance and love! The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar. The Saxons called February "Sol-monath" which means "cake month" because they would offer cakes to the gods during February. Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misprinted the word "February" before in a press release!

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon. February has been Black History Month for over 40 years. The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461. Those born on a leap day can be called a "leaper" or "leapling." February, March, and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year. It was in February 1964 when The Beatles made their first American television appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." Over 73 million Americans watched! There are many U.S. states that entered the Union during the month of February. These include Massachusetts, Oregon, Arizona, and Mississippi, which were readmitted.

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FATHER RALPH'S CORNER

Sunday, January 9, marked the end of the Christmas Season, and the beginning of what the Church calls "Ordinary Time." The most visible sign of this season is the green vestments worn by the liturgical ministers. Green is the color of hope. The world around us is green when spring begins. The first buds appear on the trees and the first grass springs up from the ground. The seeds that have fallen to the ground at the end of autumn, and have lain dormant through the winter, are now coming to life. It is a sign of hope for us. The long winter is over. And the new crops are beginning to grow. All of nature begins to wake up and come alive.

The Feast of Christmas, which falls in the dead of winter, marks the coming of God among us as one of us. In the darkest and coldest time of the year, God comes to us, in the person of a little child, born in a stable, in the poorest and least-hopeful situation imaginable. Like the seed in the dead of winter, so the presence and appearance of God among us, breaks forth into our world, and gives hope and meaning, joy and peace, warmth, power and grace to all who open their hearts to his divine presence.

We are living through times that often seem like a cold, dark and lifeless winter. It seems that it will never end. Yet, the presence of Jesus among us is His sure and certain promise of joy, hope and meaning for our future. We, as followers of Jesus, who are sent out to bring the "Good News" to the world, are disciples of hope to all those we meet. We are called to preach, by our lives, the Good News that the Light has come, and the Light overcomes the darkness . . . always . . . and for all eternity.

Rev. Ralph Berg CMF

El domingo 9 de enero marcó el final de la temporada navideña y el comienzo de lo que la Iglesia llama "Tiempo Ordinario". El signo más visible de esta temporada son las vestiduras verdes que visten los ministros litúrgicos. El verde es el color de la esperanza. El mundo que nos rodea es verde cuando comienza la primavera. Los primeros brotes aparecen en los árboles y la primera hierba brota del suelo. Las semillas que cayeron al suelo a fines del otoño y permanecieron inactivas durante el invierno, ahora están cobrando vida. Es un signo de esperanza para nosotros. El largo invierno ha terminado. Y los nuevos cultivos están comenzando a crecer. Toda la naturaleza comienza a despertar y cobrar vida.

La fiesta de Navidad, que cae en pleno invierno, marca la venida de Dios entre nosotros como uno de nosotros. En la época más oscura y fría del año, Dios viene a nosotros, en la persona de un niño pequeño, nacido en un establo, en la situación más pobre y menos esperanzadora imaginable. Como la semilla en pleno invierno, así la presencia y aparición de Dios entre nosotros irrumpe en nuestro mundo y da esperanza y sentido, alegría y paz, calidez, poder y gracia a todos los que abren sus corazones a su divina presencia. .

Vivimos tiempos que a menudo parecen un invierno frío, oscuro y sin vida. Parece que nunca terminará. Sin embargo, la presencia de Jesús entre nosotros es su promesa segura y cierta de alegría, esperanza y sentido para nuestro futuro. Nosotros, como seguidores de Jesús, que somos enviados a llevar la "Buena Nueva" al mundo, somos discípulos de esperanza para todos aquellos con los que nos encontramos. Estamos llamados a predicar, con nuestra vida, la Buena Noticia de que ha llegado la Luz, y la Luz vence a las tinieblas. . . siempre . . . y por toda la eternidad.

Rev. Ralph Berg CMF

The Mass Intention Book for 2022 is now available.

. Stipend for Masses are \$10 per Mass.
To reserve a Mass please stop by the parish office
Monday through Friday
between 9 am and 2:30 pm

Missa Intentionis Book pro 2022 nunc praesto est.

Stipendium pro Missis sunt \$10 per Missam.
Ad Missam reservare quae desinas in officio paroeciali
Feriae sextae per diem Veneris inter 9 am et 2:30 post
meridiem.

Holy Hour for Priests at St. Catherine Laboure

Please join us in the Church for a Eucharistic Holy Hour to pray for priests and priestly vocations. We will meet every 4th Saturday of the month to join our hearts and prayers in a sacrificial offering for our priests.

Why did Our Lord, when He spoke of vocations, single out precisely the word pray? Because prayer is the expression of the Christian community and the yearning of the Church.

"Ask, and the gift will come" (Lk 11:9). Can we hope to receive if we do not ask? There are probably hundreds of thousands of vocations hanging from heaven on silken cords; prayer is the sword that cuts them.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, Venerable Servant of God

For more information or to help with these holy hours, please contact Trisha Engel at 903.647.2274



DIVINE MERCY NEWS

Divine Mercy Minute

Prayer



Jesus, I trust in You, for You are all good and all-powerful. I have nothing to fear when I put my faith in You and You alone. Jesus, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Thanks to Mary and Dianna for keeping everyone informed about what is happening with the Divine Mercy Group. If you would like to be included in emails that are sent out to the Divine Mercy Ministry please contact Mary Anderson.

