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JANUARY 7, 2024 - 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 31, 2023

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$9,328.00
 Poor Box—\$5.00
 Solemnity of Mary—\$380.00

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

5:00PM—50
 11:00AM—77
 Total—127
 Solemnity of Mary—33

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, Shannon Fikes Bass, Breckin Birge, Tim Boutwell, Barbara Boyd, Alyssa Castleberry, Lee Cole, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Karen Gossett, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Shirley Hartwick, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Ed Karlovic, Mary Ann Kizer, Ike Levy, Nina and Tony Levy, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Helen Pascale, Betty Petrus, Jimmy Rinchuso, Margie Ross, Laurie Stanfield, Judy Wilbert, and Mary Winkley.* 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 –Please contact Angelique Ford (870-489-0563) 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!

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is in need of any canned goods and 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 as the need is great.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference (ACMC), the annual men's conference held in the Diocese of Little Rock, will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock. It was founded in 2010 and has featured speakers who impact men's lives with their passion for Christ and His Church. To register for free, visit arcatholicmen.com.

MASS FOR LIFE 2024: On Sunday January 21, 2024, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew Cathedral, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock at noon. Please join us for this Mass as we pray especially for an end to abortion and for the legal protection of unborn children. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.

St. Joseph Church needs your help in our music department. Singing is not difficult. It just requires a bit of courage. (1 Corinthians 2:5) You can make a difference! Why not call the parish office (534-4701) to find out more.

There are many dates in 2024, starting with February 8th, open for Mass Intentions. You can have a mass said for persons living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic. Makes a great birthday or anniversary gift for only \$10.00 per mass. Please contact the parish office for additional information or to schedule a mass.

St. Joseph Church needs someone to take over managing our website. Don Puddehatt has graciously done this for many years, even after moving to Hot Springs, and we are very grateful. However, due to health issues and computer problems, he feels it is time to pass on the job to a younger member of our parish. If interested, call Gail Bryant in the parish office 534-4701.

This week in our parish

Sun Jan 7 *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*
9:30AM NO P.R.E. (Christmas Break)
11:00AM †William Puddephatt (Church)

Mon Jan 8 *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*
8:00AM Int Lisa McElroy (Church)
6:00PM R.C.I.A. (Office Kitchen)

Tue Jan 9
8:00AM No Daily Mass
9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)
10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Jan 10
5:30PM †Dolores Franks (Church)
6:15PM Pastoral Council Mtg (Office Kitchen)

Thu Jan 11
8:00AM Int Fr Anil Thomas (Church)

Fri Jan 12
8:00AM †Rose Mary Smith (Church)

Sat Jan 13 St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
8-9AM Men's Holy Hour (Chapel)
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard Today (Church)
5:00PM †Judy Reese (Church)

Sun Jan 14 *SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*
9:30AM NO P.R.E. (MLK Holiday)
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!

MEN: Don't forget the Holy Hour for Men Saturday, January 13 at 8:00AM in Annunciation Chapel. Come and spend an hour with our Lord.

MARCH FOR LIFE: On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 46th annual March for Life, beginning at 2PM, after the Mass for Life, Sunday, January 21st. Join hundreds of Catholics and people of goodwill as we give public witness to our firm belief in the sacredness of life from the very first moment of conception. This year the March's route is along Capitol Ave, beginning at State Street. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.

Our 2024 calendars have been placed on tables and stand around the church. Please take only one calendar per family and, when you see them, thank our sponsors, located on the bottom of the calendars, for providing them to us.

*The beautiful flowers in front of the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend
were placed there in loving memory of Lawrence Zell
by his son, Leonard, and family.*