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Newsletter

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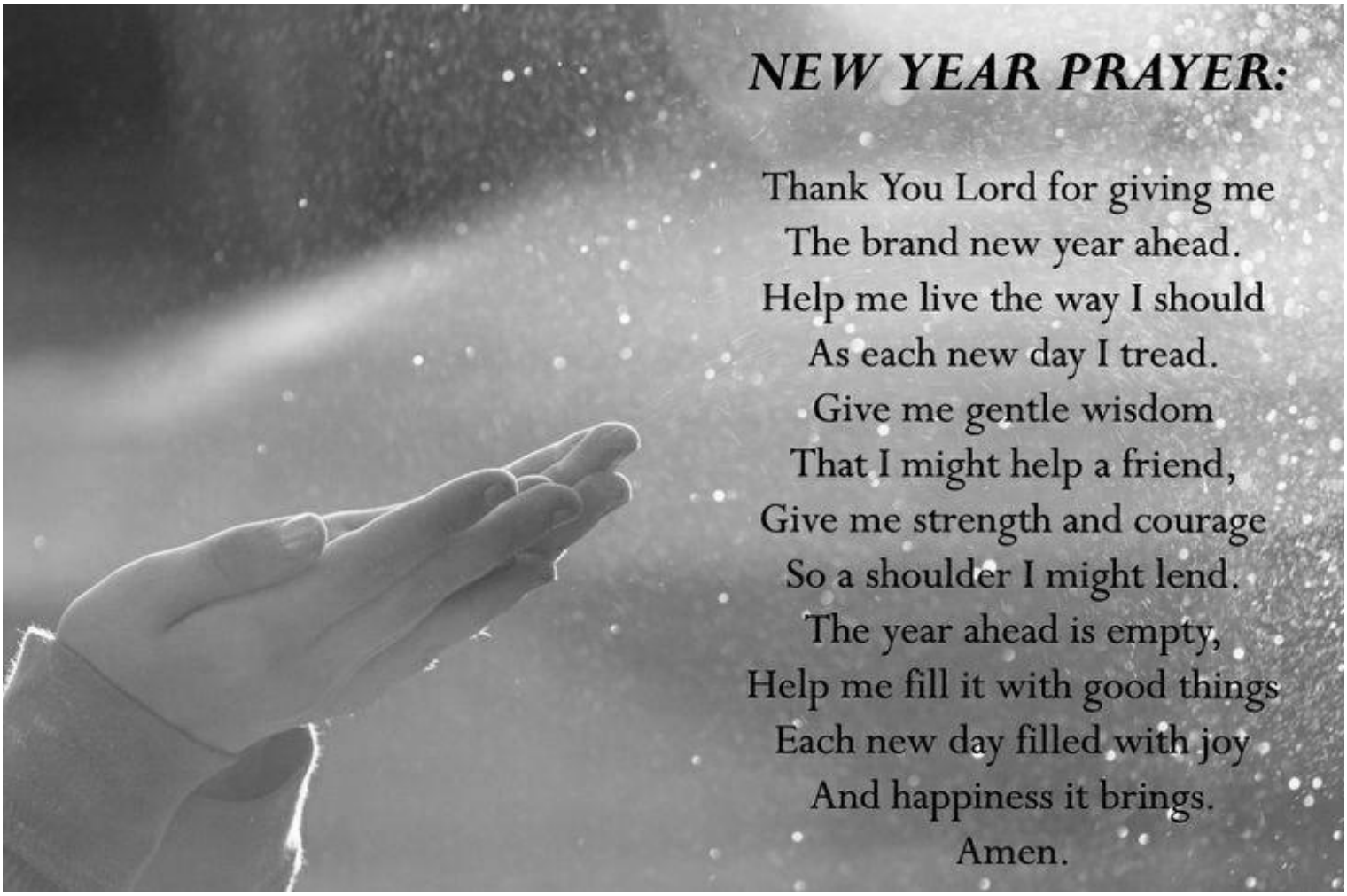

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

Father Joseph Marconi

Dear Parishioners,

Mother's always knows best. As cliché as this expression is, it is so true. We can all look back at the advice and guidance of our mothers and say they really did know what is best for all of us. I remember expressions like 'if you can't something nice don't say nothing at all', 'treat everyone with respect', and of course the popular one, 'always eat your veggies'. I'm sure you can remember some of your own and as imperfect in trying to live them out they still ring true.

One of the most endearing holidays of our Liturgical year is Mary as the Mother of God because God himself even knew this Mother always knew what was best. From our faith we can see why he picked her to be his mother. I know we're in January and our new year's resolution are in full swing, planet fitness here I come. The Christmas decorations are up and the kids are no longer playing with the boxes that their toys came in. It's time to enjoy anther year. Spiritually we began the year by asking for our Mother's protection. Why, because Mother knows best.

This holiday as Mary the Mother of God, officially began in the 13th or 14th Century when it was added to our Liturgical calendar. It was celebrated long before it was added to our calendar when at the council of Ephesus, in the 4th Century, it was affirmed that Mary is 'Theotokos' meaning 'God bearer'. The Latin loosely translated is 'Mater Dei' meaning, 'Mother of God'.

What's the basic message? That she is God's mother and our Mother too. If she is the mother of Jesus then she is the Mother of God. This affirms not only Jesus' humanity that aids us in our brokenness but also Jesus' divinity that lifts us up by his divine love.

