

St. Joseph School News

Special thanks to Judy Patterson, Audra Stengel, Barbara Geels, Megan Mayeux and Morgan Churchman for helping with Terra Nova testing every day this past week. We are so grateful to our volunteers!!

We are extremely thankful to a donor who made a nice contribution toward the purchase of a new color copier for the school office.

It has touched our hearts each time we have received a donation toward little Rook Reese’s tuition. We need not look any further than St. Joseph parish and school for some of the greatest people in the world!!

Please remember to clip Box Tops for Education, and save used ink cartridges for us!! We will collect Best Choice UPCs as long as you have them.

There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind. Fred Rogers

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioner Jaxon Perreault for being named Subiaco Academy MVP at the State Quiz Bowl Tournament! CONGRATULATIONS also to parishioner Brooke Rainwater for being selected to attend Girls State from Paris High School. We’re proud of both of you!!!

All parish ladies are invited to attend a drop in **baby shower** for Jordan (Vines) Devine Sunday, April 15th, 2pm to 4pm, at St. Joseph's Hall. Jordan is having a baby girl! Jordan is seeking someone to care for Ellie when the 2018/2019 school term begins. If you or someone you know is interested, please call 518-1280.

PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS IN GRADES 2 – 12!!

Circle of Grace (replaces VIRTUS Touching Safety program) will be taught on April 11, 18 & 25.

The last Religious Education classes will be on Wednesday, May 2.

Name submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Tracy Schluterman/health issues; Marietta Schneider/in hospital/nw transferred to Greenhurst for rehab.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kevin Schneider, Boniface Pfeiffer, Vivian Fox, Madeline Stengel, Remi Schluterman, Barbara Bordenet, and Adalaine Hughes.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Mark & Rhonda Rhein.

April 8 Collection: Adult env (55) \$3233. Children: \$15. Loose: \$238.75. Total: \$3486.75.
Miscellaneous Income: (Cemetery benches) \$120. Mass stipends: \$30. Votive Candles: \$17.

“Peace be with you.” (John 20:19) The peace Jesus promises often comes from forgiving our spouse when he/she has hurt us. Is there something you’re finding hard to forgive? Take it to Jesus in prayer and ask for His peace. **What have you done for your marriage today?** www.foryourmarriage.org

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened.” (Luke 24:37-37)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “**SEE** the face of Jesus” in others and to “**BE** the face of Jesus” to others. Do we - as Stewards - take the opportunity to provide *PEACE* to those we encounter, or are we afraid of what others will think of us, so we do nothing? We should all pray for the strength to live a God-centered life and not a self-centered life.

Today it is easy to “SEE the face of Jesus” in our First Communicants. Now it is important for the rest of us to “BE the face of Jesus” to them as they continue to grow in their faith, for us to be examples of what people of God look like after years of living and loving our faith. Let us all express our gratitude to Jana and Paula for instructing our children as they have learned about First Confession and First Communion. These two women have devoted many hours over the past months to help these children understand better how much Jesus loves them. We appreciate you both!!!

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS?? Whether you’re trying to answer this question for yourself or for members of your family, how you answer will have a lasting impact.
Reason 1: **We receive support from the faith community.** We come before God as part of a community of believers. We join in communal prayers and responses. We raise our voices in songs of praise and thanksgiving. We realize that we are not alone on our spiritual journey. (St. Philip the Apostle Church)
(Reason 2 next week)