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Pastoral Council News

It's hard to believe that we are past the Christmas season and in a month, it will be the beginning of Lent. Our parish community is continuing to evolve and change, as the world around us continues to present challenges that we never anticipated. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the Pastoral Council had to reschedule our annual retreat from January to March. At that time, we will be revisiting our Pastoral Plan. A little over five years ago, when reviewing the plan, a representative from the Diocese of Phoenix came up and was impressed as we had more active ministries than many of the parishes down in the Valley. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 circumstances, many of our Ministries have been rather dormant over the last 2 years. As we are working on the Master Plan, we are in the process of trying to determine which of our Ministries are still planning to become active again. We are aware that some of our ministries and groups (such as the Prayer Warriors) have never gone dormant, but it is important that we know if your ministry or group is still active or planning to become active again in the near future. Related to that, in a few months, the Finance Committee will be preparing our annual parish budget which will be submitted to us for approval. Any group or Ministry that receives money from the parish needs to submit their budget request by March (next month). We have a very generous Parish community, however without a budget in place we may be unable to fund certain activities or support certain Ministry requests over the next year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30th, so the prepared budget is presented to us at our May meeting.

We are asking you to contact Peggy in the office if you are in charge of or coordinating a ministry or group and let her know that your group is still active (or going to be) and if your group has any projected financial needs that will need to be in the budget.

As Parish groups and ministries are starting back up, we on the Pastoral Council would like to recognize and support the needs of our people. We need your help to do this. I saw this quote in the local newspaper, **“Don’t let life weigh you down. Lift one another.”** We all have a great opportunity to do that right now as we reach out as the Body of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters.

Al Parnell, Pastoral Council Member

ps. Due to health reasons, we have had 2 members of the Pastoral Council recently resign. I ask you to prayerfully consider joining our ministry.

Please remember that if you are not feeling well it is best that you stay home and watch Mass on line.

The cold, cough and flu season is now with us. Please take care of yourself and in that same way you will be taking care of others..



Are you interested in finding out what the Gospel Readings on Sunday are all about? Well why not join Deacon Lance and others as they journey through each Gospel. They meet after Mass on Wednesday Mornings in the St. Michael Room.

This study is for both Men and Women so please feel free to stop by.



FORMED-Adult Formation

A study of the Saints.

When: Monday mornings
until—March 14 2022

Location: St. Michael Room Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am

If you have not signed up but would like to attend please feel free to join us any Monday. **Cost is Free.**

Check the bulletin boards to see what saint will be discussed.

Blessed Are You...

So, how is your pilgrimage into 2022 going? January is already history. Are you experiencing any challenges? Are you believing in Jesus? Unfortunately for me, I tend to get distracted or tempted and let my focus on Jesus fall and thus I fall off the path of my pilgrimage, which is this life on earth as we know it. Even as old as I am I find that when I wander from the path to Heaven, Jesus is always ready to help me get back on the path, back into my pilgrimage.

Each and every day of this lifelong pilgrimage there are lessons to be learned and relearned. Jesus offers an abundance of lessons because of His abundance of love that He has available for us to embrace. For example, when Jesus says to Peter, "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch" (Lk.5:4), even though Peter was reluctant, he did as Jesus commanded and caught more fish than ever before. Jesus is there to give us more than we need.

I believe most of us are familiar with Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" as recorded in Matthew's Gospel. This year we will hear from Jesus in similar fashion in the "Sermon on the Plain". Jesus calls us "Blessed" when we choose to live according to God's plan. And He tells us, "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!" (Lk.6:22) As I reflect on His words I can't help but think about our world today and this kind of ideology called "Woke" or "Wokeism". Those who have fallen into the traps of satan are working fiercely to cancel out any form of faith or belief in God. We are living in a time where so many are trying to erase all forms of history and tradition and are trying to erase us as believers from this world. If we believe in Jesus and carry out His will, we are "Blessed". As Jesus said, we need to "Rejoice and leap for joy".

This month Jesus will also teach us to be careful about judging others. He will tell us, "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you". (Lk.6:38) Unfortunately for me, this is a hard teaching. I learned a long time ago that I can judge behaviors, but I must avoid judging others. I am still working on that.

Our Father in Heaven knows our hearts. Jesus will again help us to understand this when He says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks". (Lk.6:45) So, what we hold in our hearts is what comes out of our mouths. We must develop pure hearts and not live with "stony hearts". When we do so, God has an abundance of love waiting for us to embrace. We are "Blessed". What do you think?

Blessings, Peace and Mercy, Dcn. Mike Johnsen

Bendito eres ...

¿Cómo va tu peregrinaje al 2022? Enero ya es historia. ¿Está experimentando algún desafío? ¿Estás creyendo en Jesús? Desafortunadamente para mí, tiendo a distraerme o a ser tentado y dejo que mi enfoque en Jesús caiga y así me desvío del camino de mi peregrinaje, que es esta vida en la tierra tal como la conocemos. A pesar de mi edad, encuentro que cuando me desvío del camino al Cielo, Jesús siempre está listo para ayudarme a retomar el camino, de regreso a mi peregrinaje.

Todos y cada uno de los días de esta peregrinación que dura toda la vida hay lecciones que aprender y volver a aprender. Jesús ofrece una gran cantidad de lecciones debido a Su abundancia de amor que Él tiene disponible para que lo abracemos. Por ejemplo, cuando Jesús le dice a Pedro: "Lleva la barca a la parte honda del lago, y echen allí sus redes, para pescar" (Lc.5:4), aunque Pedro se mostró reacio, hizo lo que Jesús le ordenó y pescó más peces que nunca. Jesús está allí para darnos más de lo que necesitamos.

