



**St. Joseph School News**

Items from the **Winter Wear Drive & Toy Drive** sponsored by St. Joseph School Student Council will be delivered to COS on Wed., Dec. 19. Rather than having a gift exchange in the classrooms, students bring new toys to give to COS, which teaches the children Stewardship at an early age. Susan has told us that these toys help those who don't qualify for the Angel Tree and also those who fall through the cracks and don't receive the benefit of any Christmas programs.

Mrs. Freeman is very happy to have received a grant this week for her classroom's First Lego League project. They will be competing in Fayetteville on December 15.

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.*

**If we do not make prayer the air we breathe we will suffocate in a polluted world.**

**SAVE THE DATE! Church will be decorated for Christmas after 9:00 Mass on Dec. 23.**

Please plan now to stay for a few minutes after Mass to help.

Pictures used around the altar during November may be picked up from the table inside the sacristy.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Tom Anhalt/bypass surgery; Slick Willmann/in hospital.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Tom Spivey, Andy Schluterman, Aria Curtis, Jerry Martin, Margie Phillips, Mary Cauthron, Lynda Brooks, T.J. Cauthron, Kirsten Schneider and Karsyn Tencleve. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to James & Dena Huck.

CONGRATULATIONS to Deacon Tom on the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on December 14.

Fr. Reginald Udouj, OSB, will direct the **New Year's Evening of Recollection at Coury House** at Subiaco Abbey this year. "Prayer and Work: Finding Balance in Our Daily Lives" is the topic of the one-night retreat. Begins with lunch Dec 31/ends with lunch Jan 1. Includes conferences, opportunity for confession, Vespers with the monks, an early champagne celebration of the new year & Adoration/Benediction. Guests will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God with the monastic community on Jan 1. \$140 for a private room/\$110 for a shared room. Call 479-934-4411 or e-mail [couryhouse@subi.org](mailto:couryhouse@subi.org) to register.

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:** Want to give each other something really special this Christmas? Romance and excitement are just the beginning of what you will receive at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Feb 15-17 in Subiaco & Memphis June 7-9. [www.arkansaswwme.org/apply](http://www.arkansaswwme.org/apply) or call Leah & Ben @ 501-733-1235. For Christmas discount use promocode **eb2019** for 25% off application fee.

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*When you receive Christmas cards in the mail, pray together in the evening for those who sent them. Display the cards in your home to remember throughout Advent those family members and friends who sent them.* **What have you done for your marriage today?** [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

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*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value.” (Philippians 1:9-10)*

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our “needs” from our “wants.” It is important during this season of endless buying that we remember each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

St. Joseph School is very grateful that Logan County Farmers Mutual Aid continues to remember us in its giving. Our school was the recipient of a \$4000.00 donation from these generous Stewards!! In addition, this organization recently made a donation to St. Joseph Cemetery. Thanks be to God for the members of this group who are NOT “blind to their Stewardship values” and continue to “give back to God” year after year. You are appreciated!

**The Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018**

**THE DIVINE IS IN THE DETAILS!!**

*“God is my witness; how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.”*

**(Philippians 1:4-6, 8-1)**

## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Monday, December 24, 5:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marcus Rainwater, Carl & Jana Stengel

**Lector:** Lainey Rainwater

**Servers:** Luke Rainwater, Timothy & Madeline Stengel

**Music:** Jaime Jackson, Debbie & Brayden Rainwater

**Ushers:** Mike & Jane Koehler, Jim & Charlotte Fletcher

**Gifts:** Brad & Stephanie Simon Family

### Christmas Morning Mass

Tuesday, December 25, 9:00am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ed & Martha Ullrich, Mary Beshoner

**Lector:** Vicki Schneider

**Servers:** Volunteers

**Music:** Randy Edelhuber, Beth Ullrich

**Ushers:** Don Ullrich, Eileen Freeman, Ernie Hatwig, David Rieder

**Gifts:** Jim & Shirley Kiefer

*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.*