

St. Joseph School News

St. Joseph School is beyond grateful for a \$5000 donation received in this week's mail from a former student. Our cafeteria continues to be blessed by generous souls who come in with monetary donations, as well as those who call to let us know they're on their way to Sam's and ask what they can pick up for the kitchen. The faculty and staff want to express to St. Joseph parishioners how appreciative we all are for your support and encouragement. We had a wonderful first semester!

Our school received a \$300 redemption check this week due to those who have turned in Box Tops!! They do add up!! Special thanks to Peggy who trims and counts all the labels for us.

Boxtops do have expiration dates on them. Campbell Soup redemption program has ended, so we are no longer accepting those labels. Best Choice UPCs are still being accepted.

Forgiveness is a process, not an event. Fr. Mike Schmitz

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Rudy Hrlevich/cancer; Beth Lensing/on hospice care; Stan Brown/cancer; Melissa Pohlmeier/cancer scans; Catherine Walbe/98 years old/fell; Barbara Gabrish/cancer; Von Guise/surgery; David McCombs/stroke; Dana Case/heart surgery; Richard (Rick) Bauer/heart surgery.

January 6 Collection: Adult env (60) \$3011. Children: \$14. Loose: \$156. Total: \$3181. (Candles: \$33.50)

January Bereavement Committee

Joyce Koch, July Koch, Kelli Koch, Dorothy Koch, Sheila Law, Gloria Lievsay, Debbie Lowe, Emily Lukas, Kay Lunsford, Meigan Lunsford, Mary Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Debbie Lowe, Cecilia Bauer, Jerry Freeman, Jane Koehler, Ella Komp, and John Thias.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to John Paul & Judy Koch (52 years), Boniface & Rose Pfeiffer (**66 years!**) and Rick & Donna Nehus.

St. Joseph in Conway will host the movie, **SEXUAL REVOLUTION: 50 YEARS SINCE HUMANA VITAE**, Sat., Jan 19, 7-8:30pm, free to the public. The new documentary focuses on the outcome of the free-love experiment of the last century, set against the backdrop of Pope Paul VI's groundbreaking encyclical about love, sex, and marriage. Video trailer at: SexualRevolutionMovie.com. 501-327-6568

Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will display a **Vatican collection of more than 150 relics, some 2000 years old**: St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Faustina Kowalska, also a portion of Our Lady's veil, & one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross. You may examine & venerate each relic. Many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics. You may bring articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, etc.) & pictures of ill friends/family, which you may touch to the relics 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.

Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat: Diocesan Pastoral Center, LR, Jan 25-26, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Minister for Religious and Youth & Campus Ministry, for women 16-35 years.

Fatherhood and motherhood represent a responsibility that is not only physical, but also spiritual in nature.

(St. John Paul II) Parents, take seriously your task in nurturing the faith of your children. Godparents are a big help here. **What have you done for your marriage today?** **foryourmarriage.org**

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I, is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'"
(Luke 3:16)

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." So, as baptized Catholics, there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. We must surrender ourselves to God, place our trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us for God's greater glory.

A small bowl is placed inside the nativity for those who wish to make a donation during the Christmas season. There in the dish, along with some bills and change, was a little Lego man. The grandmother said they had given their grandson some money to put in the dish, which he did. After that, he reached into his pocket and got out the new Lego character he had just received the evening before. This child didn't give something old to Jesus. He gave Jesus his BEST! What a tremendous example of Stewardship, especially to those of us who might give Jesus our "leftovers" rather than giving from our "first fruits." Thank you to this little boy for showing us the true spirit of giving.

