



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday, December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 31, 2023
Feast of the Holy Family

We envision a church where Jesus Christ is proclaimed in a way that when parishioners are gathered, all may encounter the Living Word in their midst.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 23	5:00 pm	Lisa Heislen	Vigil Mass
Sunday	December 24	8:00 am	Marie Schoessler	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 24	10:00 am	Parishioners	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	December 24	4:00 pm	Dan Metz	Christmas Vigil Mass
Monday	December 25	10:00 am	Parishioners	The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday	December 26	NO MASS		St. Stephen
Wednesday	December 27	NO MASS		St. John
Thursday	December 28	NO MASS		The Holy Innocents
Friday	December 29	8:00 am	Mary Lou Bax	St. Thomas Becket
Saturday	December 30	5:00 pm	Paul & Earline Distler	Vigil Mass
Sunday	December 31	8:00 am	Parishioners	The Holy Family
Sunday	December 31	10:00 am	SI-Ethan Richison	The Holy Family
Monday	January 1	NO MASS		Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Tuesday	January 2	NO MASS		Sts. Basil, The Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday	January 3	5:30 pm	Joann Hibdon	Weekday Mass
Thursday	January 4	8:00 am	James Herfurth	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Friday	January 5	8:00 am	Paul & Earline Distler	St. John Newmann
Saturday	January 6	5:00 pm	Mary Burke	Vigil Mass
Sunday	January 7	8:00 am	Mildred Chaperlo	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	January 7	10:00 am	Parishioners	The Epiphany of the Lord
Domingo	7 de enero	6:00 pm	Bernard A. Schanzmeyer	La Epifanía del Señor

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WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here; please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

BISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity.

Por la familia, para que todos los padres, madres e hijos de nuestra comunidad puedan seguir el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia practicando las virtudes de la vida familiar y para que estén más fuertemente unidos por los vínculos de la caridad.

WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Mass in Church | 8:00 am
Mass in Church & Online | 10:00 am
Christmas Eve Mass | 4:00 pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED
Mass in Church | 10:00 am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

NO MASS
OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Mass in Chapel | 8:00 am
Adoration in Chapel |
8:30 am - 2:00 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

I wish to express my sincere best wishes to each of you for a most Blessed and Holy Christmas Day and Season. May the Lord bless each of you and your families as we celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord. We are mindful that the Lord became one with us so that we could become one again with God. Through this mystery, our original dignity has been restored. May we be enlightened this day and throughout our lives in the radiant glory of Christ so that we may be led by the light of God in Whom we place our hope. ~ Fr. Penn

PARISHIONER NEWS



Flowers at the Altar the weekend of the 30th are in memory of Jeffrey Caswell.

We pray for the repose of the soul of our sister in Christ, Vickie Gross daughter of Gordon Gross.

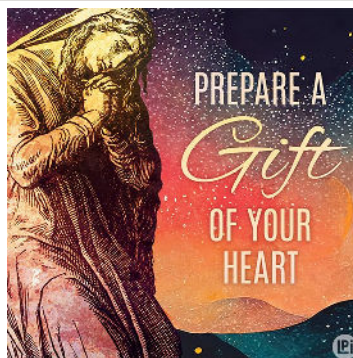
Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Training to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be offered in the Church on Tuesday, January 9th at 6 pm. Please contact the office if you are interested in serving your fellow parishioners in this way.



LIVE STREAMING

Mass is streamed at 10:00 AM on Sunday on YouTube as an outreach to those who are physically unable to attend church in person. We need to inform you that your entry and presence in the church constitutes your consent to be depicted in any/all applicable media in perpetuity. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office.



WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Reconciliation | 4:00 pm
Mass in Church | 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Mass in Church | 8:00 am
Mass in Church & Online | 10:00 am

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

NO MASS
OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

NO MASS
OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Wednesday Workshop | 9:00 am
Mass in Church | 5:30 pm
Stump the Pastor for ALL ages following Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Mass in Chapel | 8:00 am
Fellowship Breakfast | 8:30 am
Cursillo Group Reunion (L) | 4:30 pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Mass in Chapel | 8:00 am
Adoration in Chapel |
8:30 am – 2:00 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Reconciliation | 4:00 pm
Mass in Church | 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Mass in Church | 8:00 am
Mass in Church & Online | 10:00 am
Misa en la Iglesia | 6:00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays from 4 – 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Bulletin announcements should be into the office by Wednesday at 4:00 PM for publication in that weekend's bulletin.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Chair: Karri Brauman

