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MARCH 7, 2021 - THIRD 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—\$4,705.07  
Poor Box—\$10.00

*Blessed Thanks!*



February 28, 2021

As God's chosen people, may we accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

6:00PM—35  
11:00AM—58  
**Total—93**

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, Gloria Aureli, Gia Blanchard, Richard Cass, Brandie Castleberry, Sybil Cope, Mary Davis, Shelley Dedman, Theresa Failla, Jim Gross, Julie Dial Habelmann, Carol Hastings, Gene Hastings, Scott Howell, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Mike Lambert, Anthony Mayer, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Thomas Oster, Judy Reese, Rose Mary Smith, Laurie Stanfield and Chuck Turchi*. 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 send a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is requesting canned goods and any other non-perishable food items for their pantry. They are experiencing a tremendous increase in those from Jefferson County needing assistance with food. Thank you!

Pastoral Council will resume meetings on Wednesday, March 10 immediately following 5:30PM Mass in Gallagher Hall. Masks and social distancing required.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday of Lent**  
(February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2\*)

6:00PM in Church

\*Good Friday, April 2 at 12:15PM

*Please notify the parish office when you or relatives are admitted to Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Thank you! WE CARE!!*



*Please remember, during this temporary time of changes to our parish Mass and activities schedules, that we must still pay our bills. Your continued Stewardship is very important. Please place in the box in church or mail to the parish office. A BIG thanks to those sending in their Stewardship.*

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

- Bishop Taylor lifted the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation effective October 1. **ALL HEALTHY CATHOLICS SHOULD NOW ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.**
- **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** Saturday Vigil-6PM, Sunday Mass-11AM
- Daily Masses will be Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 8AM and Wednesdays at 5:30PM (*Wednesday Masses no longer count as Sunday Obligation.*)
- Everyone over 10 years of age **MUST** wear a mask at all times.
- Only sit in designated areas - 6 feet apart, unless a family group.
- *If you wish to come pray during the week (outside of normal Mass times), please contact the parish office (534-4701) for entrance into the church or chapel.*
- Confessions will be heard from 4-5PM on Wednesdays and anytime by request (behind the screen **ONLY**).

Our Facebook page is *St. Joseph Catholic Church-Pine Bluff, AR*. Our 6PM Saturday Masses will be live streamed there. Additional information available, also.

Our website is [www.stjosephpinebluff.org](http://www.stjosephpinebluff.org) where you can get the latest bulletin and other important parish information.

## NEW CHANGES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

- Holy water has been returned to fonts and hymnals to pews;
- Processional and Recessional resumed;
- All doors to church unlocked (**ONLY** west door will have hand sanitizers);
- Eucharistic Ministers may help distribute the Eucharist - **ONLY IF** they have been vaccinated.



Catholic Arkansas  
Sharing Appeal

## CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2021

Prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of the overall needs of the Church in our area of the Diocese.

**OUR GOAL IS \$14,700.00**

*Please return your CASA Gift/Pledge as soon as possible.*

# This week in our parish

Sun Mar 7 **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:30AM Digital P.R.E.

11:00AM #Ryan Renfro (Church)

Mon Mar 8 St John of God, Religious

8:00AM #Eleonore Dennis (Church)

6:00PM RCIA (Office Kitchen)

Tue Mar 9 St Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00AM No Daily Mass

Wed Mar 10

4-5PM Confessions Heard

Behind Screen ONLY (Church)

5:30PM #Ryan Renfro (Church)

Thu Mar 11

8:00AM #Bill Bryant (Church)

Fri Mar 12

Day of Abstinence



8:00AM #Tommy Belvedresi (Church)

6:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat Mar 13

6:00PM #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

(6PM Mass will also be Live Streamed  
on Facebook)

Sun Mar 14 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

2:00AM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

9:30AM Digital P.R.E.

11:00AM #Ryan Renfro (Church)



**"You shall not  
carve idols for  
yourselves in the  
shape of  
anything..."**

*-Exodus 20:4*

How many  
“gods” do you put  
before God?  
“Idols” do not  
always take the

shape of physical things, things we  
can touch and feel. Those are easy to  
recognize. Many times they take the form  
of things we cannot touch and are much  
harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time,  
comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to  
prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Arkansas Catholic’s annual photo contest is open to choose a photo for the cover of the 2022 diocesan directory. Any Arkansas photographer 18 or older, professional or amateur, can enter their photo of a Catholic church or institution in the diocese. The entry deadline is March 18. Complete rules and an official entry form are available on the Arkansas Catholic website, [arkansas-catholic.org](http://arkansas-catholic.org). For more information, call Emily Roberts at (501) 664-0125.



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS** - Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from stands located in the hallway, and don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors, and our God. Don’t forget to take your Rice Bowl home with you today!

Catholic Daughters members, please bring individually wrapped candy to stuff in plastic Easter eggs to the parish office by March 22.