Creo que la mayoría de nosotros estamos familiarizados con el "Sermón de la Monte" de Jesús como está registrado en el Evangelio de Mateo. Este año escucharemos de Jesús de manera similar en el "Sermón de la Llanura". Jesús nos llama "Dichosos" cuando elegimos vivir de acuerdo al plan de Dios. Y Él nos dice: "Dichosos seréis cuando los hombres os aborrezcan, y cuando os excluyan, os insulten, y denuncien vuestro nombre como malo a causa del Hijo del Hombre. ¡Alégrense y salten de alegría en ese día!" (Lc.6:22) Mientras reflexiono sobre Sus palabras, no puedo evitar pensar en nuestro mundo actual y en este tipo de ideología llamada "Woke" o "Wokeism". Aquellos que han caído en las trampas de satanás están trabajando ferozmente para anular cualquier forma de fe o creencia en Dios. Estamos viviendo en una época en la que muchos están tratando de borrar todas las formas de historia y tradición y están tratando de borrarlos como creyentes de este mundo. Si creemos en Jesús y hacemos Su voluntad, somos "Dichosos". Como dijo Jesús, necesitamos "gozarnos y saltar de alegría".

Este mes Jesús también nos enseñará a tener cuidado de juzgar a los demás. Él nos dirá: "Con la misma medida con que ustedes den a otros, Dios les devolverá a ustedes". (Lc.6:38) Desafortunadamente para mí, esta es una enseñanza dura. Aprendí hace mucho tiempo que puedo juzgar comportamientos pero debo evitar juzgar a los demás. Todavía estoy trabajando en eso.

Nuestro Padre Celestial conoce nuestros corazones. Jesús nuevamente nos ayudará a entender esto cuando dice: "El hombre bueno, dice cosas buenas porque el bien está en su corazón, y el hombre malo dice cosas malas porque el mal está en su corazón. Pues de lo que abunda en su corazón habla su boca". (Lc.6:45) Entonces, lo que tenemos en nuestro corazón es lo que sale de nuestra boca. Debemos desarrollar corazones puros y no vivir con "corazones de piedra". Cuando lo hacemos, Dios tiene una abundancia de amor esperando que lo abracemos. Somos "Benditos". ¿Qué piensas?

Bendiciones, Paz y Misericordia,

Diácono Mike Johnsen

Let us do something beautiful for God.

Mother Teresa

Interacting with art is a fundamental part of what it means to be human. Since the dawn of our species we have explored ideas of divinity through art. Too often it is considered a pithy decoration which does not involve or immerse us actively. When congregations have experienced liturgical music regularly over hundreds of years, we can easily take for granted what is right in front of us. It is helpful to reflect upon the participatory nature of music in worship, particularly when it is offered by a trained choir or professional organist. Great art can be hard to understand. That does not make it invalid. Can you think of anything in life that was truly worth having, which was easy to get? Feeling good is important, but liturgy is not the entertainment business. The idea that excellence in church music is elitist, detached or irrelevant to our 21st Century lives is challengingly prevalent.

Reading the Decree on the Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council, or the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or the numerous papal documents on liturgy, gives a different view. These documents presume that our liturgical prayer will have artistic excellence. "The Church approves of all forms of true art having the needed qualities and admits them to divine worship," says the Council (par. 112). "Genuine sacred art," says the Catechism, "draws us to adoration, to prayer, and to the love of God, Creator and Savior, the Holy One and Sanctifier" (par. 2502). The Council speaks of preserving the treasury of sacred music and art from the past, as well as employing the art and cultural expressions of the present. It further states: "All things set apart for use in divine worship should be truly worthy, becoming, and beautiful, signs and symbols of the supernatural world" (par. 122).

The Catechism quotes a famous passage from St. Augustine, which tells how chanted liturgical prayer moved him. "How I wept, deeply moved by your hymns, songs, and the voices that echoed through your Church! What emotion I experienced in them! Those sounds flowed into my ears, distilling the truth in my heart. A feeling of devotion surged within me, and tears streamed down my face--tears that did me good" (par. 1157).

Our choir strives for excellence in their presentation of music for liturgy. With all our efforts, things may not always turn out ideally. That is all right. As Mother Teresa says, "we do not have to be successful; we have to be faithful." If we strive for excellence in every aspect of our liturgical prayer, we will not always achieve it. But sometimes we will. And that will deeply affect our lives. How impoverished we will be, if we never try at all. I invite you to try singing with the choir and to participate in our sacred liturgies through Music. We meet Wednesdays at 6 PM in the church.

Therese Holladay Music Director St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS AND COMMITTEES!!!!

The Diocese of Phoenix keeps close tabs on all expenses, budgets, and financial transactions within our parish. There for it is extremely important that we have a complete paper trail of every transaction.

Please note:

All reimbursements must be made to the parish office in the following manner: You must fill out a check request form with all receipts stapled to the form. It should contain the ministry name and the reason for the request. Receipts must only contain the items that you are for the reimbursement amount only. No personal items can be on that receipt. If you have receipts for more than one ministry or organization you can combine them on the one form so that one check will be made out to you.

(It is not the responsibility of the parish office to fill out the form for you.) Please do not scan and/or email receipts to the parish office since they do not always print out correctly due to what computer system you are using at home or work. You will find blank request forms on the holder on the copy room door or the office can email you the form. Handwritten receipts will not be accepted even if you have signed them. We need the actual receipt, or a confirmation of the sale with the amount and how you paid for it. If you have ordered on line you should have received the confirmation in your email. There are no exceptions to this rule....

