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**FEBRUARY 26, 2023 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

***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**

Offertory—\$3,599.70  
 Poor Box—\$50.13  
 Aid to Central & Eastern  
 Europe—\$375.00  
 Ash Wednesday—\$1,258.00

**February 19, 2023**

**May we prune ourselves  
 of earthly things and  
 nurture and develop  
 heavenly things.**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

6:00PM—73  
 11:00AM—74  
**Total—147**  
**Ash Wednesday Total—150**

***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, 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...***

**EUCHARISTIC 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!***

**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.**

**There are many dates in 2023, starting with March 13, 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.**

**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.**

**Father Joe will say Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, Plum Bayou Thursday, March 30 at 6:00PM. Please make plans to attend.**

**DONATE TO JUNKTIQUE - Junktique donations to support Catholic High School will be accepted weekdays March 13-24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Furniture, items for your home, clothing and shoes in good condition will be accepted. Books, mattresses and box TVs are no longer accepted. Large item pick-up in Pulaski County can be scheduled by calling (501) 664-3939 or emailing [chsjunktique@lrchs.org](mailto:chsjunktique@lrchs.org).**

**Junktique will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 1. All proceeds will be used for physical improvements to the school and for keeping tuition affordable.**

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**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>**

# *This week in our parish*

Sun Feb 26 *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

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

11:00AM †Georgia Pudephatt (Church)

12:00PM Catholic Daughters Mtg (G Hall)

Mon Feb 27 St Gregory of Narek, Abbot  
and Doctor of the Church

8:00AM †Mike Lambert (Church)

Tue Feb 28

8:00AM No Daily Mass

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed Mar 1

5:30PM †Frank Laudadio (Church)

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

Thu Mar 2

8:00AM †Mary Louise Richardson (Church)

Fri Mar 3 St Katharine Drexel, Virgin

*Day of Abstinence*



8:00AM †Roy Franco (Church)

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

6:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat Mar 4 St Casimir

9:00AM First Saturday Mass

†Gene Richardson (Church)

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

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †Tinh Nguyen (Church)

Sun Mar 5 *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

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

11:00AM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

*“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” Matthew 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

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

St. Joseph Church is having a *Spring Up Market* Saturday, March 11 in Gallagher Hall from 9AM until 3PM. Any Crafters or Vendors interested in a booth should contact Lisa Boccarossa at (870) 718-8081 or [boccofam@cablelynx.com](mailto:boccofam@cablelynx.com).

Everyone make plans to attend. This will be a fun time with a variety of shopping options and even some food offerings.

*The beautiful flowers in front of the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend were placed there in loving memory of Mike Lambert by Susan, and the Bryan and Rice Families.*