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Dear Parents,

It is the month of love. Valentine's Day is February 14th. My husband and I have never been huge fans of "Hallmark" holidays, but there is something sweet about a day set aside to show the ones we love that we love them. Sure, we should acknowledge our loved one's every day, but we don't. *Well, I don't.* I forget. I get busy. I take my loved ones for granted. It's not intentional. It just happens. And really, it isn't all that difficult to show people we love that we love them. It is much harder to show people we don't love (at least at that moment!) that we love them. That we love them just because God created them and because Jesus tells us: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

Perhaps this February, as we prepare for Lent, we can focus on loving better. Loving more intentionally. Loving more the way God loves us. In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul explains what love is:

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Try inserting your name when the above Scripture references love. _____ is patient, _____ is kind. _____ is not jealous....and so forth. How does it feel? Are the statements speaking the truth about you? If not, what can you do to change? Ask Jesus to help you be more loving, and all that loving entails. Striving to be more loving this month would be the greatest Valentine's gift you could give your spouse, children, mother, father, friends, co-workers, and anyone else you come in contact with. And hopefully your loving actions will continue past this month of **LOVE** and into the rest of your life. 

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:7-8



A few photos from Baptism & Bagels! Hope to see you next time!!

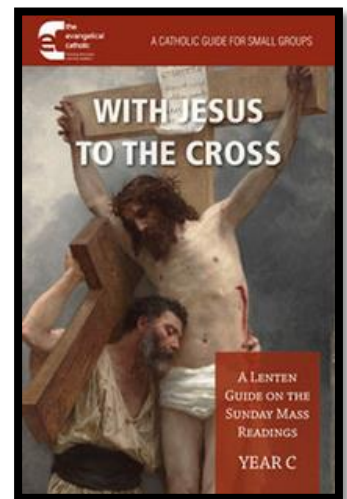


Consider Joining a Small Group this Lent!

Small groups will meet this Lent to discuss life and faith; reflect on God's Word together; and pray for and with one another. Small groups gather in leader's homes and are a wonderful way to meet new people and enhance your lenten experience.

If you would like more information please email me at adrienne.cullen.ccb@gmail.com or call 978-663-3624. We will be having sign-ups after Masses on February 16-17. You can also find more information in the bulletin or our website: www.billericacatholic.org

For those of you who were at the Baptism & Bagels I introduced Phil & Katy Oslin as leaders of a small group. As a couple with a newly baptized son themselves, it could be fun for other young couples to join their group!



Think about it!! Pray on it! And let me know! 😊