

# February 12 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY FROM THE HEART

As we approach Valentine's Day and as we celebrate with our young couples married five years and less, let us reflect on "*loving deeply from the heart.*"

Choiceful...Self-Giving...Sacrificial Action... for the sake of another person flowing from commitment, not emotion!

Eagerly...Constantly...Persistently...in bad times as well as good times!

Transcends Feelings and Romance... flowing from Commitment and Conscience, acting out of self-giving commitment to what is best for others, being persistent in loving even when it's hard.

### PRAYER

Help me, dear Lord, to love my spouse and others *deeply from the heart.* Help me to love them sacrificially. Help me to love them consistently. Help me to love them when it's easy and especially when it's hard. May I love others with the same love You have shown to us.

*All praise be to you, God of love. Amen.*

### GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES!



## SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Following the Jubilee Year of Mercy, many remarried Catholics continue to wait in hope for a Vatican change that would allow them to return to the sacraments. Some church leaders would see Jesus' preaching in today's Gospel as a hard line. That doesn't make things easier for change. Marriage is once and forever. Case closed.

Yet the reality of the world of 2017 has become much different than that of the world of the first century Christians. Divorces now claim more than half of all marriages. Non-married families are increasing and many couples just live together. The acceptance of same-sex marriage adds another dimension to the milieu. Pope John Paul II never tired of reminding us: "The future of humanity depends on marriage and the family."

Standing chest deep in the outgoing tide, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has made marriage and family issues a top priority. (*Deacon Dick Folger, Celebration*)

## PRAYER SERVICES

|                 |         |                |
|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Wed., Feb. 15   | 7:45 AM | Morning Prayer |
| Thurs., Feb. 16 | 4:00 PM | Evening Prayer |
| Fri., Feb. 17   | 7:45 AM | Morning Prayer |

## MASS INTENTIONS

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|------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Sat. February 11 | 4 PM  | Mark Eckstein      |
| Sun. February 12 | 10 AM | Don Gilland        |
| Sat. February 18 | 4 PM  | Special Intention  |
| Sun. February 19 | 10 AM | Bud and Vi Prickel |

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday - February 18 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: John and Linda Wagner  
Glen and Diane Bohman  
Servers: Macey Moorman, Neal Bohman  
Cantor: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning  
Lectors: Teha Merkel, Judy Steuri  
Euch. Ministers: John Wagner, Gene Moorman  
Beth Simon, Terry Harmeyer

### Sunday - February 19 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Bob and Shirley Schwartz - *back*  
Duke and Keri Johnson - *back*  
David and Jodi Meister - *side*  
Servers: Ben Miller, Nick Miller  
Cantors: Scott Simon  
Lectors: Paul Gehl, Arlene Gehl  
Euch. Ministers: Katie Spreckelson, Patty Simon  
Emma Spreckelson, Rita Kress

## PARISH SUPPORT

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Adult Envelopes          | \$3077.00        |
| Children's Envelopes     | \$ 30.19         |
| Loose Collection         | <u>\$ 384.00</u> |
| Total Regular Collection | \$3491.19        |
| Propagation of Faith     | \$55.00          |
| Criterion                | \$40.00          |

**God bless your generosity!**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn February 12 through February 19 for Carl and Pat Mistler.

**TABLES AND CHAIRS** – New tables and chairs have been ordered for the shelter, as well as chair racks. A few of the wooden tables and chairs will remain in the garage if parishioners want to borrow them for home use.

**PARISH MISSIONS** – Fr. Jim Farrel, "Experiencing God's Grace" at St. Mary's, Greensburg, Feb. 19-21, 6:30 PM each evening; 10:00 a.m. Monday and Tuesday (repeat of evening sessions); Fr. Dan Bedel, "Finding God Within Us" on March 5 at St. Maurice and "Finding God Outside Us" March 6 at Immaculate Conception, 7:00 PM.