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
Mass Coord.	Kathy Cotter	Doug Blevins	Joan Wolf
Reader	Vicki Irsick	Mary Scarlett	Marilee Poulter
Eucharistic Ministers	Linda Bukalski Lorraine Harrison	Karen Blevins Marlene Matyshak	Cindy Hutzler Carolyn Loraine
Greeter/ Usher	Jay Bukalski Bob Cotter Karri Brauman	Elaine Tracy Mary Dorge David Kneeter	Chris Hermann Diane Elia Dianne Richardson
Streamer			Luke Wolf

All liturgical assistants should sign in the book in Fellowship Hall prior to Mass:
Greeter/Ushers 30 minutes prior,
Extraordinary Ministers no later than 5 minutes prior.
Mass Coordinators are instructed to fill any open spots at these times.
Thank you for all your help participating in celebrating the Eucharist.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact: Ken Gray

Planning meeting, January 8th at 6:30 in Bestgen Hall.



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LADIES AUXILIARY

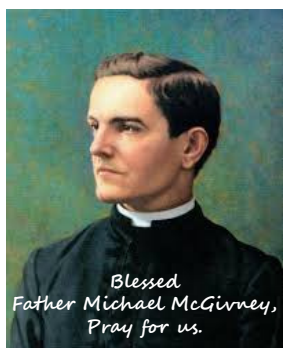
Contact: Theresa Brown

Have A Very Merry Christmas &

A Blessed 2024! If you'd like more information about joining our group, please contact Theresa Brown at 417-425-5185 or by email at aunttt8309@sbcglobal.net



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Blessed Father Michael McGivney, Pray for us.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY



Please pray for our active duty military members:

Logan Rackers
U. S. Air Force

Commander Christopher Boehm
Navy

Sergeant Major Christopher Metz
Army

PFC Christian Fisher
Marine Corps

If you have a family member who is an active duty service member and you would like them listed here, please contact Joan in the office.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Please join the choir 20 minutes before Mass on Christmas eve and Christmas day for the singing of carols.



PRAYERS NEEDED

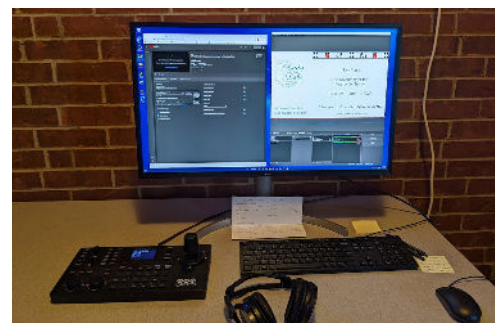
May they place their trust and confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Vince Pace, Arlene Kelly, Ashley Howerton, Adalyn Harres, Marilyn Merlo, Elizabeth Kempker, Pat Caswell, Catherine VanGogh, Gary McCullen, Amanda Imhoff, Jeff Barry, Lexi Vandermierden, Dr. Clem Haggerty, Gunther Skaletz, Bob Friedewald, James and Gina Smith, Theresa Stiers, Kitty Bagby.

PRAYER

LIVE STREAMERS NEEDED

We are in need of people who would like to assist with live streaming our 10 am Mass. You must be good with computers and be at least high school age or older. Please contact Karri Brauman or the office.



Are you or a family member ill, in the hospital, or in hospice and would like in the bulletin for prayers needed? Please contact the office. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified otherwise.

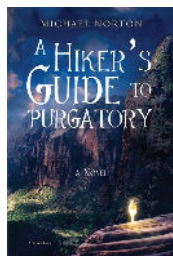
SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION

Chair: Deacon Jim Hankins

BOOK CLUB

The Our Lady of the Lake Book Club next meeting will be: Tuesday, January 9th at 4:30pm

We will have our next meeting in the Church Fellowship Hall.



We will be discussing the book,

A Hiker's Guide to Purgatory

by

Michael Norton

ALL ARE WELCOMED!

If you have questions please call or text Lusica 915-490-5765.



