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JANUARY 21, 2024 - THIRD 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!

RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP

January 14, 2024

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$2,335.00
 Poor Box—\$5.00

**May we hear Jesus' personal
 invitation to "Follow Him"
 and respond by generously
 sharing all our gifts.**

5:00PM—55
 11:00AM—72
 Total—127

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: *Shannon Fikes Bass, Breckin Birge, Tim Boutwell, Barbara Boyd, Dc Bud Bryant, 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 especially Geno Aureli.
 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.

Catholic Daughters will meet next Sunday, January 28 immediately following the 11AM Mass in Gallagher Hall. All Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to attend and all members are encouraged to attend.

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.

Next week, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$29,200 in grant funding from this collection last year.

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.

A big thanks to Don Puddephatt who has been the webmaster for the St. Joseph website for many, many years, even after moving to Hot Springs. We appreciate Don's help all these years.

Also, a big thanks to Joe Turchi who has agreed to take over as our new webmaster. We appreciate Joe doing this for St. Joseph.

This week in our parish

Sun Jan 21 *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades)
11:00AM *Int Dc Bud and Gail Bryant* (Church)
12:00PM *Mass for Life* (Cathedral - LR)
2:00PM *March for Life* (Little Rock)

Mon Jan 22 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

8:00AM *Int Dc Bud Bryant* (Church)
6:00PM R.C.I.A. (Office Kitchen)

Tue Jan 23 St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
St Marianne Cope, Virgin

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

Wed Jan 24 ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP
AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5:30PM †*Marc Stringer* (Church)

Thu Jan 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
THE APOSTLE

8:00AM †*Louis Hulse* (Church)
6:00PM *Mass at St Mary Church, Plum Bayou*
†*Mary Louise Richardson*

Fri Jan 26 STS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

8:00AM †*Jan and Matthew Greshem* (Church)

Sat Jan 27 St Angela Merici, Virgin

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard Today (Church)
5:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Jan 28 *FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades)
11:00AM *Int Janet Utley* (Church)

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” ~Mark 1:17

Jesus’ call to “*follow me*” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren’t always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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.

Don’t forget the Mass at St. Mary’s Church, Plum Bayou, January 25 at 6:00PM

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.

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