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NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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—\$3,447.00
 Poor Box—\$64.27
 Cemetery Fund—\$1,520.00
 Catholic Campaign for Human
 Development Collection—\$330.00

November 20, 2022

May we see the little
 miracles that occur
 in our lives every day
 and not take each
 day for granted.

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

6:00PM—38
 11:00AM—103
Total—141

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, Gia Blanchard, Irene Christian, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Judy Ellison, Theresa Failla, Mary Shannon Fikes, John Golden, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Franklin Murray, Thomas Oster, Betty Petrus, Claudia Rainey, Laurie Stanfield, Claude Wilbern, Judy Wilbert, and Bonnie Wood.* 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 Mary Paule Dildy.
 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!*

The St. Joseph Altar Society and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party will be held Saturday, December 10 in Gallagher Hall immediately following 6PM Mass. Each member is asked to bring an appetizer to the party. Please call the parish office (534-4701) and tell what appetizer you plan to bring. *Reminder:* CDA members make monetary donations for gifts for the shut-ins. Altar Society members donate toys and toiletries for CASA.

The second collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious* will be on December 3rd and 4th. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in ministries—such as Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals—often for little or no pay. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is requesting St. Joseph parishioners donate at least 120 cans of SWEET POTATOES and any cake mixes you like for their Christmas baskets. Also, they are asking for \$60.00 to sponsor a child for Christmas. Christmas baskets start going out December 1. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able.

The Diocese of Little Rock is seeking an Executive Director for Catholic Charities of Arkansas. Qualifications include: Catholic, bachelor's degree, working knowledge of Catholic moral and social teaching, strong communication and supervisory skills, and at least five years of management, finance and fundraising experience. To inquire, contact Dennis Lee, Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, at dlee@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0340, extension 308.

R. C. I. A. Classes meet on Mondays 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, December 22 at 6:00PM. Please make plans to attend.

This week in our parish

Sun Nov 27 *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9:30 No P.R.E. (Thanksgiving Break)

11:00AM †*Susan Puddephatt* (Church)

Mon Nov 28

8:00AM †*Mike Lambert* (Church)

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

Tue Nov 29

8:00AM No Daily Mass

9:00AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed Nov 30 ST ANDREW, APOSTLE

5:30PM †*Anthony Mayer* (Church)

Thu Dec 1

8:00AM †*David Nanak* (Church)

Fri Dec 2

8:00AM †*Living and Deceased St Joseph
Altar Society Members* (Church)

Sat Dec 3 ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

9:00AM *First Saturday Mass*

†*McKenzie Kelley* (Church)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Dec 4 *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM †*Mike Lambert* (Church)

First Sunday **ADVENT**



“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

~Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

Don’t forget the First Saturday Mass, December 3 at 9:00AM in the church.

The 2022 *Share Your Light Advent Calendar* offers 28 ways, one for every day of Advent, to help you make someone's day brighter this season, and in the process hopefully it will deepen your experience of this holy time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. Visit the calendar at www.dolr.org/share-light-advent-calendar

We have several other Advent resources available, including details about Advent traditions, such as the Advent wreath, how to make your own Advent calendar, the St. Andrew Christmas novena, St. Nicholas Day, recipes for St. Lucy Day, how to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, Las Posadas, the O Antiphons, Festival of Lessons and Carols and much more. Visit www.dolr.org/advent to learn more.