Mary was always predestined for this role because she is the true unblemished Ark of the Covenant that held God's greatest gift, his only Son. Mary was faithful at the annunciation, she was faithful during her Son's ministry on earth and now she helps the Church stay faithful after his ascension. She always knew what to do to receive the love of her son in all situations. This mother always knew what was best. I hope all of you have a wonderful year and with her protection I know you'll have the best of year.

Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 3) 01-03-2005

OUR RESOLUTION LAST YEAR COULD HAVE BEEN "LESS FRUIT", BUT NO ... WE WENT WITH "TRUST PEOPLE MORE"

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Financial Report
NOVEMBER 2017

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	22,456.00
Second Collections	2,241.00
Fund Raisers	-82.95
Cemeteries Funds	4.77
School Liquidation	- 0 -
Other Income	4,549.34
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$29,168.16
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	19,150.74
Rectory, Church & Offices	10,641.57
Budgeted Committees	870.99
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	1,227.00
Cemeteries Expenses	840.00
Other Expenses	289.60
Diocesan Assessment	2,386.58
Parish Support-Seminarians	374.25
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	$37,430.73
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS:	$37,430.73
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	($8,262.57)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Congratulations Jaycie Clay, winner of the first annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" contest. Her poster will be submitted to the Arkansas State Council of the Knights of Columbus. If she wins there, her poster will be submitted to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus for the worldwide competition. Good luck Jaycie!

December 6th - The United States of America recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

December 20th – Cardinal Bernard F. Law died in Rome at the age of 86. Cardinal Law's funeral was December 21st at St. Peter's Basilica with Cardinal Angelo Sodano, head of the College of Cardinals, presided. Pope Francis celebrated the rite of commendation. Burial will be at Rome's St. Mary Major Basilica.

January 1st - The Octave Day of Christmas; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

January 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord.

January 8th - The Baptism of the Lord.

January 13th - Second Saturday Holy Hour for men at 8:00 a.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All men are encouraged to attend.

January 20th - Vigil at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock for the Prayer of Life beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 7:00 a.m. on January 21st.

January 21st - Mass for Life at 12:05 p.m., will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. All 4th Degree Knights of Columbus with Regalia are encouraged to participate in the Honor Guard at the Cathedral and the March for Life at the state capitol at 2:00 p.m.

January 22nd - Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children.

January 23rd - Assembly 26 will be 95 years old. Wish your 4th Degree Knights a happy birthday!

February 3rd - Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church, 4000 Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The cost is $25 and $35 after January 20th. This includes breakfast and lunch. Register at www.arcatholicmen.com.

Assembly 26 proudly announces its support for Deacon Joseph De Orbegozo through the RSVP program. The Knights of Columbus continue to support our priests, deacons, and other religious through our vocations program. Brother Raban Heyer, St. Benedictine monk, continues his journey and education through the Knights of Columbus Council 1153 and Assembly 26 vocations program.

Assembly 26 has received the prestigious Star Assembly award for their hard work promoting patriotism in our community and the state of Arkansas.

Upcoming exemplification dates are as follows:

2nd and 3rd Degree – February 11th in Hot Springs and February 25th in El Dorado. 4th Degree – March 10th in Hot Springs. Contact Greg Mattics at 870-550-0524 for further information and/or registration. Please leave a message!

The Knights of Columbus would like to help place a "stork bus" (a mobile ultrasound unit) and an additional ultrasound machine in our community. The Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Pine Bluff is chosen to be the recipient. Jefferson County has the 2nd highest rate of abortion in the state. This is not something to be proud of. Please help us fund this crucial need to provide for the health of mothers and the lives of their unborn children. All donations are tax deductible – please see any Knight to donate to this very worthy cause. A receipt for your donation can be provided through the Knights of Columbus.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The annual St. Joseph Lenten Fish Fry's will begin on Friday, February 16th and continue every Friday through March 23rd. Bring family and friends to this delicious tradition.

"If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility and charity" – St. Philip Neri

JANUARY

01	Edward Menotti
01	Mildred Warfield
03	Betty Bradshaw
03	Silvia Chavez
03	Eric “Buddy Smith
04	Jaycie Clay
05	Robbie Hill
05	Linda Oster
06	David Wilbert
07	Rhonda Gustek
08	Gabriel Chavez
08	Judee Lybrand
09	Lauren Zell
10	Roger Luna
12	Mary Ives
13	Erin Koenig
13	Marx Mitchell
14	Judy Erstine
14	Kayla Jenkins
14	Margaret Mary Reginio
15	Amor Bruce
16	Gloria Aureli
16	Jan Patterson
16	Dena Via
18	Brooke Braden
18	Dorothy Menotti
19	Janie Culpepper
19	Donna Smith
20	Christopher Coody
21	Rowland Barthet
22	Richard Campbell
22	George Dickson, Sr.
22	Lisa Kosmitis
22	Jimmy Via
23	Noel “Bud” Bryant
26	Mary Daggett
26	Clinton Jacinto
28	Michael Roberts
29	Rebecca Mattics
29	Anita Osweiler
30	Melinda Courtney

10	Richard & Kay Burleigh
16	Jason & Amy Dean
17	Kevin & Anita Osweiler
20	Charles & Glenda Stahr
21	Noel “Bud” & Gail Bryant
24	Vincent & Jeanette Smith
25	Jack & Lynn Castleberry
30	Jimmy & Dena Via

THIS
MONTH IN

Mass

January 07

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

IS 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6
Matt 2:1-12

January 14

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20
John 1:35-42

January 21

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

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