



### SPIRITUAL READING BOOK CLUB St. James & St. John Parishes

After the spiritual boost of Sunday Mass, Catholics may be vulnerable during the week days to sliding into the "rote prayer" habit. We toss in a few well remembered prayers and think we're "done" talking to God until next Sunday. There is SO much more spiritual connection, love, and grace waiting for you! Please consider joining the Spiritual Reading Book club **re-starting November 9 and ending May 10**, with a 'socially distant' monthly gathering the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at **1:30pm**, in Conference Room 2, at St. John Before the Latin Gate. On November 9, we will cover the first four chapters of **Learning to Pray** by James Martin, SJ. The book can be ordered from Amazon for \$19.20.

### SUFFERING AFTER ABORTION? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

**Rachel's Vineyard** weekend retreats provide an opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. This weekend is designed to help bring support, healing, and hope and includes discussion, the sacrament of reconciliation, a memorial service, and a Mass of resurrection.

Upcoming retreats:

**October 29-31 (en Español)**

**November 19-21 (English Retreat)**

**December 3-5 (English Retreat)**

Retreats take place from 5pm on Friday through 3pm on Sunday. For more information: [cceok.org/healing-after-abortion](http://cceok.org/healing-after-abortion) or, contact (918) 508-7142 or [rachel@cceok.org](mailto:rachel@cceok.org). For 24/7 assistance, call (866) 721-7881. All inquiries are confidential.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Catholic Women's Group will be selling raffle tickets after each Mass at St. John and St. James beginning Saturday, November 6. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 5, after the 10:30 Mass at St. John Church. Please help support our Catholic Women's Group. Prizes are as follows: 1st Prize - Dinner for 2 at Sterlings Grille and a pair of tickets to the Bartlesville Nutcracker Performance at the Bartlesville Community Center. (Donated by Joe and Karen Franco and Matt and Stephanie Hathaway); 2nd Prize - Christmas Nativity (Donated by St. John Women's Assoc.); 3rd Prize - 25" St. Frances Garden Statue (Donated by St. John Women's Assoc.)

As the Catholic Community of Bartlesville continues to foster unity within and among our parishes, St. John's Women's Association has decided to be an active part of this unity.

To engage and include all Catholic women in Bartlesville and the area, we are renaming it to Catholic Women (CW)! A registered female member of either parish is automatically a member of Catholic Women. Our history of serving the parish of St. John will set the groundwork for a new legacy of serving both parishes - the entire Catholic community.

We would love all the Catholic Women here in Bartlesville to be active members. Please join us during monthly meetings on **first Thursday of each month at noon**, with a social time starting at 11:30am. Our **November 4th** meeting will be at **St. John** - with a plan to alternate meeting locations at both parishes. If you have questions - contact either parish office or our current president, Sangeetha Arun at [sangeetharun03@gmail.com](mailto:sangeetharun03@gmail.com).