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JANUARY 3, 2021 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 27, 2020

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$4,761.00

Poor Box—\$27.21

Clergy Welfare—\$1,692.00

Christmas

Collection—\$2,790.00

**Like the Magi, may we
generously share our gifts
with the Lord, trusting
He will provide all
that we need.**

6:00PM—38

11:00AM—36

Total—74

Christmas Vigil—85

Christmas Day—34

Total—119

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, Gloria Aureli, Gia Blanchard, Richard Cass, Brandie Castleberry, Sybil Cope, Shelley Dedman, Victoria Doyle, Theresa Failla, James Gross, Julie Dial Habelmann, Carol Hastings, Gene Hastings, Scott Howell, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Mike Lambert, Lucille Marconi, Anthony Mayer, Scott McGeorge, Elaine McKenney, Lynn Morgan, Franklin Murray, Linda and Thomas Oster, Judy Reese, Rose Mary Smith, and Laurie Stanfield.* 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, especially Tena Gultzo, and Billy Smith, brother of Eric Smith. 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 send a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is requesting canned goods and any other non-perishable food items for their pantry. With the ongoing pandemic, they have experienced a tremendous increase in those from Jefferson County needing assistance with food. Thank you!

2021 Catholic Calendars have been placed on stands at the church exit. Please take only one calendar per family, and thank our sponsors, listed on the bottom of each calendar, when you see them for providing our calendars again this year.



Please remember, during this temporary time of changes to our parish Mass and activities schedules, that we must still pay our bills. Your continued Stewardship is very important. Please place in the box in church or mail to the parish office. A BIG thanks to those sending in their Stewardship.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

- Bishop Taylor lifted the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation effective October 1. **ALL HEALTHY CATHOLICS SHOULD NOW ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.**
- **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** Saturday Vigil-6PM, Sunday Mass-11AM
- Daily Masses will be Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 8AM and Wednesdays at 5:30PM (*Wednesday Masses no longer count as Sunday Obligation.*)
- The only entrance to the church will be the east door (by the parish offices).
- Everyone over 10 years of age **MUST** wear a mask at all times.
- Everyone must sanitize hands when entering church and must disinfect the pew area where seated when arrive at church and again after Mass.
- Only sit in designated areas - 6 feet apart, unless a family group.
- *If you wish to come pray during the week (outside of normal Mass times), please contact the parish office (534-4701) for entrance into the church or chapel.*
- Confessions will be heard from 11AM-12PM on Saturdays and anytime by request (behind the screen **ONLY**).

Our Facebook page is *St. Joseph Catholic Church-Pine Bluff, AR*. Our 6PM Saturday Masses will be live streamed there. Additional information available, also.

Our website is www.stjosephpinebluff.org where you can get the latest bulletin and other important parish information.

To coincide with the *March for Life*, we will have our annual *Pennies for Life Collection* on January 16 & 17. This collection supports Birthright. A baby bottle will be placed next to the collection basket for your donations. Please be as generous as possible. (Make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.) Any donation will be appreciated. Thank you!

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

This week in our parish

Sun Jan 3 *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

9:30AM No Digital PRE (Christmas Break)

11:00AM †Edgar Wardlaw (Church)

Mon Jan 4 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

8:00AM †William Puddephatt (Church)

6:00PM RCIA (Office Kitchen)

Tue Jan 5 ST JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

Wed Jan 6 St André Bessette, Religious

5:30PM †Ryan Renfro (Church)

(Wed Mass no longer fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Thu Jan 7 St Raymond of Penyafort

8:00AM †William Strong, Jr (Church)

Fri Jan 8

8:00AM †Willis Bonvillain (Church)

Sat Jan 9

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard

Behind Screen ONLY (Church)

6:00PM †Mary Lynn Crowder (Church)

(6PM Mass will also be Live Streamed
on Facebook)

Sun Jan 10 *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

9:30AM Digital PRE

11:00AM † St Joseph Parishioners (Church)



"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." ~Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

MASS FOR LIFE: On Sunday January 17, 2021 Bishop Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05 p.m. This Mass will also be live streamed on the **Diocese of Little Rock YouTube channel** to allow anyone to watch online. Subscribe to the channel to get notifications when new videos are posted. Unfortunately, because of corona virus, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021. Arkansas Right to Life still plans to host the March for Life on January 17 at 2pm behind the Capitol. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

QUOTE UNQUOTE - "Pope Francis goes out of his way to surprise people, to get them to think, to go to a deeper, more mature understanding of their faith."

~Msgr. Timothy Verdon, director of the office of sacred art for the Archdiocese of Florence Dec. 15, on controversial Nativity scene at the Vatican