

St. Joseph School News

Please join us for the potluck today to help our children and families celebrate this wonderful occasion!!

The PTO is hosting a cookout & game night for all school families on Wednesday.

Everyone is encouraged to come listen to grades 2-8 perform Thursday at noon at the Eiffel Tower for the National Day of Prayer. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served following prayers for our nation and the world.

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.

I am Mercy itself. (Divine Mercy Sunday)

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, May 2 & 3.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Karmyn Barnett, Doyle Benson, Mary Pfeiffer, Miles Nehus, Hannah Simmons, Dylan Krigbaum, Sarah Perrault, Corey Naegle and Eileen Freeman.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Harold & Alice Schluterman and Gary & Katie Simmons.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Richard Bauer/in hospital; Charlie Wiedenmann/placed on hospice care.

I would like to express my appreciation to Evelyn Bauer, Carl & Jana Stengel family, Racine Nehus family, Bob Cowie, Ray Kiefer and Cathy Patterson for their continuing care in my recovery. Also, thank you to those who have brought Our Lord to me in the Eucharist. Thank you goes to the many who have offered help. I am blessed to have this family of St. Joseph's Parish. *Janice Sehgal.*

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. **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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT ALL DOORS OF CHURCH.

It will be held June 10-14. 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.

This Easter Season focus on good habits, like going to Mass during the week, laughing more and finding ways to be charitable. There is always room to grow. **What have you done for your marriage today?**

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to everyone in our parish and school who participated in our Lenten Rice Bowl Project, a check for **\$855.92** was sent to Catholic Relief Services this week!! An example of the good this does - - \$1 will feed a child for a DAY in third world countries. Thanks to all the Stewards who *"who looked for an opportunity outside our local parish boundaries to share the peace of Christ."*

EASTER LILIES

Bill & Elizabeth Strobel - Gary & Katie Simmons Jonathon James Lawler - Rod & Amy Monday
Bill & Ila & Ruth Simmons - Gary & Katie Simmons Jeremy Roberts - Rod & Amy Monday
Leo Furstenberg - Mildred Furstenberg Gene & Charleen Robins - Jim & Charlotte Fletcher
August & Katie Werner - Mildred Furstenberg Lee & Ethel Gaskamp - Jim & Charlotte Fletcher
Bernard & Frieda Friga - Cindy & Gatewood Dudley A.B. & Betty Lowery Jay & Charlotte Koenigseder
Jody Nehus William & Beverly and Gerhard & Erika Nehus
Adolph, Louise, Barbara & Patricia Ullrich – Eddie & Martha Ullrich
Charley, Sr., Christina, Charley Jr. & Bill Mariott – Eddie & Martha Ullrich
In Honor of CYM Sponsors & Religious Education Teachers – Jim & Betty Maddox

EASTER ARRANGEMENT AND SMALL VASES

Deceased Zubiate, Baldwin, Smith, and Stengel families - Carl & Jana Stengel