

St. Joseph School News

The faculty and staff thank all parents and parishioners for the many gifts, cards and support received during the Christmas season and throughout the entire first semester. Merry Christmas!!

Please remember to clip Box Tops for Education, Best Choice UPCs, and save used ink cartridges for us. A REMINDER – **Boxtops have expiration dates on them.**

Campbell Soup no longer has their label program, so we will not be collecting those any more.

Love the giver more than the gift.

Brigham Young

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Paulette Spivey, Meigan Lunsford, Knox Smith and Tammy Schneider. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Mark & Janice Goodson and Rob & Susan Cope.

The **Ice & Snow Committee** list is posted in church. If you want to have your name removed from the list **OR** if you want to volunteer with this ministry, call Don Ullrich @ 963-2648.

Congratulations to Raymond Sharum who won \$100 in the St. Boniface Football Raffle! You will recall when representatives were here selling tickets earlier this year. It's nice to know that locals can win!

Sacred Relics of The Saints: Treasures of The Church

Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will display a Vatican collection of more than 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces in the world of the True Cross. You will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

January 18: St. Michael, Van Buren, 6 p.m. January 19: Immaculate Conception Fort Smith, 1 p.m.
January 21: St. John, Russellville, 6 p.m. January 22: St. Joseph School/Church, Conway (10:15/6pm)
January 23: Blessed Sacrament, Jonesboro, 7 p.m. January 24: St. Agnes, Mena, 6 p.m.

Advent is a time of waiting – and waiting is hard! Sometimes we wait for things that never come (financial security, a child, reconciliation, restored health). As Advent shows, what we are really waiting for is Christ, and Christ never disappoints.

What have you done for your marriage today?

“For behold, when the voice your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:44)

When I hear the Scripture and Gospel readings each Sunday, do I “leap for joy?” If not, I need to look inside myself. Do I prepare for Mass each week, or do I just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Special thanks to our Stewards who proclaim our readings at Mass each weekend. They share their Time and Talent in order that the rest of us can hear and understand God’s word. Today and tomorrow let’s try to spend time preparing for our Christmas readings so that we can all “leap for joy!”

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

Friendly Visits!!

“And how does this happen, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:39-45)

Monday, December 24, 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcus Rainwater, Carl & Jana Stengel

Lector: Lainey Rainwater

Servers: Samuel, Timothy & Madeline Stengel

Music: Jaime Jackson, Rainwater Family

Gifts: Brad & Stephanie Simon Family

Ushers: Mike & Jane Koehler, Jim & Charlotte Fletcher

Tuesday, December 25, 9:00am Morning Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed & Martha Ullrich, Mary Beshoner

Lector: Vicki Schneider

Gifts: Jim & Shirley Kiefer

Music: Randy Edelhuber, Beth Ullrich

Ushers: Don Ullrich, Rita Robberson, Ernie Hatwig, David Rieder

Servers: Volunteers

The collection taken up at Christmas Masses benefits the Clergy Welfare Fund which supports the retired and infirm priests of our diocese. Many of these priests still substitute in parishes on weekends. Some provide prayer ministry. Please be generous.

Merry Christmas from Father Eugene & St. Joseph School Faculty