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**DECEMBER 4, 2022 SECOND 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—\$8,461.00  
 Poor Box—\$50.00  
 Cemetery Fund—\$1,670.00

**November 27, 2022**

**May we realize that what  
 we do with the gifts God  
 has given us is our gift  
 back to God.**

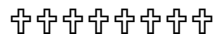
**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

6:00PM—53  
 11:00AM—70  
**Total—123**

***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, Tim Boutwell, 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, and Judy Wilbert.* 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 deceased, especially Mike Costello and Bonnie Wood.  
 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 *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](http://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](http://www.dolr.org/advent) to learn more.

**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](mailto: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 29 at 6:00PM. Please make plans to attend.

# *This week in our parish*

Sun Dec 4 *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM †Mike Lambert (Church)

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Mon Dec 5

8:00AM Int Ann Smith (Church)

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

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

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Tue Dec 6 St Nicholas, Bishop

8:00AM No Daily Mass

9:00AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

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Wed Dec 7 ST AMBROSE, BISHOP AND

DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

5:30PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL

†Daisy Ed Sparkman (Church)

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Thu Dec 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION*

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

8:00AM †John Michael Hardin (Church)

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Fri Dec 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00AM †Sybil Cope (Church)

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Sat Dec 10 Our Lady of Loreto

8-9AM Men's Holy Hour (Chapel)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †Mike Lambert (Church)

7:00PM Altar Society/CDA Christmas  
Party (G Hall)


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Sun Dec 11 *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

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*“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”*  
~Matthew 3:10

**Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?**

**Men, don't forget the Holy Hour for Men Saturday, December 10 at 8:00AM in Annunciation Chapel.**

*“Advent’s intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope.” ~Pope Benedict XVI*

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

**Wednesday, December 7 - 5:30PM Vigil**

**Thursday, December 8 - 8:00AM**