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Dear Friends:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we enter February, the Church repositions itself to the Sacred Season of Lent -- a time of return, repentance, renewal and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. I pray that this Lenten Season will be a time of prayer and renewed faith and hope in the Risen Christ. Be active and join in all of our activities. Allow this Season to provide you with many wonderful prayer experiences. Even the Gospel Acclamation of Ash Wednesday says it all: *"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts."* To celebrate Lent and look forward to the glory of Easter, we're hosting a Raffle that is designed to stir up some extra reasons to renew your Lenten discipline and celebrate Jesus' "Risen Glory." I hope you will try to win some cash for you and your family. There is a bonus prize on Easter itself, March 31st. It is a great way to support St. John XXIII Parish with 31 chances to win. It also makes a terrific gift for family and friends. I hope you will join in this fun activity that helps our Parish a great deal.

You will find three (3) tickets along the bottom of the Calendar. **You don't have to purchase all three**; one ticket is \$10 or a bargain of three for \$25. Daily drawings will take place at the Parish Office. After each daily drawing, the winning ticket will be placed back into the barrel, making that person eligible again for **another drawing**.

Each daily drawing will be \$50. There are bonus amounts on the weekends, with Saturdays paying \$75, and Sundays paying \$100. **A special \$175 drawing will take place on Easter Sunday.**

Returns may be made by placing your tickets and donation in an envelope marked **"Risen Glory Raffle."** Return your tickets and donation by mail, through the Collection, or bring them to the Parish Office. It is not necessary to return unused tickets. **All tickets must be returned by February 28, 2024.** Checks will be mailed out weekly.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your loyalty and on-going support of our Parish. May God bless you abundantly throughout the year and keep you safe.

In Christ through Mary,



Rev. John E. Stanton

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