



# St. Therese Catholic Church

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Dear St. Therese Friends,

February, the month of St. Valentine is here. What are you doing for your marriage, beyond flowers and candy? Here are some suggestions from our bishops as they invite couples to strengthen their relationships as a gift to each other:

- Schedule several "Date Nights" for the first few months of the year.
- Draw up your 2011 household budget together. Discuss spending priorities, including charitable donations.
- Take turns selecting a favorite Scripture passage to pray about each week. Share your reflections with each other.
- Dust up your religious education. Read a brief summary of what the Church believes about marriage. Why is marriage a sacrament, as well as a vocation? What is marital spirituality?
- While it's important to strengthen the marriage relationship, marriage is also a sacrament of service. It's true that marriage benefits the couple, but it's also good for their family, community, and the Church. Resolve to do at least one service activity this year, as a family or a couple. Perhaps it's bringing canned goods to the local food pantry on a regular basis or helping out with a parish fundraising project.

By the way, for those who are tech savvy, check out the US Bishops web site for enriching marriages: [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

On another note, my dear friends, "I give thanks to my God at every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel" (Philippians 1:3). As one of the newest members of St. Therese Parish, as your pastor, I am so grateful for your spiritual and material stewardship for the Our Church-Our Future Campaign. May God bless you in this year of grace. ~ Fr. David

A note from our campaign committee members: Thank you to each of you for making the celebration of Our Church-Our Future campaign a huge success. Because of each of you giving of your prayers, time, talents and treasures, the future is bright for St. Therese Parish! ~ Noreen Feterl & Sue Peters

There will be three opportunities to participate in Eucharistic Adoration during February. Please take advantage of these opportunities as you can.

## **February 2010 – Eucharistic Adoration Schedule**

Wednesday	February 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration With Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday	February 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration For the Personal Needs of St. Therese Families
Wednesday	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration

Fr. David Stevens