All budgets for the year 2022-2023 must be submitted to the parish office by Tuesday March 1, 2022, even if your ministry will not meet until after January of 2023. (Our parish runs on a fiscal year so that means budgets run from July 1st until June 30th.) We have the March deadline so that budgets can be approved by both the Pastoral Council and Finance Council. The budget should be typed up and submitted to the parish office and should have a breakdown of what your needs are. **It is not the job of the parish office to write your budget.**

Sample Budget:

Ministry Name: Heavenly Angels

Ministry Leader: Jane Doe

We would like to submit the following items for our budget year 2022-2023

Paper supplies \$ 000.00 Postage \$ 000.00 Printing costs \$0000.00 Retreats \$ 000.00 Equipment \$ 000.00

Total amount need for this ministries budget. \$ 0000.00

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The Month of February

Sadly, on February 1, 2003, the Space Shuttle "Columbia" broke apart in flight, which killed all seven crew members. The accident was believed to be a result of damage that occurred during lift-off. The tragedy occurred only 16 minutes before the shuttle was scheduled to land. On February 2, 1848, U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo which ended their war. The U.S. paid Mexico \$15 million in exchange for California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas. So now you know, February isn't all about Valentine's Day. It's a month to prepare for spring: bringing the promise of longer days in the Northern hemisphere. What's Hoodie-Hoo Day I hear you ask? Well it's a special day which falls on 20th February every year and it is celebrated in a strange way! What happens is you're supposed to go out at noon, wave your hands over your head and shout "Hoodie-Hoo" to scare away Winter and make way for Spring! Such a bizarre way to encourage warmer weather, although it's not celebrated all over the world, only in the U.S. Hoodie-Hoo Day is a copyrighted holiday. It was invented by Wellcat.com – who have also created many other special days. If you like this crazy holiday, you will also like Put A Pillow On Your Fridge Day, which falls on 29th May. **February 1** marks the **Lunar New Year**, **February 2** is **Groundhog Day**—the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early. **February 12** is **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot, log cabin with a dirt floor. **February 14** is always **Valentine's Day**. Heads up, lovebirds! Today, the holiday is celebrated with love, flowers, and chocolate. **February 15** is **Susan B. Anthony's Birthday**. **February 21** brings **Presidents' Day**, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22!) February is **African-American History Month**. February's full Moon reaches peak illumination at **11:59 A.M. EST on Wednesday, February 16, 2022**. Look skyward on that night to catch the best view of this full Moon! In February you can also celebrate the following. National Dark Chocolate Day, National Tater Tot Day, National Missing Persons Day, National Homemade Soup Day, National Thank a Mail Carrier Day, Ice Cream for Breakfast Day, National Boy Scouts Day, National Random Acts of Kindness Day, National Drink Wine Day (a lot of people celebrate that one) National Margarita Day, (my favorite one) and of course every 4 years we celebrate National Time Refund Day .

The Ladies of St. Catherine Labouré ask that you save the dates of April 29th and 30th of this year and join them for their "Spring Craft Fair."

This year they are anticipating having both a spring and a fall fair. If you are a parishioner of St. Catherine Labouré, Sacred Heart, St. Germaine, or any other Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Phoenix you are cordially invited to fill out an application to rent a table space. A \$50. (Fifty Dollar) fee covers your space for the two-day event. All applications must be received on or by April 14, 2022. If you would like to be a part of this event, please contact Adriana Cortez at 626-234-5415 or email audreyslife@gmail.com and put in the subject line: Spring Craft Fair. Please note that no **homemade food items** will be allowed to be sold.

Finance Council News
2022-2023 Budget Request

Yes, it is that time of year for Budget requests to be submitted for the up-coming 2022/2023 Year. If you have a ministry that is requesting to be funded for your activities, please have a detailed description and cost for each of the project(s) that you are planning for the year. Have your Budget Request turned in to the office or any Finance Council Member no later than February 28th. Please also provide your ministry contact name and phone number/email address.

Thank you for your dedication to provide needed activities and education for our Parish Community.

"The Catholic Way"**Why do we....? How do we....?**

Perhaps the Catholics are the only religious congregations which have the most movement during Liturgical services, but then are the "Movers and the Shakers" still among us? I'm not sure... Have you ever wondered why we kneel, stand, sit, bow...? Have you read or heard that "the way we move as a community at liturgy symbolizes our unity in Christ?" Our movements together, as well as singing, speaking and responding help to deepen and enrich our prayer. Today, let's just examine the movement of 'posture'.

Sitting is a posture of "attentive" listening (for all of us) and meditation. So, we sit for the Readings, and for meditation after receiving Communion. Standing conveys respect, honor, and reverence (yep, stand up straight) Standing has been understood as the posture of those who are risen with Christ (did you know that?) Kneeling signified penance in the early Church to the point that believers were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter season. Recently, kneeling has become a posture of adoration, so we kneel for the entire Eucharistic prayer. Source" Office of Worship Till next time, Peace.....