TRIVIA Night

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, February 3, 2024
Bestgen Hall



HOPE HOUSE

Please remember to bring your unused, nonperishable, non-expired food donation each week.

Food related items ONLY.

Paper or Plastic Bags are needed.
Egg cartons are NO longer needed!

Donations for December 17th

34 Cans & 25 Misc.

2 Bags of Bags

We **CANNOT** accept clothes or home items here at the church.

Please take donations for the thrift store directly to Hope House, 40 Lakeland Rd, Lake Ozark.

More info:

www.hopehouseofmillercounty.org

To Volunteer Contact:

Annette Miller @ 573-280-7244

Bring your CAN to Church.



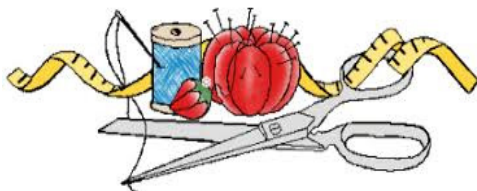
Support the Hope House Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. We will NOT meet on December 27th, we will resume on the 3rd of January. Happy New Year!

Join us every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:00am to cut, iron, stuff, sew, stamp, stitch, and draw. We meet in Bestgen Hall, first room on the left. If you have any questions, contact Vivian Petro at 309-824-5626.

Also, we have lots of extra material for free. Please stop by and help yourself.



BLOOD DRIVES

Wednesday, December 27, 2023
Christ the King Lutheran Church
1700 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday, December 28, 2023
Four Seasons POA
36 Vintage Landing, Lake Ozark
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, January 11, 2024
Tri County YMCA of the Ozarks
950 Airport Rd, Osage Beach
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday, January 19, 2024
Eldon High School
110 S. Oak, Eldon
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HOPE HOUSE THRIFT STORE

GOOD NEWS! Thank you to five volunteers working the register. WE STILL NEED one volunteer for January 5 and two for January 6 to cover the front register. It is a fun and easy job! If you are a people person, you will LOVE IT! Other dates for the register include January 29 and 31. Please know you are welcome to volunteer these days or any day you can. We happily train all volunteers for the register (or other areas forthat matter). HH can always use your assistance. LET ME KNOW which days you can help! Thank you!! Contact chair: Karen Blevins 573-291-1363 or kdblevins1966@gmail.com.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Planning for the New Year

We are off for Christmas break for the next two Wednesdays. FFF will start back up for the new year on Wednesday, January 3 with Mass at 5:30. It is strongly requested that you attend Mass as a family. Following Mass, Fr. Penn will be holding Stump the Pastor—Family Style. If you have not attended Stump the Pastor in the past, you will be in for a treat.

Along with attending Mass and staying for Stump the Pastor, there is a little homework assignment. You didn't think that you would be able to go all the way until January 3 without a family faith assignment did you? As a family, please discuss the Corporal Works of Mercy. You can either test your kiddos to see if they can name all seven or do a quick Google search if needed. Develop a plan for one of the Works of Mercy to live out as a family throughout 2024. Please place your plan in an envelope with your name on the front. I will have a basket ready for you to place them. At the end of the school year, you will be able to retrieve your plan and evaluate whether you have held to the plan you outlined.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 27—No Family Faith Formation
- January 3—Family New Year Mass and Stump the Pastor. All families strongly encouraged to attend as a family!!
- January 21—Donut Sunday after 8:00 and 10:00 Masses

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at the parish office (573) 365-2241 ext. 4 or on my cell phone (816) 210-8223.... Michele Haggerty, DRE.

DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

The Tuesday Study Group: The Doctors of the Church will resume on January 9th at 10 am in the Library.

WARNING

The Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving **TEXTS** and **EMAILS** purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the United States.

The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one's pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards.

It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text.

The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is <https://www.ic3.gov>.

Staff and parishioners have received some scam emails purported to be from Father Penn. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THEM! Father Penn does most of his contacts either face to face or by the office phone. If he does send an email, it will be from the email address:

frpenn@ourladylakeozark.org.

He will NEVER ask you for a favor via email or text.

Please be careful and aware!



STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Chair: Gay Ann Christy

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 13, 2024

Working with Catholic Stewardship Consultants, the Diocese of Jefferson City will host a diocesan-wide Stewardship Conference in April of 2024.

