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JANUARY 8, 2023 - THE BAPTISM 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

January 1, 2023

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$6,566.00
 Poor Box—\$54.00
 Solemnity of Mary
 Collection—\$620.00

**May we be generous with
 all of our gifts, especially
 the one thing that means
 the most to us.**

6:00PM—40
 11:00AM—83
Total—123

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!

Pastoral Council Nominations Forms haven been placed on walls around the church. On February 11 & 12, we will elect seven parishioners to serve on the Pastoral Council. Due to term limits, Connie Boutwell, Elizabeth Rinchuso, and James Ruggeri are NOT eligible to run again. All other parishioners, 18 years and older, in good standing with the Church are eligible to run. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to have serve on our Pastoral Council and write his or her name on the Nomination Form. He or she will be contacted regarding accepting nomination to run for a position.

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.

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.

Ladies, *Women of Hope, A Day of Retreat* is quickly approaching. This day of retreat will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock on Saturday, February 4, 2023. Join us on a journey as we explore the desert seasons of our faith and the oasis that God has planned for each of us. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to fill your hearts with the hope of Christ. Visit WomenOfHopeAR.org for further details and registration information.

This week in our parish

Sun Jan 8 *THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

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

11:00AM †*Roy Franco* (Church)

Mon Jan 9 St Adrian of Canterbury

8:00AM †*Anthony Magnoni* (Church)

6:00PM R.C.I.A. (Office Kitchen)

Tue Jan 10 Servant of God Vico Necchi

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:00AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed Jan 11 Bl William Carter

5:30PM †*Mike Lambert* (Church)

6:15PM Pastoral Council Mtg (Office Kitchen)

Thu Jan 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:00AM *Int Frank & Mary Long* (Church)

Fri Jan 13 St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

8:00AM †*Dave Nanak* (Church)

Sat Jan 14 St Felix of Nola

8:00AM Holy Hour for Men (Chapel)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Jan 15 *SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:30AM No P.R.E. (MLK Holiday)

11:00AM †*Mike Lambert* (Church)

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” ~Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Men, don't forget the Holy Hour for Men Saturday, January 14 at 8:00AM in Annunciation Chapel. Come and spend an hour with our Lord.

Our 2023 Extension Calendars have arrived. They can be found on tables and stands around church or on the table in the hallway by the parish offices. Please only one calendar per family.

There are many dates in 2023, starting with February 20, 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 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 boccafam@cabllynx.com.