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**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR
COUNCIL**

Catholic Mass in our Chapel is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 1:30 PM. There will be a social time after Mass. The rosary will be said prior to Mass, beginning at 1:00 PM. You can also watch the Mass on our in house Chapel channel.

Catholic Communion is offered every Sunday at 11:30 in each of the Music Rooms in each clubhouse and in RG.

The Catholic Rosary will be available on the Chapel channel at 7:30 AM and 11 AM, every day of the Week.

The Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM in the Liberty Music Room. All are invited.

In addition, your council sets up confessions here when appropriate, invites and arranges for the children's choir to join us at our Mass from time to time, and works closely with Pastoral Ministries and the other Faith Councils.

Our Council is constantly researching ways to bring our congregation together including seminars, speakers, etc., and we would encourage anyone who has an idea on how to help to bring our Catholic community together, please let us know.

If we don't have Blessing of the Throats here at Ann's Choice this year due to the Pandemic, here is a prayer which may help us thru these trying times.

Glorious St Blaise



O Glorious Saint Blaise,
who by thy martyrdom
has left to the Church a precious witness to the faith,
obtain for us the grace to
preserve within ourselves this divine gift,
and to defend, without human respect,
both by word and example,
the truth of that same faith,
which is so wickedly attacked
and slandered in these our times.

You who miraculously cured
a little child when it was at the point of death
by reason of an affliction of the throat,
grant us your powerful protection in like misfortunes;
and, above all, obtain for us
the grace of repentance,
together with a faithful observance of our Church,
and avoidance from offending Almighty God. Amen.



Our Catholic Neighbors who passed during January:

**Lorraine Fitzgerald, Katherine 'Kathy' Kelly, Barbara Owens,
Isabel Longcoy**

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let His face shine upon you. May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace."



Valentine's Day, also called **St. Valentine's Day**, (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Given their similarities, it has been suggested that the holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I forbid the celebration of Lupercalia and is sometimes attributed with replacing it with St. Valentine's Day, but the true origin of the holiday is vague at best. Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century. Valentine's Day is celebrated on Monday, February 14, 2022.

Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Another common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason that his feast day is associated with love.

