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55 PLUS GROUP  
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February ----- The Sacred Passion

Happy Valentine's month and a warm "hello" from the 55 Plus Group. With thirty-four in attendance, John Lichoff led us in prayer. Wayne Allen delivered one of his special poems.

Lunch buffet at East of Chicago Pizza on January 20<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by 12 members.

THE SMILE YOU SEND OUT, RETURNS TO YOU.

On Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Pre-Lenten Mardi-Gras luncheon at St. Anthony's Hall in Milan with Fr. Feltman giving a presentation. Lunch will be a choice of 2 soups and salad with Mardi-Gras cake as dessert. Come join us starting at 11:30 A.M. ----- all you need to bring is your appetite and yourself and a friend if you wish for this afternoon gala of fun.

DATES TO REMEMBER: February 12<sup>th</sup> ... Abraham Lincoln's birthday  
February 14<sup>th</sup> ... Valentine's Day and St. Mary's pot luck  
celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
February 15<sup>th</sup> ... President's Day  
February 17<sup>th</sup> ... Ash Wednesday ---first day of Lent

DID YOU KNOW??? ... February is the shortest month of the year.... And had 28 days until Julius Caesar gave it 29 and 30 days every 4 years. According to tradition, Augustus, the Roman emperor, took one day off to add one day to August, the month named after him. We now have February with 28 days and 29 on leap years.... Many famous people were born in this month of valentines-----besides our 2 presidents there are several writers (James Joyce, Horace Greeley, Charles Dickens, Charles Lamb, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow), also born this month was the home run king Babe Ruth, Charles Lindbergh, and our own Thomas Edison among several others. Seems this was a good month for initiative individuals.

Our next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sugar Creek Restaurant. Bring a friend and enjoy the lunch and friendship.

JMJ

Father in Heaven,  
Let us pray  
{for the grace to keep Lent faithfully}  
Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil.  
As we begin the discipline of Lent,  
make this season holy by our self-denial.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen