



February Edition of The Christian Pilot



A Message from the Moderator

Candy Sprick

February is a quirky little month. What with its weird lip-twisting “r” in the middle of the name, the curious lack of 30 days, “Mud Month” & “Cabbage Month” nicknames... oh my. At least we have Black History Month, where we can all learn a little something. But I think the best thing about February is the attention it puts on Love. Valentine’s Day is normally saved for romantic love, but I see February as an opportunity to consider **everything** in this life that holds a special place in my heart. And what a perfect time to head into the Lenten Season, for there is no greater love than that of our Lord.

As Christians, we are commanded to “Love one another.” One of my favorite chapters of the Bible is Romans 12. It offers explicit directions of how to live abundantly and with emotional maturity in Christ. Verses 9 through 21 are especially meaningful. Those scriptures are basically a Christian’s Manual for Life, are they not? I particularly like the versions that read “Outdo one another in showing honor.” Yeah. Now that’s a competition I can definitely support!

My challenge to you is this: Read Romans 12. And then read it again. Maybe read it every day! You will be amazed at how these words written over 2000 years ago still apply in our modern world. Perhaps you will find a nugget of enlightenment on which to focus this Lenten season. If we absorb the meaning of these words and build habits of tolerance, humility and love, well, that’s a gift that keeps on giving. Imagine how pleased God will be! May we all be blessed by His favor.

Blessings to you and yours this season!



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Community Relations

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Community Relations held our first meeting for 2024 on February 1. We created a basic calendar for the year and we're ready to move forward to spread the Good News!

Recent events -

Lynn Brown coordinated with the Raytown Success Academy for the upcoming RSA February 14th Friendship Day. Outreach created 90 small bags of candy for RSA students, and Lynn delivered these to RSA Administration to distribute.

Upcoming events in March -

March 17 and 24, RCC will be collecting small sized individually wrapped candy for Raytown's Egg-Extravaganza, to be held on Saturday, March 30. **Please do not donate chocolate**, as the candy will be stuffed into Easter eggs and placed on the ground waiting for the Easter egg hunters! Unfortunately, chocolate may melt in the meantime. The children's parents will thank you! 😊

RCC will host the Easter parade participant's registration again this year. We will provide a registration table and chairs, along with coffee and tea. Floats will be staged in the parking lot, where the parade begins. Later we will set up an RCC table in the Green Space, welcoming all to RCC for church services and sharing God's love, along with warm smiles! Easy, as RCC has warm welcoming smiles for everyone, including our members AND visitors!

RCC will share God's love with the children at River of Refuge this Easter, providing Easter baskets for them. We will not only fill these baskets with candy and small goodies, but most importantly, Bible story books for the little ones and Bible-based comic books for the older kids.



Public Relations

BJ Taylor

REMEMBER! Citizens of Raytown may now take hazardous wastes FOR FREE to drop-off sites: 4707 Deramus (east bottoms) and 2101 SE Hamblin Road (LS). Starting April, mobile collections will be announced throughout the year. Get rid of antifreeze, batteries, CFL bulbs fertilizers, flammables, household cleaners, paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more. Check www.RecycleSpot.org for details.

Feb 16 Fri, 4:30-7pm FISH FRIES at Knights of Columbus. Come chow down of fish, fried shrimp, veggies and salad. Clergy, Fire, Police, and 1st Responders get in free, us 'served' people pay \$14 (6-12 for \$6, under 5 free). Lots of fun.

Feb 17 Wed, 2-3pm Chamber Podcast: "Talk Raytown" is the first podcast of 2024. A sponsor will make a presentation, along with discussion of many new events for the year. Join in through RaytownChamber.com or tune into YouTube (@RaytownChamber);

Feb 17 Sat, 1030-12pm Zumba Valentine's Party will teach you to dance a new step and let you meet new people. Smoothie King provides the thick beverage at Slim Charlie's (10005 E. 63rd) for a great way to get a work-out. Register at www.zumba.com/class_detail/9aa6c211-fcee-4669-9bc7-97c50d822765? The entry of \$22 will be well worth the experience.

Feb 21 Wed, 2-3pm Podcast of "Talk Raytown", recorded and streamed, to be seen on YouTube @RaytownChamber. This month we will hear Damon Hodges, City Administrator.

Feb 22 Thu, 11-1pm State of the City Address by Mayor Mike McDonough will be presented over lunch at Connection Point Church (10500 E 350 Hwy, north door). Be updated on the solid condition of our great little city.

Feb 22-24 Thu-Sat, 7-9pm SIX: The Musical (Teen Edition) opens up the life of King Henry VII – only this time, in modern times, his half-dozen wives sing in a pop-girl group. They contest to see who will be lead vocal. Plays at RHS and I can't wait to see theater again!

Feb 23 Fri, 4:30-6pm FISH FRIES at Knights of Columbus.

Here we are again, for a geat dinner and great fellowship.

Feb 29 Thu, All Day Leap of Kindness Day marks the one day every four years that special emphasis is urged on all people everywhere to DO SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE ELSE. Practice that action with dedication, and the world will be a better place to live.

Mar 1 Fri, 4:30-7pm FISH FRIES at Knights of Columbus are cooking up good! If you have not made it yet, do take a try, and you will probably return next Friday! Like **Mar 8.**

Mar 8 Fri, 5:30-10pm Black & White Picadilly opens up at Stoney Creek Hotel (18011 Bass Pro Drive), where the evening fund-raiser for Raytown's Main Street Assn provides full-course dinner, photo booth, live auction, cash bar and more. Let's go party!

Have fun, and check the calendar at
<www.RaytownCC.org> for more listings of wholesome activities.