St. Aloysius W.....right

In 1965, when I was but a pup, Jackie DeShannon first recorded and made popular a song called, “What the world needs now is LOVE”. I think that the world must have missed its infusion of love as we are in dire need of some today 55 years after Jackie’s declaration. What is it about us that we don’t love one another? In the bible love is mentioned over 300 times, love our neighbors as we love ourselves, is one of the two greatest commandments left for us by Christ. And yet it would seem that love is lacking in our world, our society, our families, within ourselves. Hard to give something if I don’t have it. If it is not within me. I know when I’m in love, and I know when I don’t feel love, yet I can’t give you a specific definition, as love, how we perceive it, how we receive it, how we transmit it is different for all of us. The love we have for our mate is different then the love we have for our children, as is the love we have for our neighbor. The Greeks have 7 different definitions for love, for different situations in our lives. Here is what I do know and believe, God is love. Jesus is God with skin, so he too is love. Jesus in his time on earth was merciful, compassionate, forgiving, inclusive, and so much more. Do I represent those attributes in myself? If not why? Is it because I seek to be in control? Being right, in control, is to many of us more important than love. So as I ponder the plight of my life and its place in the cosmos I think of Valentine’s Day, one day where we are required to declare our love. One day is not enough, we should love every day. In 1985 Huey Lewis sang about “The Power of Love”, I believe that we don’t know how powerful love is. If we want a better world, then as disciples of the one who loves us, let us give the world what it needs, love.
Deacon Lance Vivet

En 1965, cuando yo era solo un cachorro, Jackie DeShannon grabó por primera vez y popularizó una canción llamada "Lo que el mundo necesita ahora es AMOR". Creo que el mundo debe haberse perdido su infusión de amor, ya que tenemos una gran necesidad hoy, 55 años después de la declaración de Jackie. ¿Qué hay en nosotros que no nos amamos unos a otros? En la biblia se menciona el amor más de 300 veces, amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos, es uno de los dos grandes mandamientos que nos dejó Cristo. Y, sin embargo, parecería que falta amor en nuestro mundo, en nuestra sociedad, en nuestras familias, dentro de nosotros mismos. Es difícil dar algo si no lo tengo. Si no está dentro de mí. Sé cuando estoy enamorado y sé cuando no siento amor, pero no puedo darte una definición específica, como el amor, cómo lo percibimos, cómo lo recibimos, cómo lo transmitimos es diferente. por todos nosotros. El amor que tenemos por nuestra pareja es diferente al amor que tenemos por nuestros hijos, como lo es el amor que tenemos por nuestro prójimo. Los griegos tienen 7 definiciones diferentes para el amor, para diferentes situaciones en nuestras vidas. Esto es lo que sé y creo: Dios es amor. Jesús es Dios con piel, por lo que también es amor. Jesús en su tiempo en la tierra fue misericordioso, compasivo, perdonador, inclusivo y mucho más. ¿Represento esos atributos en mí mismo? Si no, ¿por qué? ¿Es porque busco tener el control? Tener razón, tener el control, es para muchos de nosotros más importante que el amor. Entonces, mientras reflexiono sobre la difícil situación de mi vida y su lugar en el cosmos, pienso en el día de San Valentín, un día en el que debemos declarar nuestro amor. Un día no es suficiente, debemos amar todos los días. En 1985 Huey Lewis cantó sobre “El poder del amor”, creo que no sabemos lo poderoso que es el amor. Si queremos un mundo mejor, entonces, como discípulos de quien nos ama, demos al mundo lo que necesita, amor.
Díacono Lance Vivet

An Invitation to Parishioners from the Altar Society:
Floral arrangements for the altar can be done “in loving memory of” or for “a special occasion” and this will be listed in the monthly newsletter and announced at the weekend Masses..
The donation for the flowers is set at \$25.00.
An Altar Flower Coordinator has been designated to help you reserve an available date to provide flowers for the altar.
The process starts with a phone call to Terry Johnsen. For Information call 713-3219.
For the month of February 2022 —
5/6 —**In Honor of the Community of St. Catherine Laboure**
12/13—**In Loving Memory of Jimmy Carbajal**
19/20 —**In Loving Memory of Charles & Ann Piccone**
26/27 — **In Honor of Deacon Mike and Terry Johnsen**

JUST COFFEE

Since we have moved back into the hall for our coffee and cookies sales have been a little slow. If you enjoy this coffee, please mark the 3rd Saturday and Sunday on your calendar. Of course, you are always welcome to come have a cup of coffee and a cookie with us even if you don’t buy coffee. I enjoy seeing all of you.
If you need coffee during the month please call Cathy Clark at 928-710-3699



HOLY FAMILY MINISTRY

Hello Everyone:

I hope you are all doing fine & have been staying healthy. The holidays are over & we have moved onto a New Year. Does January seem to you that all the stress & pressure of last year is over & you can start another year with a break in the beginning? Almost like January gives you a "break", so you can regroup, & look forward to a better year.

Well, Holy Family Ministry is regrouping, & looking forward to a better year to bring back all the social events we sponsored before COVID derailed us. I won't be able to tell you about our game night, because it was held after this went to print.

But --- what I can inform you on is the event Holy Family is planning in February. On Friday Feb.18th we will be sponsoring our Theology on the Grill from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Hall. We will be serving a meal before Deacon Mike Holmes gives his presentation. The theme of his talk will be "Parish Life Without a Priest Means Finding Out What God is Calling You To Do?" So come & enjoy an evening with your fellow parish family. What a combination..... enjoying good food, with good company and topping it off will an inspiring talk. So come one and all on the 18th. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Well, there isn't much more news to give you for this month, so I'll go and close . Hope everyone stays safe & healthy. See you next month.

