

St. Joseph School News

Everyone is invited to come next Sunday to celebrate with our little ones as they receive their First Holy Communion. Please bring a dish or two to share at a brunch potluck following Mass.

Friday will be a busy day: Pre-K 4 is having a fundraising Trike-A-Thon for playground equipment, Vision & Hearing Screening and Scoliosis Screening will be administered.

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education. Boxtops do have expiration dates on them. Best Choice UPCs are still being accepted. No more Campbell labels, please.

The spirit of Easter is Hope, Love, and Joyful living.

Submitted to the Prayer Chain: Jason Chronister/needs prayers; Mary Martin/testing; Joan Leding/hospital.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Barbara Bordenet, Addy Hughes, Celeste Fox, Tommy Melton, Jaxon Perreault, Marcia Schluterman, Timothy Stengel, Debbie Rainwater.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Chris & Tammy Schneider.

It's time to be thinking of nominations to the Parish Council.

Gary Simmons, Betty Maddox and Brad Simon have 3-year terms that are expiring. Gary has served two consecutive terms, so he is not eligible for reelection. Betty & Brad are able to serve another 3-year term. For the next two weeks, please consider parishioners whom you consider good candidates for the council. Nomination slips will be in the pews May 4/5 and May 11/12. Those receiving the most nominations will be contacted by Father to make sure they are willing to serve if elected. Six names will be on the ballot. Three will serve on the council. Voting ballots will be in the pews May 18/19 and May 25/26.
Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Parker Sauer/12 years old/cancer; Barbara Fox Robinson/lymphoma.

April 14 collection: Adult env (49) \$4023.44. Children: \$13. Loose: \$785.75. Total: \$4822.19.
Misc. Income: Mass stipends: \$50. Votive Candles: \$30.50. Hall rental: \$50. Bulletin ads: \$600.

DOES ANYONE HAVE A SPARE WHEELCHAIR?? The Parish Council suggested keeping 1 or 2 inside church for parishioners who might need assistance getting into church. It would eliminate the need to load a chair in and out of your vehicle every Sunday. Contact the church office if you can help. 963-2131.

April is the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese of Little Rock encourages everyone to join in prayer for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse, their families and friends. A Mass of Hope and Healing will be offered next Sunday, April 28, 5pm, at St. John's in LR All are invited.

5K/10K Run to benefit Manes & Miracles. April 27 in Ft Smith. 847-5535 or www.manesandmiracles.org

Subiaco's award winning Jazz Ensemble will perform Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

La Huerta Outdoor Pavilion, 400 Garrison Ave., Fort Smith, AR. Food and drinks available for purchase.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 10-14. Registration forms will be available soon. VOLUNTEERS will be greatly needed!

River Valley Catholic Youth Camp will be held July 12-14 for those in grades 7-12. Makes plans NOW to keep those dates free!!! Counselors will be needed as well.

Subiaco Summer Camp for boys 9-13. June 16 - 22 or June 23 - 29. www.CampSubiaco.org or 934-1001

In Jesus we see the ultimate expression of sacrificial love. "Greater love has no one than this - that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). Giving selflessly to your spouse is one of the best ways to keep your marriage strong. **What have you done for your marriage today?** foryourmarriage.org

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love, and we are made in His image and likeness. Our lives should reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

Thank you to the many Stewards who have given of themselves during the Triduum. It takes many faithful parishioners to fill all the ministries at the various services. There are those who provide the lilies and other arrangements used around the altar, those who decorate, those who prepare the vigil candles, prepare the fire, those who spend extra time practicing music & serving.

From St. Joseph Church & School Faculty & Staff
Have a Blessed Easter!!!