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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS
DECEMBER 2, 2018 - 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

November 25, 2018

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$3,218.50
 Poor Box—\$24.30

**May we strengthen our
 relationship with Jesus
 through the sacrament
 of Reconciliation.**

5:00PM—107
 11:00AM—122
Total—229

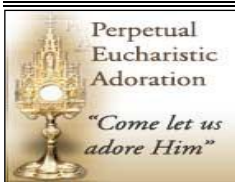
Blessed Thanks!



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: *Rita Adams, Gino Aureli, Sue Batzos, Lisa Boccarossa, Lena Cash, Richard Cass, Linda Cortez, Janie Culpepper, George Dickson, Mary Frith, Star Geoghegan, Larry Hicks, Scott Howell, Dub Koenig, Theresa Kraeszig, Mike Lambert, Scott McGeorge, Elaine McKenney, Lawrence Mayer, Dottie Menotti, Jim Merrill, Franklin Murray, Angie Salvestrini, Betty Jo Scifres, Rose Mary Smith, Vince Smith, Dorothy Soto, Laurie Stanfield, Karen Sutton, Hazel Turchi and Karl-Heinz Weidemann.* 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.



In your prayers, also remember the decease, especially Wanda Dallari, and Rosemary Merrill Gleason, sister of Jim Merrill. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OPEN FOR ADORATION: *TUESDAYS 3-4PM, WEDNESDAYS 9-10AM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 9-10PM, THURSDAYS 9-10AM, 10-11AM, 12-1PM, 1-2PM, 3-4PM, 4-5PM, AND FRIDAYS 11AM-12PM.* If you would like to spend a quiet hour with Jesus, please call Mark or Mary Ives (489-4004).

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, December 3 at 6:30PM at KC Hall, followed by a business meeting of Council 1153 at 7:00PM.

‘Carats for a Cause’ - The Arkansas State Court of the Catholic Daughters is having a raffle for a man’s or a women’s Rolex watch for \$10 per ticket. Please contact one of the local court officers to purchase a ticket - Dora Curcio, KerryEllen Campbell, Angelique Ford, Mary Ann Kizer, or Kathryn Brickey (501-580-4529). Drawing will be December 31, 2018.

Traveling? Need to find a Catholic church? Check www.MassTimes.org for information on over 200,000 Catholic churches worldwide

Deacon/Sacristan:

Sat Dec 8 5:00PM /Mike Turchi
Sun Dec 9 11:00AM Bud Bryant/Kevin Osweiler

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat Dec 8 5:00PM Connie Boutwell, Beth Turchi
Sun Dec 9 11:00AM Mark & Mary Ives, *Kathryn Brickey, *Emily Brickey, Angelique Ford (B)

Gift Bearers:

Sat Dec 8 5:00PM Betty Petrus, Dannette Petrus
Sun Dec 9 11:00AM Grace Luna Family

Lectors:

Sat Dec 8 5:00PM Gail Bryant
Sun Dec 9 11:00AM Mary Miskell

Servers:

Sat Dec 8 5:00PM Lylyanna Iberra, Brenda Alvarez
Sun Dec 9 11:00AM Kaitleen Toh, Jaycie Clay, Tyler Clay

December Ushers: Saturdays: Skip Capshaw, Danny Costello, Dave Nanak, Greg Turchi
Sundays: James Ruggeri, Albert & Tismina Toh, Joey Gieringer



*Saint Nicholas
December 6*

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

Please pray for our deployed military, especially Hannah Adams. If you have a deployed family member and would like his/her name listed in the bulletin, please contact the parish office 524-4701.

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Has a past abortion left you with a broken heart? Come to a DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING RETREAT. You are not alone. There is hope. The Respect Life Office, through the Ministry of Project Rachel, is offering one-day, post abortion healing retreats for women or men on Saturday, December 1 in Northwest Arkansas (near Rogers) and Saturday, January 12 in the River Valley area (near Subiaco) and Saturday, February 2 in Little Rock. Retreats are in English or Spanish. Confidential. Non-judgmental. These retreats are Catholic in nature, but anyone who desires to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing is welcome to attend. The exact location of the retreat is only disclosed to participants. To speak with someone about a retreat or other Project Rachel Ministry healing opportunities and support groups, please call our confidential phone line 501-663-0996. Or receive more information via text 479-206-3199 or email to cphillips@dolr.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Healing is possible. Please call. Project Rachel will also offer Healing Support Groups, forming in February and March, in various locations throughout the Diocese.

This week in our parish...

Sun Dec 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades)
11:00AM †Frank Hartwick (Church)

Mon Dec 3 ST FRANCIS XAVIER
8:00AM †Ben Osweiler (Church)
6:30PM K of C 4th Degree (KC Hall)
7:00PM Council 1153 Business Mtg (KC Hall)

Tue Dec 4 St John Damascene
No Daily Mass
9:15AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

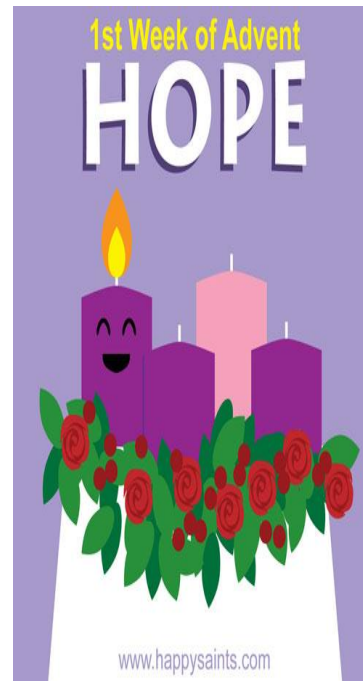
Wed Dec 5
5:30PM †Maria Mathis (Church)

Thu Dec 6 St Nicholas
8:00AM †Bob Miskell (Church)

Fri Dec 7 ST AMBROSE
8:00AM †Living & Deceased St Joseph
Altar Society Members (Church)
6:00PM IC Vigil (Holy Cross, Sheridan)

Sat Dec 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
9:00AM HOLY DAY MASS (Church)
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)
5:00PM †St Joseph Parish (Church)
6:00PM R.C. I. A. (Ed Bldg)
6:00PM Catholic Daughters/Altar Society
Christmas Party (G Hall)

Sun Dec 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades)
11:00AM †Newt McCullough (Church)



“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

~Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Friday, December 7 - 6:00PM Vigil - Holy Cross, Sheridan

Saturday, December 8 - 9:00AM - St Joseph, Pine Bluff

The Altar Society and Catholic Daughters will have their Christmas Party Saturday, December 8th after the 5:00PM Mass. Brisket and dessert will be furnished. Each member is to bring a side dish. The Altar Society will be collecting toys and toiletries for CASA. The Catholic Daughters will be collecting money to buy gifts for shut-ins. Deadline for reservations for yourself and guests is Monday, December 3rd. Come and join in the Christmas spirit of giving!