God's Blessings to Everyone Sharlia Hartness

LADIES OF ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ

Our church is passed the Christmas season and now in ordinary time. The ladies are anything but ordinary! They are discussing ways to increase our income so we can give more back to the community.

Organizations we have donated to thru the end of 2021 are Chino Valley Homeless Children, People Who Care & Life Pregnancy Center. In 2022, we are optimistic and looking at helping several more organizations.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but the ladies are long on ideas. In the wings, we have a Ladies Tea, Baby Shower, possibly another Craft Fair and a Rummage Sale. Be sure to check your bulletin, newsletter & Flocknotes.

To all ladies of our parish, think about attending our meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30. All are welcome. The Safe Environment Training is only necessary if you plan to volunteer for events. Come see what we're all about.

Our next meeting is February 1st at 9:30am. Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

Blessings & Prayers,

Kathy McCormick, President

Linens for February – Ann Delgado



VOCATION AWARENESS PRAYER CHALICE

There are still dates available for you to have The Vocation Awareness Prayer Chalice in your home. You can help bring about an awareness and growth of Vocations by participating in this opportunity. Remember that each month is dedicated to a different Mass time. Please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule or call the parish office at 928-636-4071 to schedule your date.

The schedule is: February 10:30 am March 5:00 pm

Come and make a guess at who will win the Super Bowl. February 5/6 and 12/13 bring cans or boxes of soup. They will be worth one point each. We will tally the points for each team and see if we match the actual winner and loser. The soup will help fill the shelves at the Chino Valley food bank. Let's make this a fun event.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Cathy Clark/President



LISTENING

The other day, while standing at a check-out counter, I overheard a very animated conversation. On and on with very different points of view and I could not help but wonder if each person was really "listening" to each other, since their words did not make much sense to me. That thought and having to wait a few more minutes, made me think about how I listen to others. Am I really paying attention, or just blocking his or her words because I disagree? Hmm....really food for thought! How often do I really take the time to concentrate on the other person to hear their words, especially in a group setting. (Homily at Mass)

Am I dismissing them because I disagree or do not understand a word (s)? I can then start to zone out & not hear anything further, or just start "daydreaming". But let's consider this further....do I take the time to listen to myself. Do I and can I take the time to be alone and consider my own needs, feeling, and responses, which we may have ignored? This is not meant to be selfish, but rather to be "healing". Knowing ourselves better helps us in our relationships with others, if we take better care of ourselves, it will also deepen our relationship with God.

Challenge: From: "Today, if you will hear His Voice" Hebrews 3:15

to: "Today, I will listen to Your Voice"

Mary Anderson, Spiritual Director

Happy February Birthday

We would like to wish all of our Parishioners with February Birthdays a Happy and Healthy one!



Happy February Anniversary

We would like to wish all our Parishioners celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in February a very Blessed & Happy Day.



Married in February's sleety weather, Life you'll tread in tune together.

If you were born in February, your flower is sa violet or a primrose and your birthstone is an amethyst. Even though so many roses are sold during February due to Valentine's Day, the Violet and the Primrose are the symbolic flowers. The **violet** signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know that you'll always be there for them. The **primrose** lets someone know that you can't live without them.

Not many flowers bloom in February (certainly not traditional roses, which are at their best in June). However, the tiny woodland plants of February brighten the landscape like purple, colorful slippers. Wild violets show off their purple-blue petals and heart-shaped leaves in the coldest months! Primroses, a small perennial woodland plant, also bloom in wintertime.

The Violet is one of the earliest blooming plants in the spring. Violets typically have heart-shaped leaves and asymmetrical flowers that vary in color. Many are violet, as their name suggests, while others are blue, yellow, white and cream. Some are even bicolored, often blue and yellow. In the Victorian age, a gift of violets was a declaration to always be true. It still serves as a reminder of loyalty, thoughtfulness and dependability. Give a violet to someone to let them know you'll always be there for them!

In Christianity, violet flower symbolizes the Virgin Mary's humility. It is believed that the flowers blossomed when the angel Gabriel told Mary that Jesus would be her baby. In religious art, violets are often portrayed as a symbol of modesty and humbleness. In Renaissance era paintings, the Virgin Mary is often seen with baby Jesus in her arms with purple flowers, a symbolic reference to her modesty. When presented as a flower, each color has its own meaning: yellow symbolizes high worth, white is for innocence and purity, purple means truth and loyalty, and blue is for faithfulness and devotion. Both Greeks and Romans used the flower for things like herbal remedies, wine, funeral decorations, and to sweeten food. Persians used violets as a calming agent against headaches. In the Middle Ages, Monks were said to have called them the "Herb of the Trinity" because of their three primary colors—purple, yellow and green. Most violets are edible and have certain medicinal properties which have increased their use. Violets contain salicylic acid, which is a chief ingredient in aspirin. Certain forms of violets therefore were used as pain relievers.

The Primrose is part of the Primula genus, which contains more than 500 species. It is, however, like the violet one of the first blooming flowers in the spring. The ancient Celts were thought to believe that large patches of primrose flowers were a gateway to the fairy realm. It was once believed if you ate a primrose, you would then see a fairy. An ancient belief centered around the ability of a primrose to ward off evil spirits. It is also thought to provide protection, safety, and love. In some cultures, it was thought that a primrose symbolized a woman with each petal representing a different stage of a woman's life. In the Victorian era, a gift of primroses meant young love, while in the language of flowers, it says "I can't live without you." In their native Europe, primrose have been long associated for its medicinal and culinary uses. In folk medicine, it was used to treat headaches, cramps, spasms, rheumatism and gout. In Irish folklore, a primrose leaf rubbed on a tooth for two minutes would relieve a toothache. Although primrose is toxic to dogs, cats, and horses, it is edible for humans. The leaves and flowers can be eaten cooked or raw, or used as an herb or garnish. Primrose can also be used to make wine and syrup.

