



# Religious Education Newsletter Holy Savior Catholic Church

February 2023



On February 14 we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Although it is not an official feast day on the calendar of saints, the Church does recognize him as a saint. Very little is known about him and custom attributes three different men as Valentine, none of whom were martyred for the romance and love we have come to celebrate the current feast day.

On Valentine's Day we celebrate the gift of love. The most important message we should take away from this day is our love of one another and Jesus' message of his greatest commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

May this day also remind of Jesus' great love for each of us. The love he showed us in our creation and the love he showed us when he died for us.

Valentine's Prayer: O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn to love God above all things and to selfishly love one another. Pray for us that we have the steadfast faith of the martyrs. Amen

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> Adoration, Benediction, Confession 6-7:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Women's Book Club 6:00 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass 8:30 AM  
1st Friday Breakfast McGing Hall  
Blessing of the Throats, St Blaise

5<sup>th</sup> CCD & Adult Education

9<sup>th</sup> Women's Book Club 6:00 PM

10<sup>th</sup> 2nd Friday Mass of Healing & Anointing  
8:30 AM

12<sup>th</sup> CCD & Adult Education

14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day

16<sup>th</sup> Women's Book Club 6:00 PM

19<sup>th</sup> CCD & Adult Education

22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday

23<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Study Group with Fr. Lincoln

24<sup>th</sup> Adoration, Stations, Mass  
Friday Lenten Meal Parish Hall

26<sup>th</sup> CCD & Adult Education



## Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in honor of the Marian Apparition that took place in Lourdes, France, to a fourteen-year-old peasant girl, St. Bernadette Soubirous. There were a total of seventeen apparitions over the year 1858. Our Lady told St. Bernadette that we were to pray for the Conversion of Sinners, and she stated, "I am the Immaculate Conception". St. Bernadette was asked to dig in the ground and a "spring" would erupt. She did as she was told, and to this day the water runs. Nearly 6 million faithful make the pilgrimage annually, and hundreds of miracles have been reported through these visits.

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# CCD February Newsletter

## St. Blaise February 3



According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

Legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed.

Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food. (Loyola Press)

## Blessing of Throats

**Friday, Feb. 3 at 8:30 AM**

**Saturday Vigil Feb. 4 at 5:00 PM**

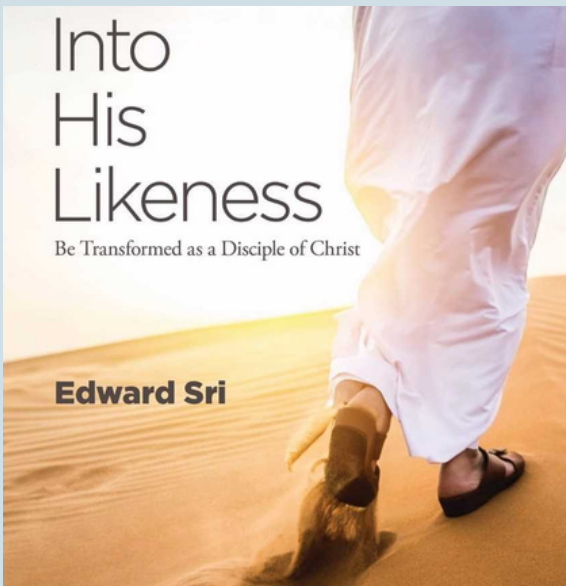
**Sunday Mass Feb. 5 at 10:30 AM**



## Into His Likeness

Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ

Edward Sri



## Adult Education

Deepen your faith formation by joining parish adults during CCD time to study various topics. For the next few weeks the topic will be Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ. Enjoy coffee and fellowship as you wait for your children.

Classes meet during CCD in the parish hall, 9:00-10:10 every Sunday.



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## Uno the Lost Sheep

Uno the lost sheep is our newest addition to our Mass. He will be dressed in the appropriate liturgical colors. He is wearing green for ordinary time until Ash Wednesday when he will wear purple for Lent. He reminds us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd who cares for all of us, even for that one lost sheep who goes astray.



## Confirmation Service Project

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in Jesus' teachings and give us a model on how we treat others:

"For I was hungry and you gave me food....Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

The Corporal Works of Mercy are a way in which we live out the Gospel in our daily lives. Our Confirmation students are learning the importance of the Corporal Works of Mercy with the various service projects we have scheduled for them during their faith journey this year.