This one-day conference will feature speakers from around the country who will present on various aspects of the stewardship way of life aimed at showing the faithful and clergy of our diocese the importance and benefits of embracing and living the fullness of Christian Stewardship.

We are encouraging participation from leaders from across the diocese, including clergy, stewardship council members, school leadership, pastoral council members, finance council members and others.

When: Saturday April 13, 2024

Where: The Cathedral of St Joseph – Cana Hall

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (tentative)



Our Grateful Living Small Groups are concluding Session 2 this month. We have incredibly positive feedback about the session coming in from small group leaders and participants. Once all small groups complete Session 2, we will share the feedback we receive with everyone. The Grateful Living Coordinating Team would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to everyone that participated in our Grateful Living,

The Joy of Stewardship program in 2023.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



**“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace”
(1 Peter 4:10).**

**New Year, New Focus,
Catholic Stewardship Renewal will be in January 2024.**

Great news – we have set the dates for our Catholic Stewardship Renewal. Packets will be mailed to all parishioners on Friday, January 5. We will explain the packets in a brief discussion before all Masses on Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7. We are requesting that all parishioners return your CSR forms in the confidential envelopes included in your packets by Monday, January 22nd. Our Stewardship Commission is looking forward to starting the **New Year** with a **New Focus**, as we continue our parish journey as good stewards of God’s varied grace.

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple, who recognizes and receives God’s gifts, and shares those gifts in love of God and neighbor. Please continue to pray about your commitment to stewardship.

Want to be more involved?

Please consider joining us as part of the Stewardship Commission.

Contact Gay Ann Christy by email at:

gayannchristy@gmail.com or cell phone at 573-280-9192.



FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair:

	NOVEMBER 2023	NOVEMBER 2022
PARISHIONER OFFERTORY	\$ 39,613.84	\$ 37,630.65
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 11,492.30	\$ 11,170.00
DONATION & BEQUESTS	\$ 6,335.00	\$ 26,395.00
OTHER RECEIPTS	\$ 6,927.16	\$ 7,230.59
TOTAL	\$ 64,368.30	\$ 82,426.24



WEBSITE UPDATE

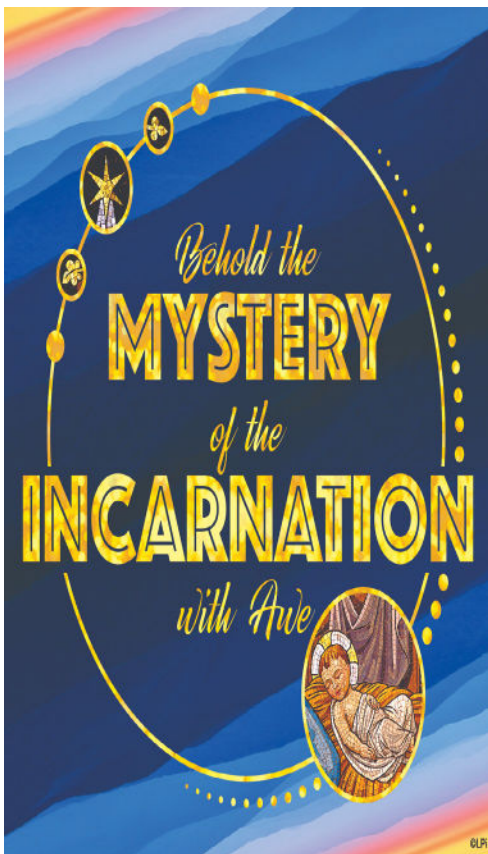
Lost in menus? Can't find things on the church web page? Announcing a new SEARCH Box to help you. On Our Lady of the Lake web page in the upper right corner we now have a Search box available. Just type in one or two keys words and anything refer-encing that on our site will display.

Visit our website:

ourladylake.diojeffcity.org

BESTGEN HALL

Beginning January 1st, Bestgen Hall will no longer be available for Private Parties/Events. The Hall will be used for Church approved functions only.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

- December 24th: Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm
- December 25th: Christmas Mass at 10:00 am
- No Daily Mass: December 26, 27, 28, January 2
- January 3rd: Stump the Pastor after 5:30 Mass
- January 9th Eucharistic Minister Training 6pm

CHRISTMAS AND MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS INFORMATION

This year the Solemnity of Christmas falls on a Monday and is a holyday of obligation. All the faithful are obligated to participate in two Masses, from the anticipated Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening Dec. 23 through the evening of Dec. 25. In the "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," no. 34 states, "The Vigil Mass of the Nativity is used on the evening of December 24, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I). On the day of the Nativity of the Lord, following ancient Roman tradition, Mass may be celebrated three times, that is, in the night, at dawn, and during the day."

