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### St. Joseph School

*Our mission is to empower students through our Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community Service to become leaders of integrity and compassion.*

### **Casino Night is coming up soon!!**

**Saturday, February 7, 6:30-11:30pm. Call 963-2119 for tickets!**

**A REMINDER:** Our school cafeteria accepts donations year round. Some of the most needed items include all types of meat: hot dogs, ground beef, pork or beef roasts, turkeys, ham or turkey that can be shaved for sandwiches. Flour and sugar, ketchup, gallons of fruit and vegetables, pastas, are always welcomed. Monetary donations are accepted, if that is more convenient for you. May God bless our many donors!!

A Best Choice UPC box is in the cry room for your convenience. You may leave empty ink cartridges as well.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Debbie Lowe, Jerry Freeman, Jane Koehler, and Ella Komp.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to John Paul & Judy Koch.

Several people have donated **rosaries** to be given away. If you are interested in having one, please contact the office.

There are several nice dishes left in the hall from the last funeral dinner that have not been claimed.

**Are you 20-40 years old??** St. Anthony Church in Ratcliff is hosting a **Lenten Book Study**, using Fr. Jacques Philippe's book "Finding and Maintaining Peace." The plan is to meet 7 times, concluding before Holy Week, and they invite all in the area to attend. **Please respond to Preston Stengel by Sunday, Jan. 18, at 438-3701.**

The **Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference** will be held Sat, Feb. 7, at CTK in LR, featuring guest speakers Dr. Karlo Broussard and Mary Bielski. Posters are on display in church. Info & registration at [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com)

Br. Joseph Heath, OSB, will offer a **LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION** on Tues, Feb 24, with the theme "ASK: Ask, Seek, Knock" based on the Gospel of Matthew 7:7-8. The day begins with check-in and refreshments at 9:00am, followed by conferences, reflection time, reconciliation, adoration, Midday Prayer with the monks, lunch and 2:00 Mass. Questions? 934-1290. You can register directly for the retreat at <https://subi.secure.retreat.guru/.../tentative-lenten.../>

### **JANUARY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Patty Adams, Regina Ahrns, Leigh Ann Askins, Evelyn Bauer, Kay Benz, Mary Beshoner, Barbara Beshoner, Karen Binz, Tracy Bradley, Beverly Bradley, Laura Bujarski, Mary Cauthron, Paula Cooper, Susan Cope, Mary Cope, Audrey Curtis, Jordan Devine, Patty Dunn

### **INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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Small hurts can happen in any marriage. It may not be anything major, but something small, like a pinch. What is it that I need to forgive today? **What have you done for your marriage today?** [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

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"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" (Matthew 3:14)

The Catholic Catechism states that "*Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will.*" In other words, as baptized Catholics, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – **the gift of ourselves**.

**Jesus, help me to surrender myself to God's will, place my trust in Him, and allow the Holy Spirit to work through me for the greater glory of God.**

As the Catholic Christmas Season comes to an end today, we again thank those who had a part in helping our parish be renewed during this holy time. In addition to those listed in last week's Stewardship Corner, we acknowledge this week the donors of the books which were given to each family in December: "*The Forgotten Way*" by Matthew Kelly. Everyone is encouraged to read at chapter a day, or if that is too much, read a chapter a week.

As the author says on page 1: "*The promise of this book is very simple: You can transform your life by changing the way you speak.*"

We have already completed the first 10 days of 2026. Let us all resolve to make the remainder of this year a holier time in our hearts and in our troubled world. Cut out the prayer at the end of today's meditation. We can clip it on our refrigerator or tape it to our bathroom mirror. Think what a transformation

St. Joseph Parish would undergo if each of us offered this prayer every day!!