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JANUARY 14, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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!

<b>Record of Our Stewardship</b>	<b>January 7, 2024</b>	<b>Record of Our Faithfulness</b>
Offertory—\$4,634.00 Poor Box—\$7.35 Building Fund—\$415.00 Cemetery Fund—\$220.00	May we take time, every day, talking to God - praising Him, thanking Him and asking for His guidance.	5:00PM—63 11:00AM—81 <b>Total—144</b>

## 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, 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, Pat, Josh, and* 

Jean Lucas, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Melissa Ann O'Neill, 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...

**<u>EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</u>** –Please contact Angelique Ford (870-489-0563) if you would like to spend a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

<u>Please</u> 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 Gottsponer 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 nonperishable 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 <u>arcatholicmen.com</u>.

<u>MASS FOR LIFE 2024</u>: 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 <u>at noon</u>. 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 <u>cphillips@dolr.org</u> for more information.

St. Joseph Church needs <u>your</u> 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 Puddephatt 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 14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
9:30AM NO P.R.E. (MLK Holiday)	[]	
11:00AM #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)		
Mon Jan 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY	"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?" John 1:29	
MLK Holiday - Parish Offices Closed		
8:00AM Int Angelique Ford (Church)		
6:00PM R.C.I.A. (Office Kitchen)	<i>for?'" ~John 1:38</i> When we recognize who we are, it's	
Tue Jan 16		
8:00AM No Daily Mass		
9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)	easier to find what we are looking for.	
10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)	Once we see ourselves, and others, as	
Wed Jan 17 ST ANTHONY, ABBOT	children of God, we spend less time	
5:30PM #Ryan Renfro (Church)	looking for the material comforts of the	
Thu Jan 18	world. Instead, our hearts long for	
8:00AM Int Nurses at Nursing Homes in	something deeper that can only be filled	
Jefferson County (Church)	by God. Ask God daily how He wants	
Fri Jan 19	you to live the life He intended for you.	
8:00AM #Joyce Carrow (Church)	you to not the me me menucu for you.	
Sat Jan 20 St Fabian, Pope and Martyr		
St Sebastian, Martyr		
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard Today (Church)	Our 2024 calendars have been placed on	
5:00PM <i>🕆 St Joseph Parishioners</i> (Church)	tables and stand around the church.	
Sun Jan 21 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Please take only <u>one</u> calendar per family	
9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades)	and, when you see them, thank our sponsors, located on the bottom of the	
11:00AM #Dc Bud and Gail Bryant (Church)		
12:00PM Mass for Life (Cathedral - LR)	calendars, for providing them to us.	
2:00PM March for Life (Little Rock)		

<u>MARCH FOR LIFE</u>: 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 <u>Arkansas Right to Life</u> 501-663-4237 or email <u>artl@artl.org</u>.

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