The Confirmation class will be feeding the homeless at Poindexter Park near Iron Horse Grill in Jackson. We are working with Why Not Now Ministries who organizes these events. Local churches help this group prepare a meal to bring to the park for the homeless. St. Richard, St. Francis Madison, and St. Jude are a few of our sister churches who also participate in this ministry. We will cook spaghetti for about 100 people. On Sunday, February 12, we will divide the food into to-go containers. We will start 9:00 Sunday morning before Mass to prepare the to-go containers.

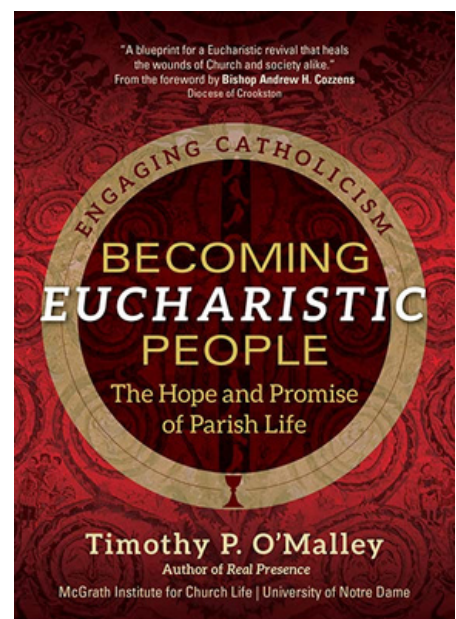
We will leave immediately after Mass. Parents are needed to help transport food.

Please contact Hunter or Trish if you would like to help.

**All 7th-12th graders are encouraged to participate.**

## Adult Lenten Study Group

Fr. Lincoln will lead our adult Lenten faith group in the parish hall on Thursday's during Lent starting February 23 at 6:00 pm. We will be discussing the book Becoming Eucharistic People: The Hope and Promise of Parish Life, written by one of Father Lincoln's professors at the University of Notre Dame, Dr Timothy O'Malley. These sessions will last about an hour. Books will be available at Mass.



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## Ash Wednesday

**February 22**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

Catholics must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, ages 18-59. Additionally, we must abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, ages 14 and up. (USCCB)



## Fridays of Lent

Adoration every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) Noon - 5:00. Sign up beginning this weekend.

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 with Mass immediately after.

Friday meals after Mass in McGing Hall. Fried catfish alternates every other Friday with other meatless meals.



The Stations of the Cross are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to his burial until he was buried in the tomb. This devotion has been long encouraged by the church, and is especially useful during Lent and Good Friday.





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## Garage Sale

The garage sale was a huge success! We thank all the youth who helped sort the donations. We also thank the parents who helped sort. Special thanks to everyone who helped the day of the sale. This fundraiser would not be possible without the generous support of our parishioners and everyone who helped.





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## Parish Epiphany Potluck Luncheon

Everyone had a great time at the first annual Parish Epiphany potluck luncheon. Games and prizes were enjoyed by the youth and adults of the parish.



## Keep Christ in Christmas

Our 2nd - 8th grades participated in our Keep Christ in Christmas contest. Each grade was challenged to draw a picture of the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone did a great job on their posters. Pictured are our winners.



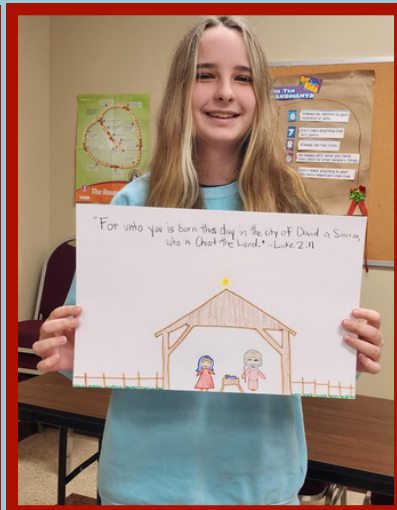
**Joseph Kieffer**  
**2nd Grade**



**Hadley Williams**  
**4th Grade**



**Addie Threadgill**  
**Nora Melancon**  
**5th & 6th Grade**



**Olivia Weisenberger**  
**7th & 8th Grade**