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JANUARY 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

HELLO AND WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH!

Thank you for joining us today. Blessings! May you have a beautiful day. The St. Joseph Parish family extends a warm welcome to our visitors and new families. We are delighted to have you! If you are a new parishioner, ask one of the ushers for a parish census/registration form. Please complete and drop in the collections basket or bring by the church office during business hours. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know. We hope you will find a true home at St. Joseph Church!

RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

December 25, 2022

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$2,292.00
 Poor Box—\$117.11
 Clergy Welfare
 Collection—\$6,630.00
 Christmas
 Collection—\$1,250.00

**Just as Mary reflects the
 light of Christ, may we,
 too, be called to reflect
 Christ's light to the world.**

6:00PM—160
 11:00AM—66
Total—226

Blessed Thanks!



Please pray for our sick, shut-ins, those listed in our book of intentions, parishioners residing in nursing homes, and others who have asked for prayers: *Gino Aureli, Eileen Badovick, James Belvedresi, Breckin Birge, Tim Boutwell, Irene Christian, Lee Cole, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Judy Ellison, Theresa Failla, John Golden, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Shirley Hartwick, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Franklin Murray, Thomas Oster, Betty Petrus, Claudia Rainey, Laurie Stanfield, Claude Wilbern, and Judy Wilbert.* Please keep them in your prayers in their time of need... And all others in need of our healing prayers. Also, remember the caregivers of the ill.

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In your prayers, also remember the deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration Chapel is now open. Please contact Mark or Mary Ives (870-489-4404) if you would like to spend a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Please notify the parish office when you or relatives are admitted to Jefferson Regional Medical Center. WE CARE!

Have you moved, but your mail is being forwarded? Did you disconnect the land line, and now rely solely on your cell phone? Have you provided us with your e-mail address? Are you registered in the parish? We need you to update your Parish Census/Registration Form, or get one, so our information is as up to date as possible. Forms can be found on tables and stands around church, on our website, or in the parish office.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is requesting canned goods and any other non-perishable food items for their pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able.

Hearts for Life Conference: The Hearts for Life Conference will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. This conference will explore pro-life issues and will include dinner. The conference is free, but preregistration is required. Registration deadline is January 13, 2023. To register, please call 501-664-0340 ext 326 or email the Respect Life Office RL@dolr.org.

March for Life: On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 45th annual March for Life along Capitol Ave. in Little Rock on Sunday, January 22, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m., after the Mass for Life. For more information please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.

R. C. I. A. Classes meet on Mondays at 6:00PM in the kitchen by the parish offices. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith is welcome to attend. Classes will resume January 9th.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation or memorial for the upkeep and maintenance of our three cemeteries, St. Joseph - Pine Bluff, St. Peter -New Gascony, and St. Patrick - Sulphur Springs. With your help we can keep them looking as beautiful as possible.

Father Joe will say Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, Plum Bayou Thursday, January 26 at 6:00PM. Please make plans to attend.



CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2022
Prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of the overall needs of the Church in our area of the Diocese.

OUR GOAL IS \$14,700.00

Please return your CASA Gift/Pledge as soon as possible.

This week in our parish

Sun Jan 1 *SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:30AM No P.R.E. (Christmas Break)

11:00AM †William Puddephatt (Church)

Mon Jan 2 Saints Basil and Gregory, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Parish Offices Closed (New Year's Break)

8:00AM †Mary Paule Dildy (Church)

6:00PM No R.C.I.A. (Christmas Break)

Tue Jan 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:00AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

5:30PM Knights of Columbus Mtg (KC Hall)

Wed Jan 4 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

5:30PM †Judy Reese (Church)

Thu Jan 5 ST JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

8:00AM *Int Mike & Annette Kline* (Church)

Fri Jan 6 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00AM †Living and Deceased St Joseph

Altar Society Members (Church)

Sat Jan 7 Blessed Angela of Foligno

9:00AM *First Saturday Mass*

†Sybil Cope (Church)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Sun Jan 8 *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades)

11:00AM †Roy Franco (Church)

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

~Luke 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

Due to the holiday, Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, January 3 at 5:30PM in KC Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Don't forget the First Saturday Mass, January 7 at 9:00AM in the church.

St. Joseph Church will begin offering a Grief Support Program facilitated by Deacon Garry and Lisa Boccarossa. Meetings will be held each Saturday for nine weeks, beginning January 28, 2023 from 10:30AM until 12:00PM in Room 230 in the Education Building. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Please call Lisa Boccarossa to sign up. Any questions contact: Lisa Boccarossa at (870) 718-8081, Deacon Garry Boccarossa (870) 692-8658, or email bocofam@cablelynx.com.