



**St. Joseph School News**

Thank you to this week's donors who provided MANY staples needed for the pantry!! Most of our students love to eat, so this was a great blessing!

Thanks to Curtis Varnell, our students were able to experience a "Star Lab" this week. Thanks also to the Armory for allowing us to use their facility at a greatly reduced cost.

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.

**Carry a heart that never hates, a smile that never fades, and a touch that never hurts.** Christian Quotes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Celeste Fox, Tommy Melton, Jaxon Perreault, Marcia Schluterman, Timothy Stengel, Debbie Rainwater, and Karmyn Barnett.  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Chris & Tammy Schneider and Harold & Alice Schluterman.

April 15 collection: Adult env (53) \$2233. Children: \$14. Loose: \$421. Total: \$2668.  
Misc. Inc.: Bulletin ads: \$300. Hall rent: \$250. Mass stipends: \$50. Candles: 45. Cemetery bench: \$60

**The Compassionate Cooks Ministry had an active 2017, delivering 18 meals!**

Since the fall of 2012 when this ministry began, 120 meals have been delivered by 11 teams made up of 54 parishioners. Parish member returning home from a hospital stay, those who have a new baby, or new family moving into our parish are eligible to receive a meal. All parishioners are reminded to call the parish office at 963-2131 if you know of someone who falls into any of these categories, or if you would like to become a part of this worthwhile ministry. You may also call Jane Koehler at 963-6825 or Paulette Spivey at 963-2172. A heartfelt "Thank You" to these teams who have provided many delicious meals over the past 5 years.

**QUOTE UNQUOTE** "If we leave the church gossiping, saying, 'Look at this one, look at that one,' with a loose tongue, the Mass has not entered into my heart. Why? Because I am not able to live the Christian witness. Every time I leave Mass, I must leave better than when I entered, with more life, with greater strength, with a greater desire to give Christian witness."  
— Pope Francis, April 4

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Laughter, when shared, is a healing balm. Share jokes today. Do you have stories of foibles that get told and retold at family gatherings? It doesn't matter that it may be embarrassing. It becomes family mythology!

**What have you done for your marriage today?** [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

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*"I am the good shepherd and I lay down my life for the sheep and they heed my voice."* (John 10:14-16)

When I pray, do I only ask Jesus for the things I want? Do I ever ask Him what HE wants? How do I listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers," so we need to take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Have you noticed the beautiful new altar cloth with lily trim that was made especially for the Easter season? Thank you, Mary Ann, for offering your talents back to God. In addition to sewing this altar cloth, she made new purificators for use during Mass. She also keeps all the altar linens, purificators, corporals and finger towels washed, folded and pressed. She does this out of love for God and her church. We appreciate you and ask God's blessings on you for your dedication.

**WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS??** Whether you're trying to answer this question for yourself or for other members of your family, how you answer will have a lasting impact. You may be tempted to say, "Because that's what this family does!" or "Because that's what the Church says we have to do!" But what does that say about why we go to Mass? Does it make anyone – including you - more interested in going to Mass?

Reason 2: **We receive forgiveness.** During the Mass we admit to God, and to each other, that we have made mistakes, and we receive God's healing forgiveness. (St. Philip the Apostle Church)  
(Reason 3 next week)