

St. Joseph School News

2019/2020 OPEN HOUSE will be held on Sunday, April 7, after 10:00 Mass. Parents of current and prospective students are invited to stop by to enjoy coffee, juice, donuts and cinnamon rolls, and pick up paperwork for the upcoming year.

Thank you to those who attended the Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday and were able to hear the wonderful program that Mrs. Geels and our students put together. Compliments on our students were coming from every direction. Special thanks to Mrs. Geels for the fantastic job she does with our music program.

MARCH 18 – 22 - - - - SPRING BREAK!!!! Hopefully this time off will give our students a chance to get well from the variety of sicknesses that have been passing through the school.

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.

“A lie is halfway around the world before the truth even has its shoes on.”
The Word Among Us

Intentions submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Anna Martin/cancer; Linda Core/heart attack; Stan Eveld/burns; Keith Willems/ICU/failing.

Please check to see if you have dishes in the Sister’s house from funeral dinners.

The public is invited to a reception honoring H.C. and Sylvia Varnadore as he retires after MANY years as pastor of First Christian Church. The drop-in event will be held in their fellowship hall at 120 E. Walnut St. on Sunday, March 24, from 2-4 in the afternoon.

Some grandparents moved to Paris recently to get their grandchildren out of foster care. Several furniture items have been given to them, but they are in need of a twin bed frame. If anyone has one they are not using, please contact the church office.

Arkansas Catholic is holding its annual contest to choose a photo for the cover of the 2020 diocesan directory. Any professional or amateur photographer in AR can enter their photo of a Catholic Church or institution in the diocese. The first prize is a free copy of the directory and a subscription to AR Catholic. March 29 is the deadline to enter. For complete rules and an entry form, visit arkansas-catholic.org.

St. Scholastica Gift Shop has gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Lent, and basically every occasion. Open M,W,F 9:30-3:30. Sat. 12:30-3:00. Closed T&Th & 2nd Sat of the month. 783-4147.

Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey, for boys 9 - 13, is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-carts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and more. Operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco Abbey. June 16 - 22 or June 23 - 29. www.CampSubiaco.org or 934-1001

POST-ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP: Do you feel alone, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting support groups **in March, meeting once a week for 8 weeks indifferent locations throughout Arkansas**. All names and meeting places are **strictly confidential**. 501-663-0996 or email: hevans@dolr.org. for information.

On Fridays in Lent we abstain from meat. Try abstaining from hurtful comments as well.

What have you done for your marriage today? foryourmarriage.org

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do I show my gratitude to God for the home He has given me? Whether my home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Do I unselfishly return any of my financial gifts to God, investing equally in my eternal home just as I invest in my earthly home??

Thank you to the Stewards who provided all the soups, desserts, crackers, cornbread and desserts for the Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday. St. Joseph’s has MANY talented cooks!! Due to the generous Stewards who attended the event, donations to COS totaled **\$400.26**. Thank you for *“unselfishly returning some of your financial gifts to God.”* COS will be able to help many people, thanks to you.