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SISTERS IN CHRIST:

"World's First Love" by Venerable Fulton Sheen
Join us for the study on: **Tuesday mornings, 10am** at St. Joseph-Stringtown Parish Center. Contact Janette Kocher or Caroline Trimble, if interested.
Wednesday evenings, 5:30pm at Holy Cross Parish Center. Contact Kristi Sandschafer or Caroline Trimble, if interested. (On Wednesday evenings there is childcare available).

ST. JOSEPH OLNEY SCHOOL NEWS:

Thursday, February 13- Early release at 11:50am, There will be parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon. **Friday, February 14-** No school. Parent-teacher conferences will be held in the morning. **Monday, February 17-** No school for Presidents' Day! **Please join us for our Boosters Pasta Dinner and PTO Carnival on Saturday, February 8.** We will be serving famous Joe's sauce and pasta in the cafeteria from 5-7pm with carnival games in the gym for the kids! Proceeds benefit our athletics, music, and PTO programs!

M.C.4.C. & E.C. LOVE IS BOOKLET:

Love is... a journey of more you, me & God. One week of growing more in virtue and deepening the relationship. Continue praying together, living virtuously, and spending time with God. Once the booklet is finished, give to your love! *"It took two to get married, but it will take three to stay married. Keep God in your marriage."* Venerable Fulton Sheen

M.C.4.C & E.C. VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY:

Attention Married and Engaged Couples – join us February 14 at 6pm for a Valentine's Day party at Holy Cross Parish Center with catered meal by Ochs Smoked Meats and music and dance by Midnight Hours DJ! Cost is \$40 per couple. Semi-formal to formal attire! Childcare will be provided

by the CYM at the Parish House. Let us know if childcare is needed when RSVPing. You can RSVP to Sandi Kessler by calling or texting 618-676-5080 by February 9th.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The St. Joseph School Bingo Bash Fundraiser will be March 8th at the Stringtown Parish Center. Donations are being accepted including unopened bottles of wine for our wine pull. If you can donate a bottle or two, please place them in the box in the back of church. Please have any wine donations dropped off by Sun, March 2nd.

ST. JOSEPH-OLNEY BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays at 9:15am, Room B. Deacon Jack will take you through the readings for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone? We'll talk about that at Bible Study.

OLNEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Thursday, February 13 – 3rd Degree Meeting at 7pm. **Thursday, February 20** – 4th Degree Meeting at 7pm. **Sunday, February 23** – Knight Led Rosary at 7:40am.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."
USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

VOCATION CORNER:

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter our station in life - married, single or religious – we

have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health, and aging – all of these tests the bonds of even the finest unions.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

Family Lenten Retreat at St. Isidore Parish on Sat, March 8 beginning with Mass at 10am at St. Aloysius Church. You may sign up by emailing office@stisidore.dio.org. Please call Karla Slifer 217-690-5282 or Stephanie Niemerg 217-821-5970 if you have questions.

SURROUNDING PARISH EVENTS:

Valentine's Breakfast on Sun, February 9 from 8am-12pm at St. Valentine Hall in the Bend, 4841 N. 2125th St in Oblong. Menu will feature Hartrich sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, potato casserole, fruit cocktail, breakfast breads and sweets, and drink. Adults are \$10, 3-10 years of age \$5, and adult meal refills \$5. Carryouts are available.

CAKE/CRAFT DRAWING:

Thank you to everyone that participated in the cake/craft drawing this past weekend. The donated items for this drawing were banana nut muffins and gourmet coffee with a coffee mug for both days. Winners were Saturday – Clint & Sara Bergbower and Sunday – Ryan & Sarah Will. Total amount collected from the drawing was \$295.00. **Ladies Altar Sodality is looking for sponsors from the drawings each month. If you are interested in donating an item(s) for the cake/craft drawing, please sign up in church or contact the Parish Office.**

Sunday, February 9, 2025 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O come, let us worship God and bow low
before the God who made us, for
he is the Lord our God.



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