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday (Jan. 1) and so is NOT a holyday of obligation. As a Solemnity, however, it still outranks the Feast of the Holy Family, which will be celebrated that Sunday Dec. 31. Any Masses celebrated on the evening of Dec. 31 should be for Mary, Mother of God.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join us for one of the Lake's longest running Christmas light displays!

176 Marian Drive, Laurie, MO 65037

FREE ENTRY EVERY NIGHT FROM 5:00 - 10:00 PM
NOVEMBER 23, 2023 - JANUARY 7, 2024

Hot cocoa and candy canes offered Fridays from 6:00-8:00 pm starting December 1.

"O HOLY NIGHT"
A Special Event

December 10 | 4 pm - 8 pm

Featuring a **Live Nativity** (with real animals including "Noah" the Camel, thanks to Sunrise Safari!), refreshments, carolers, St. Nicholas, and a bonfire!

(Inclement Weather Date: December 17)

St. Patrick CATHOLIC CHURCH
 at the Beautiful Lake of the Ozarks in Laurie, MO

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Desde el escritorio del pastor

Cuarto Domingo De Adventio

Deseo expresar mis más sinceros deseos a cada uno de ustedes para que tengan un día y una temporada de Navidad muy benditos y santos. Que el Señor los bendiga a cada uno de ustedes y a sus familias mientras celebramos la Encarnación del Señor. Somos conscientes de que el Señor se hizo uno con nosotros para que podamos volver a ser uno con Dios. A través de este misterio, nuestra dignidad original ha sido restaurada. Que seamos iluminados hoy y durante toda nuestra vida en la radiante gloria de Cristo para que seamos guiados por la luz de Dios en quien ponemos nuestra esperanza. ~ Padre Penn



SE NECESITAN ORACIONES

Que depositen su confianza y seguridad en el Señor Jesucristo:

Vince Pace, Arlene Kelly, Ashley Howerton, Adalyn Harres, Marilyn Merlo, Elizabeth Kempker, Pat Caswell, Catherine VanGogh, Gary McCullen, Amanda Imhoff, Jeff Barry, Lexi Vandermierden, Dr. Clem Haggerty, Gunther Skaletz, Bob Friedewald, James and Gina Smith, Theresa Stiers, Kitty Bagby.



RINCÓN DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE FAMILIAR

Planificación para el nuevo año

Nos vamos de vacaciones de Navidad los próximos dos miércoles. FFF comenzará nuevamente para el nuevo año el miércoles 3 de enero con misa a las 5:30. Se solicita encarecidamente que asista a Misa en familia. Después de la Misa, el P. Penn presentará Stump the Pastor—Family Style. Si no has asistido a Stump the Pastor en el pasado, te espera un placer.

Además de asistir a misa y quedarse para ver a Stump the Pastor, hay una pequeña tarea. No pensaste que podrías llegar hasta el 3 de enero sin una asignación de fe familiar, ¿verdad? En familia, por favor discutan las Obras Corporales de Misericordia. Puede probar a sus hijos para ver si pueden nombrar los siete o hacer una búsqueda rápida en Google si es necesario. Desarrolle un plan para que una de las Obras de Misericordia se viva en familia durante 2024. Coloque su plan en un sobre con su nombre en el frente. Tendré una canasta lista para que los coloques. Al final del año escolar, podrá recuperar su plan y evaluar si ha cumplido con el plan que describió.

PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

- ~27 de diciembre: no habrá formación de fe familiar
- ~3 de enero: Misa familiar de Año Nuevo y Stump the Pastor.
- ¡Se recomienda encarecidamente a todas las familias que asistan en familia!
- ~21 de enero: domingo de donas después de las misas de 8:00 y 10:00

Si tiene alguna pregunta o comentario, no dude en comunicarse conmigo a la oficina parroquial (573) 365-2241 ext. 4 o en mi celular (816) 210-822. Michele Haggerty, DRE.

