



## February 2024 Newsletter

### Let's Talk Hearts!

February is nearing and the secular world wants to share "Valentines" Day and we want to share Saint Valentine's Day! Since the start of my conversion journey, I have been intrigued always by the Catholic roots of our world. Many secular events are rooted in the once-Catholic tradition. Perhaps even more reason to grab and hold tight to those roots and allow them to grow deeply in our homes ... the domestic Church!

Our Lenten journey will begin on the 14th, and we will be sacrificing the chocolate for the ashes! Silver Cross has a variety of Lenten devotionals, materials, and Catholic Classic reads for the journey. The store is filled with wonderful stuff for your valentine(s) and their Lent!

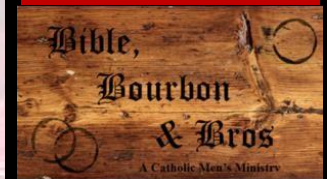
With so many images of the heart beginning to appear with the onset of Saint Valentine's Day, let's begin to focus on the images that are true to our faith, that stir our hearts to live and work better for Him. Hopefully, we can find somewhere amongst our things three beautiful hearts ~ the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph ~ Our Holy Family to which the month of February is devoted.

We certainly cannot let February go by without acknowledging Our Lady of Lourdes whose Feast is normally celebrated on February 11th. We will be sharing her Feast Day on Saturday, February 10th with Story Time. Mary appeared to our dear St. Bernadette eighteen times. Obediently, St. Bernadette dug in the grotto and the water appeared and has since provided healing graces to the pilgrims. Did you know that our Blessed Mother was adorned with yellow roses on her feet in her appearance to St. Bernadette? The gift of the roses ...

I want to give gratitude for all of your prayers and kindness as I continue to heal and recover from the car accident. I am reminded that it is always in His timing. Each day is a better day and a day closer to a return to see you at the store. May our Lady of Lourdes provide healing graces to all of us, so that we may live courageously for Him! May "we live more by the heart than by the mind"! The Imitation of Mary, Thomas a Kempis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Marie" with a stylized flourish below it.

February 8<sup>th</sup> Minster  
KofC Hall  
Fr. Patrick Blenman



### Other Important Dates...

February 10th - Story  
Time 10 AM

February 14th - Ash  
Wednesday - Give  
your sweetie a gift  
for the journey!

February 28th -  
**Close early at 6PM**  
due to Mission Talks  
at St. Joseph Pillar of  
Families Parish

March 14th - Wine,  
Women & Jesus|7  
PM| Minster KoC

**Store Hours: Sunday & Monday Closed, Tuesday 10AM-6PM, Wednesday 10AM-7PM,**

**Thursday 10AM-6PM, Friday 10AM-6PM, Saturday 10AM-3PM**