Like the violet, February's birthstone is a purple color. It's the beautiful amethyst. This gem is a form of quartz; it can range from a pale lilac color to a deep, rich purple. The name is based on a Greek myth that speaks of a nymph named Amethyst who was inadvertently turned into white stone; in remorse, the Greek god Bacchus poured wine over her to turn her a beautiful purple.

The amethyst was thought to prevent intoxication and keep its wearer thinking sharply. It was worn by English royalty in the Middle Ages. The name "*amethyst*" derives from the Greek *amethystos*, which means "a remedy against drunkenness," a benefit long ascribed to the purple birthstone. Because of its wine-like color, early Greek mythology associated the gem with Bacchus, the god of wine. Amethyst was also believed to keep the wearer clear headed and quick witted in battle and business affairs.

Amethyst is the gem traditionally given for the sixth wedding anniversary. Wear it in celebration of your wedding nuptials or as your February birthstone and you'll be in royal company historically, royals have admired the deep purple hue of the February birthstone since at least the days of Alexander the Great. Amethyst lore also includes several claims to mystical powers, including that it would convey strength and wit to those who wore it. If you celebrate a February birthday, wearing an amethyst can be a symbol of personal empowerment and inner strength.

Russia was the major source of amethyst until the 19th century, when large deposits were found in Brazil. Once as rare as ruby or emerald, amethyst was suddenly in abundance. Today, the most important sources of amethyst are in Africa and South America. Amethyst is also found in the United States, just 46 miles (74 km) outside of **Phoenix, Arizona**. The Four Peaks amethyst mine is located high in the most rugged part of the Mazatzal Mountains. A remote location, hot summer temperatures, and a lack of water and power at the mine make for challenging conditions. Yet this jagged, arid, rattlesnake-infested terrain produces some very fine dark purple and purplish red amethyst crystals.

February 2022 Mass Intentions			
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	8:30 AM	Fr. L	INT
Wednesday, February 2, 2022	8:30 AM	The Children of Celeste Taylor	INT
Thursday, February 3, 2022	8:30 AM	Jerry Cuda	RIP
Friday, February 4, 2022	8:30 AM	John Gonzalez	RIP
Saturday, February 5, 2022	9:00 AM	Irena Kaminska	RIP
Saturday, February 5, 2022	5:00 PM	Al & Anita Dufane	INT
Sunday, February 6, 2022	7:30 AM	Toni Sanchez	INT
Sunday, February 6, 2022	9:00 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, February 6, 2022	10:30 AM	Ismael Hernandez Ponciano	RIP
Monday, February 7, 2022	8:30 AM	John Gonzalez	RIP
Tuesday, February 8, 2022	8:30 AM	John Gonzalez	RIP
Wednesday, February 9, 2022	8:30 AM	Julia Caffey	INT
Thursday, February 10, 2022	8:30 AM	Duane Hartness	RIP
Friday, February 11, 2022	8:30 AM	Jesus Delgado	RIP
Saturday, February 12, 2022	5:00 PM	Esther Napp	INT
Sunday, February 13, 2022	7:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, February 13, 2022	9:00 AM	Dorothy & Sylvester Merkley	RIP
Sunday, February 13, 2022	10:30 AM	Jose Louis Trujillo	RIP
Monday, February 14, 2022	8:30 AM	Jimmy Carbajal	RIP
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	8:30 AM	John Gonzalez	RIP
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	8:30 AM	Janusz Jachimek	INT
Thursday, February 17, 2022	8:30 AM	Alana Bell	INT
Friday, February 18, 2022	8:30 AM	Cory & Jenna Schaeffer	INT
Saturday, February 19, 2022	5:00 PM	Cherie Breeyear Gauthier	RIP
Sunday, February 20, 2022	7:30 AM	Michael Hemmerich	INT
Sunday, February 20, 2022	9:00 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Sunday, February 20, 2022	10:30 AM	Vulfrano & Erika Gomez	INT
Monday, February 21, 2022	8:30 AM	Joe & Ann Delgado	INT
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	8:30 AM	Mandy Jachimek	INT
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	8:30 AM	Duane Hartness	RIP
Thursday, February 24, 2022	8:30 AM	Hoben & Kailo Delgado	RIP
Friday, February 25, 2022	8:30 AM	Johanna Anderson	INT
Saturday, February 26, 2022	5:00 PM	Carol Wittal	RIP
Sunday, February 27, 2022	7:30 AM	Keegan Bovee	RIP
Sunday, February 27, 2022	9:00 AM	Virginia Olivera	RIP
Sunday, February 27, 2022	10:30 AM	People of St. Catherine	INT
Monday, February 28, 2022	8:30 AM	Debbie Nadeau	INT

Our Parish Library is open Sundays after the 9:00 am Mass. Did you know that in the Month of February we celebrate "Take your child to the Library". It is the first Saturday of February. Since our Library is open on Sundays please bring your child to look around and see what we have to offer on 2/9/22. There are many books, CD's and movies to help your child understand the "LOVE" that God has for them.



ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, SUFFERING FROM THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

The Bereavement and Grief Support program offered at Sacred Heart consists of *six weekly sessions* that help people to know what to expect and not to expect during the grieving process. It gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings in an environment of understanding and empathy. It also gives you the tools you need for your recovery and healing. The next program will begin on February 16, 2021

Please give us a call so we can reserve a place for you, as space is very limited.

Carol and Bud Bevenour: 777-9040

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord, and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her:
Shirley Pierce



Are you interested in joining one or more of our many groups that meet during the month? The following list will help you know where and when the groups meet.

- Finance Council 2nd Thursday 6:00 pm in the St. Michael Room
 - Pastoral Council 2nd Monday 6:00 pm in the St. Michael Room (only meets every other month)
 - Liturgy Committee 2nd Wednesday 5 pm in the St. Michael Room
 - RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation Adults) 6:30 pm Every Tuesday in the St. Michael Room
 - Ladies of St. Catherine 1st Tuesday 9:30 am in the parish hall
 - St. Vincent de Paul 1st & 3rd Thursdays 9:30 am in the St. Michael Room
 - Monday Morning Bible Study 9:30 am in the St. Michael Room
 - Spanish RE class Wednesday 6 pm in the parish hall
 - Study of Gospel Wednesday 9:30 am in the St. Michael Room
 - Bible Study Wednesday 6 pm in the St. Michael Room
 - Choir practice Wednesday 6 pm in the church
 - Bible Study with Dennis Bethke & Dcn. Holmes Thursday 6 pm in the St. Michael Room
- If interested in Holy Family Ministry please contact Barbara Cox or Sharlia Hartness

A LITTLE HUMOR!

–What do you call a sleepwalking nun?
A "roamin'" Catholic.

–What do you call a priest in charge of the school play?

The spiritual director.



PRAYER WARRIORS

Dear Prayer Warriors,



Our special intention for the month of February is that we start to think of what each of us would like to do for Lent, which does not begin until March 3rd. Also, the special intention (s) each of us hold in our hearts!

During the past month, we were asked to pray for:

- ~ Parishioner, who has end stage cancer, for peace and acceptance.
- ~ Warrior, recovering from a serious fall.
- ~ Husband, suffering from severe cellulitis in his leg.
- ~ Parishioner, recovering from a heart attack.
- ~ Successful & complete recovery for a 11 year old Granddaughter- operation to remove bacteria from the bones in her hand.
- ~ All priests and religious.
- ~ All the homeless people, especially the children in our quad city area, in need.
- ~ All those in need of prayer & enduring physical pain, including depression and loneliness.
- ~ Daughter, who had surgery, for complete recovery, and strength.
- ~ Warrior in Hospital with a broken hip for complete recovery, and peace.
- ~ Friend just operated on for a brain aneurysm for quick recovery.
- ~ Husband, who has not been well, and all those who are experiencing flu-like symptoms, which are not flu or COVID, but are very debilitating.
- ~ Family of many Prayer Warriors who are in recovery stages of this debilitating malady. (COVID)
- ~ Warrior, who is suffering from severe after-effects of COVID.
- ~ All those recovering from COVID.
- ~ All those affected by horrific weather, who have been displaced from their homes, etc.
- ~ All those in need of prayer who do not ask for prayer.
- ~ 17 year old Granddaughter's friend, who has a brain tumor for recovery; peace for her and her family.
- ~ Brother-in-law in ICU with fluid in his lungs for recovery; peace for his family.
- ~ Husband, for full recovery from a very painful knee replacement.
- ~ Friend, who has terminal lung cancer, needs help to get Hospice care; comfort, peace, and strength.
- ~ Friend, whose husband has COVID; in ICU on ventilator; just had kidney transplant; guidance for medical care. Peace, & strength.
- ~ Uncle, 96. who fell and broke his hip for recovery.
- ~ Husband, who has dementia, & gangrene in toes; wife for strength & peace,
- ~ Parishioners, who may have recently left our Church, that they may return.

Anyone who wishes to join the Prayer Warriors, is more than WELCOME!!

Intercessory prayer on behalf of others is very powerful!! There are no dues or fees, so for more info, please call me, Mary Anderson; Prayer Warrior

Come join us in our biannual 40 Days For Life Holy Hour Thursdays from March 3rd thru April 7th after the 8:30 am Mass (9:15 am to 10:15 am). We will be praying the rosary and other prayers in the program before the Blessed Sacrament for a respect for all life from conception until natural death. Appreciate all your prayers during these difficult times.



Bible Study—Wednesday Evenings

The Footprints of God series.

When: Wednesday evenings: Until --March 15, 2022

Location: St. Michael Room at 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

NO COST

♥HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY♥

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February is Holy Family Month.

Prayer In Honor of the Holy Family

O God, Heavenly Father, it was part of Thine eternal decree that Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, should form a holy family with Mary, His blessed mother, and His foster father, Saint Joseph. In Nazareth, home life was sanctified, and a perfect example was given to every Christian family. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may fully comprehend and faithfully imitate the virtues of the Holy Family so that we may be united with them one day in their heavenly glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Explanation of the Prayer in Honor of the Holy Family

Christ could have come to earth in any number of ways, yet God chose to send His Son as a Child born into a family. In so doing, He set the Holy Family as an example for us all and made the Christian family more than a natural institution. In this prayer, we ask God to keep the example of the Holy Family always before us, so that we will imitate them in our family life.

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home in Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and concord in Christian love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family, we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be (three times each).