



Louisa with Rose and Emmanuela, the youngest children in the home

Savior of the World

family

With love and prayer

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Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received...but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."

— Francis of Assisi

My Dearest Family,
We wish you all a blessed and a brighter new year may our Lord Jesus Continue to bless and guide you all and may Our mother Mary continue to bless your path.

Over here we want to thank God for his goodness over our lives for all of us has entered the new year with good health. Everyday because of your life saving help we are able to wake up each day with new hope, new life and a new future Thank you for saving the lives of the poorest of the poor in this part of the World. You are not only a blessing to these children, but a blessing to our nation, a blessing to Africa and a blessing to the world. Tomorrow

these children will say I am here today because someone bless my life, someone gave me a new life, someone gave me hope and someone gave me a future if not for that someone my life would have been in the doom.

We want to also thank you in advance for the fundraising you are about to do for us next week at the fish fry.

To this point we actually don't know how to express our appreciation but we will love to say tanki (thank you). We love you and you are still in our prayers may God continue to bless you in all your ways.

We are now in the dry season, no rains and very humid.

In March we are planning to repair the farm house and get the chicken going again. We appreciate it. And we pray we have enough Funds to complete the project. We love you.

With love and prayer,



Louisa and Children

Love to Please

To you, dearest Louisa, to your family, your coworkers, all your children,

To all your friends, sponsors, and benefactors – to all of you who are brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

We are approaching a very sacred time. Lent is an invitation that Jesus gives to you and to me to be with him when he is in the desert for forty days, hungry, thirsty, tired, tempted and apparently alone.

We are also approaching a very popular celebration: St. Valentine's Day.

Lent begins precisely on Valentine's Day, February 14th. I wish to remind all of you from the Savior of the World Family that St. Valentine enjoys a very particular place in our relationship with God, the angels and the saints. You may

know that he is the Patron of Lovers: but, my friend, your knowledge is woefully incomplete. St. Valentine connects you and me to God and all the blessed as the Patron of Lovers and Sufferers from Epilepsy. On Valentine's Day, we celebrate him as he is.

The following appeared in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry.

An Italian stamp of 1988 shows a pictorial representation of an EEG and St. Valentine. St. Valentine was the first bishop of Terni in Umbria... St. Valentine was probably a physician who was martyred by the Romans on February 14, 273. He is patron saint of both lovers and epilepsy. There are also other patron saints of epilepsy. Legend has it that St. Valentine miraculously cured a young fiancée, Serapia, afflicted with a mysteri-

*ous illness, thought now to be epilepsy. Sites where St. Valentine was thought to have lived or visited became pilgrimage destinations for cure of the disorder. These destinations included Rome and Terni in Italy, Ruffach in France (where a hospital for epilepsy was later built), Poppel in Belgium, and Passau in Germany. **Soon after Valentine's death young lovers started making pilgrimages to Terni to be blessed by the Bishop on the 14th hour of every month for eternal love.***

Are you praying to be "blessed for eternal love"? How many lovers have their hearts set on eternal love when they celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine? How many of us set our hearts on eternal love

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Love to Please

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when we wake up in the morning, eat breakfast, drink coffee, eat the midday meal, work, study, play... do we have our hearts set on eternal love when we pray?

I was with a whole region of very poor people in the Balkans who indeed set their hearts on eternal love. Many of them also suffered from epilepsy. What caused their illness? Hunger. Malnutrition was provoking the seizures that we have learned are a serious sign of epilepsy.

What Jesus does and suffers during the 40 days of Lent is meant to be an example and an inspiration for all of us. What is very striking is he does not eat in spite of the fact that he has a great appetite and feels very hungry.

The devil always begins his temptations by saying to Jesus, "If you are

really the Son of God..."

The devil also does the same with us: he knows that you and I are children of God, children of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the younger brothers and sisters of Jesus. So the devil says to us: "If you are really Jesus' sister and friend...; if you are really Jesus' brother and companion... then you can do what you want, whenever you want." The devil likes to tempt us to think that we have a "right" to please ourselves, to behave as we wish without any thought to the children, women and men who need us to feed them, to love them, to welcome them, and to forgive them.

How does the devil like to tempt us? He says to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." In other words, when Jesus is hungry, he can do a simple miracle to

feed himself. The devil is saying to Jesus that he has the right to please himself. Jesus says, "No," to this temptation. He is to live not by his own selfish desires but by the loving will of God the Father. That's why Jesus does no miracle for himself, but he is ready to do a variety of miracles for others. He does not change any rock into bread for himself, but He feeds 5000 men and their women and children with only 5 loaves and 2 fish. Everyone eats and is satisfied. He does not create any wine for himself but he miraculously gives 600 liters of the best wine to the small wedding party at Cana. Everyone drinks and is more than satisfied.

The response of Jesus to the devil is not teaching us that we should refuse to eat. It is telling us that what we want should not be a priority

for us. We are to live by the will of God: what God wants has priority. God wishes us to act justly, love loyally and walk humbly with Him who is our God (Micah 6:8). Then by the power of the Holy Spirit, he will feed us, not with bread but with His very own Body, the Body of Christ. He will nourish us, not with wine but His very own Blood, the Blood of Christ.

We pray for Louisa, the children and all at the Savior of the World that this Lent may be a new discovery of the precious love God gives in the Holy Mass. We pray, too, for each other: may we truly respect and love each other as Jesus loves us; and may we in our turn be truly revered, respected and loved as daughters and sons of God – for that is who we are. Amen. Alleluia.

*Father
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All-You-Can-Eat FISH FRY



Louisa talking at St. Mary's in Griffith this past November



Louisa and Mary setting up for the Auction

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Monsignor Timothy Doody Council #9696

FISH FRY Friday, Feb 9th 4—7 PM

Proceeds to benefit the children of Savior of the World

St. Edward Parish (school gym)

216 S. Nichols Lowell, IN 46356

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Adults \$12 Seniors \$10, Children 12-5 \$5, Under 5 free

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