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FEBRUARY 19, 2023 - SEVENTH 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**

February 12, 2023

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$6,101.00  
 Poor Box—\$47.00

May we find it in our hearts  
 to pray for people that don't  
 always treat us well.

6:00PM—62  
 11:00AM—103  
 Total—165

*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, Margie Ross, Laurie Stanfield, Claude Wilbern, 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** – 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!*

**PHOTO CONTEST:** Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2024 Diocese of Little Rock directory. *Arkansas Catholic* sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 17.

Sister Maria Rose Carter, OSB, of Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro won last year's contest with a photo of a sunlit mosaic depicting St. Benedict. Her photo was featured on the cover of the 2023 directory. Complete rules and an entry form are available on the *Arkansas Catholic* website, [arkansas-catholic.org](http://arkansas-catholic.org). For more information, contact Emily Roberts by e-mail to [eroberts@dolr.org](mailto:eroberts@dolr.org).

**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.**

**There are many dates in 2023, starting with March 1, 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.**

**R. C. I. A. Classes meet on Wednesdays 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, February 23 at 6:00PM. Please make plans to attend.**

**RETREAT - "*The Lord's Supper: A Eucharistic Revival*" will be hosted by John Michael Talbot at Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery March 24-26, June 2-4 and June 16-18. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through his Real Presence in the Eucharist. John Michael is supporting the National Eucharistic Revival happening today to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States. (During this retreat - guided by his new book, *The Lord's Supper ~ A Eucharistic Revival*, John Michael will accompany you through the Mass into a life-changing appreciation of Jesus Christ fully present in every Eucharist.) It is a true Eucharistic revival and you are invited! For complete details and to register visit:**

**<https://troubadourforthelord.net/store/ols/categories/little-portion-retreats-with-john-michael-talbot>**

***CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected St. Joseph Pastoral Council members Kathryn Brickey, Joe Gieringer, Susan Lambert, Adam Smith, Mike Turchi, Deb York, and Leonard Zell. Also, congratulations to the newly appointed Pastoral Council member Timothy Lim.***

# *This week in our parish*

Sun Feb 19 *SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:30 No P.R.E. (Presidents' Day Break)

11:00AM †Judy Reese (Church)

Mon Feb 20 **PRESIDENTS' DAY**

*PARISH OFFICES CLOSED*

8:00AM †Gene Hastings (Church)

Tue Feb 21 St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed Feb 22 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
*DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE*

8:00AM *Mass* (Church)

5:30PM †Roy Franco (Church)

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

Thu Feb 23 St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:00AM †Carl & Chris Boccarossa (Church)

6:00PM Mass at St Mary Church, Plum Bayou

†Sam Rinchuso

Fri Feb 24 *Day of Abstinence*

8:00AM *Int Carol Ann Hastings* (Church)

5-7PM KC Lenten Fish Fry (G Hall)

6:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat Feb 25

10:30AM-12:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT (RM 230)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Sun Feb 26 *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

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

11:00AM †Georgia Puddephatt (Church)

12:00PM Catholic Daughters Mtg (G Hall)

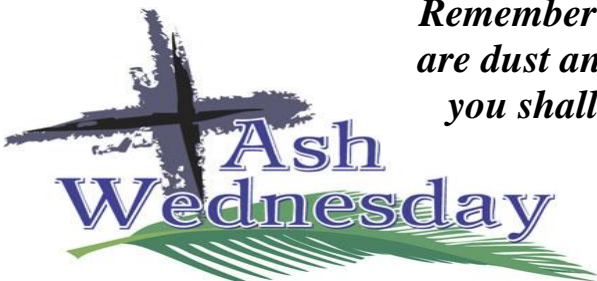
*“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”*  
~Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy.” When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

Catholic Daughters will meet Sunday, February 26 immediately following 11AM Mass in Gallagher Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

One hundred percent of every dollar given to the Ash Wednesday collection is used to support missionary work that reaches out and serve Catholics in our own diocese. Please be as generous as you can when you give so that the great gift of our faith can be nourished among our Catholic brothers and sisters in all parts of our state. Thank you.

*Remember that you  
are dust and to dust  
you shall return*



**Mass Schedule**

**February 22**

**8:00AM and 5:30PM**