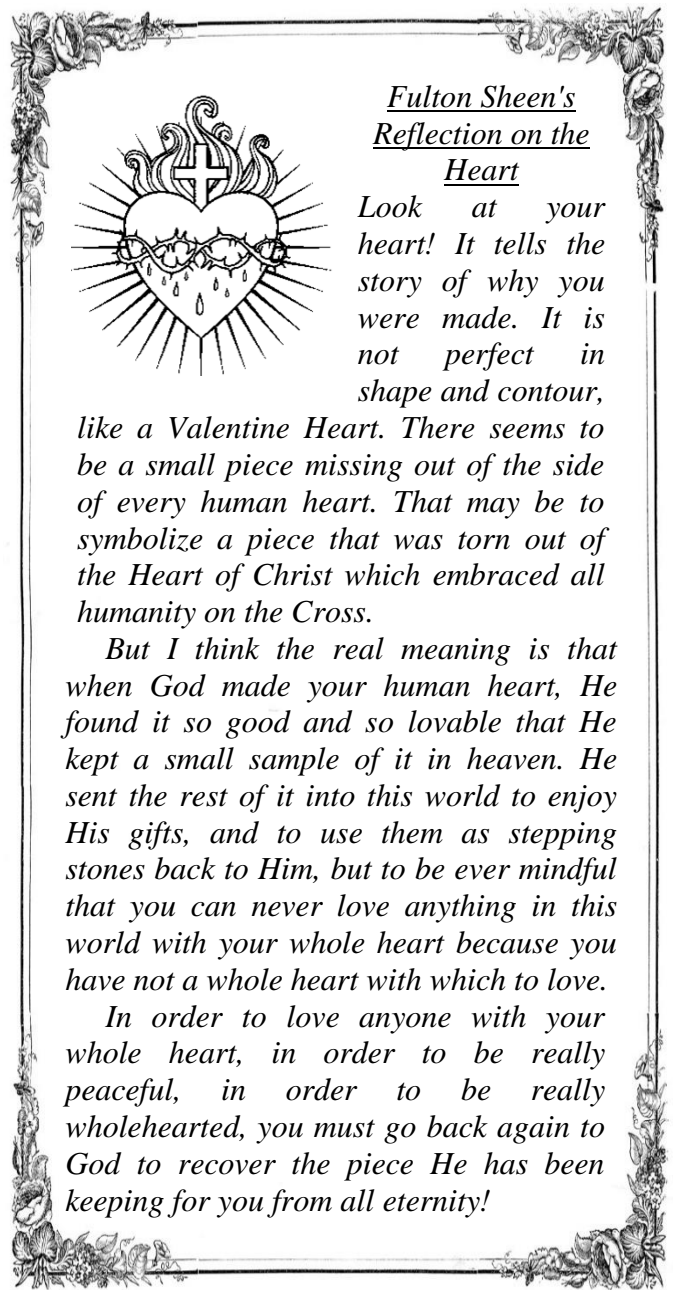
**RELIGIOUS ED** – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, February 15, 6:45 PM. A meal will be served.

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, February 12, 8:30 AM.

**DEFIBRILLATOR** – The Parish Council made the decision to purchase at least one defibrillator that would be placed near church with the hope of eventually buying one more that could be placed near the hall. A defibrillator costs approximately \$2,500.00. If you would like to make a donation toward this medical equipment it would be received gratefully. Thank you.

**BOOK DISCUSSION** – A book discussion called "Keep Your Kids Catholic" (2 or 3 sessions) will be offered during the Lenten season at three different times: a Weekday Morning, a Sunday Morning, or a Wednesday evening. **Choose and Sign Up for the time that would be most convenient for you.**

Sign-up sheets are at both entrances of church, along with a copy of the book if you'd like to glance through it. **SIGN UP BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26.**



*Fulton Sheen's  
Reflection on the  
Heart*

*Look at your heart! It tells the story of why you were made. It is not perfect in shape and contour,*

*like a Valentine Heart. There seems to be a small piece missing out of the side of every human heart. That may be to symbolize a piece that was torn out of the Heart of Christ which embraced all humanity on the Cross.*

*But I think the real meaning is that when God made your human heart, He found it so good and so lovable that He kept a small sample of it in heaven. He sent the rest of it into this world to enjoy His gifts, and to use them as stepping stones back to Him, but to be ever mindful that you can never love anything in this world with your whole heart because you have not a whole heart with which to love.*

*In order to love anyone with your whole heart, in order to be really peaceful, in order to be really wholehearted, you must go back again to God to recover the piece He has been keeping for you from all eternity!*

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!" (George Goldtrap, The Joyful Noiseletter)