



February UTO News and Highlights

Have you ever thought about Shrove Tuesday as a pivot point between joy and reflection? It's something Heather's thinking about this month. Read more in the full newsletter (along with more information about anything listed below), which you can subscribe to [here](#).

Lenten Book Club: Uncommon Gratitude

Join us on Wednesdays at noon eastern time during Lent as we read and discuss *Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is* by Joan Cittyter and Rowan Williams. **Register** [here](#). You can come to as many as you're able. **Schedule:**

Wednesday, March 1 at Noon Eastern – Introduction, Faith, Doubt, Wealth

Wednesday, March 8 at Noon Eastern – Poverty, Differences, Divisions, Conflict

Wednesday, March 15 at Noon Eastern – Sinners, Saints, Genesis, Life

Wednesday, March 22 at Noon Eastern – Unity, Otherness, Past, Peace

Wednesday, March 29 at Noon Eastern – Suffering, Crises, Exodus, Friday

Wednesday, April 5 at Noon Eastern – Death, Future, Darkness, God

Lenten Materials Now Available

This year we are trying something new with our Lenten materials – instead of a downloadable journal, we're sending a daily text message reminder to practice gratitude. You can sign up [here](#). We are also offering our countdown to Easter for Faith Formation classes or families as well which are available [here](#).

UTO Grants in Action

Each month, we're sharing an update from an active grant site, so during the Spring you'll read about 2022 grants as their grant year is halfway through. This month, we're sharing the story of the 2022 grant to the This month, we're sharing the story of a 2022 grant to the diocese of South Dakota about their horse camp. They are inviting you to join in this February in support of building the indoor arena as a way to share some love. To give to the barn raising or make a one time or recurring sustainable donation towards hay, feed, hoof care, programming, etc, [please donate online through paypal](#) or visit [their facebook page](#). See the full newsletter to read more.

2024 UTO Prayer Booklet Call for Prayers

Please submit prayers for the triennial UTO Book of Prayers, which will be available at General Convention in Kentucky. Remember, you can write any prayer you want, anyone can write a prayer, and you can also write in any language. Please share with your community the call for prayers, have a prayer writing party, encourage kids in Sunday School to write a prayer, and make sure you send one in too. Once you are ready to submit a prayer you can do so [here](#). If you're worried about using the online form, you can also [email your prayers](#). Just be sure to include your name, parish and diocese.

Facebook Group for UTO Leaders

For the past few years we've attempted to create an online space for UTO leaders (and members) to connect. We originally thought this might be easier by Province, but having everyone spread out didn't really work. Now we've got one spot where you can connect, get the latest information, ask questions, or share something you're grateful for. Join the UTO Coordinators group [here](#).

Upcoming Grant Webinars and Deadlines

February 14th at noon Eastern – this webinar will be your last chance to ask any questions you might have about your 2023 application.

Important application deadlines:

- Friday, February 24th is the last day you may receive a full review of a draft application.
- Friday, March 3rd is the last day you may receive a review of your budget for out of criteria items.
- Wednesday, March 8th is the last day applications will be reviewed for completeness.
- Thursday, March 9 & 10 - all applications will be processed as received.