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DECEMBER 3, 2023 - 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 26, 2023

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$4,000.00
 Poor Box—\$9.00

May we not take our
 time on Earth for
 granted and look at each
 day as a gift from God.

5:00PM—48
 11:00AM—87
 Total—135

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, Shannon Fikes Bass, Breckin Birge, Tim Boutwell, Barbara Boyd, Irene Christian, Lee Cole, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Karen Gossett, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Shirley Hartwick, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Ed Karlovic, Mary Ann Kizer, Cathy Lewis, Joseph & Jean Lucas, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Betty Petrus, Jimmy Rinchuso, Margie Ross, Laurie Stanfield, 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 –Please contact Angelique Ford (870-489-0563) 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!

Are you registered in the parish? Have you moved and your mail is being forwarded? Did you disconnect the land line and now rely solely on your cell phone? Have you provided us with your e-mail address? If so, we need an updated Parish Census/Registration Form, so our information is as up to date as possible. Forms can be found on tables and stands around church or in the parish office.

St. Joseph Church needs your help in our music department. Singing is not difficult. It just requires a bit of courage. (1 Corinthians 2:5) You can make a difference! Why not call the parish office (534-4701) to find out more.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is in need of any canned goods and other non-perishable food items for their pantry. They are us asking to sponsor children for Christmas. A \$60.00 donation will ensure that a child wakes up Christmas morning with toys under their tree and food on their table.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able as the need is great.

St. Joseph Church needs someone to take over managing our website. Don Puddephatt has graciously done this for many years, even after moving to Hot Springs and we are very grateful. However, due to health issues and computer problems, he feels it is time to pass on the job to a younger member of our parish. If interested, call Gail Bryant in the parish office 534-4701.

There are many dates in 2024, starting with January 8th, 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.

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Spaghetti Supper slaw is on sale for half price. Now \$3.00 per quart.



**Catholic Arkansas
Sharing Appeal**

CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2023
**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 Dec 3 *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM *#St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Mon Dec 4 St John Damascene, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

8:00AM *#Elaine Wardlaw* (Church)

5:30PM K of C Meeting (KC Hall)

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

Tue Dec 5

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Dec 6 St Nicholas, Bishop

5:30PM *Int Becky & Ronnie Jeter* (Church)

Thu Dec 7 ST AMBROSE, BISHOP AND

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

9:00AM *Int Catherine Wynn* (Church)

Fri Dec 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Parish Offices Closed

8:00AM *IC Mass* (Church)

5:30PM *#Dolores Franks* (Church)

Sat Dec 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00AM Holy Hour for Men (Chapel)

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard Today (Church)

5:00PM *#St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

6:00PM Altar Society/CDA Christmas Party (G Hall)

Sun Dec 10 *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM *#Bill Wilbert* (Church)

First Sunday **ADVENT**



*“Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the
time will come.”*

~Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted.

We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8

8:00AM AND 5:30PM

in the church

I.C. Vigil Mass at Holy Cross,
Sheridan 6:00PM Thursday, Dec 7

In celebration of the 117th anniversary of Council #1153, the Knights of Columbus will be serving cake and punch in the hallway by the parish office following 11AM Mass on Sunday, December 3rd.

The joint Catholic Daughters and Altar Society Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th following 5PM Mass in Gallagher Hall. Members are asked to bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre/appetizer to share. Altar Society members are asked to bring toys and toiletries for CASA. Catholic Daughters are reminded to make monetary donations for gifts for the parish shut-ins. There is no charge, but reservations are **REQUIRED**. Please call the parish office (534-4701) by 4:00PM, Monday, December 4th to make reservations. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.