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**DECEMBER 5, 2021 - 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**

**November 28, 2021**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$3,045.00  
 Poor Box—\$58.65

May we resist the lure of  
 holiday advertising and instead  
 concentrate on the message of  
 simplicity and trust that is found  
 in the Christmas manger scene.

6:00PM— 48  
 11:00AM—100  
**Total—148**

*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, Gia Blanchard, Brandie Castleberry, Sybil Cope, Anna Crawford, Mary Davis, Judy Ellison, Theresa Failla, Angelique Ford, Julie Dial Habelmann, Shirley Hartwick, Carol Hastings, Gene Hastings, Vicki Turchi Hayes, Scott Howell, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Mike Lambert, Doug Langlois, Jr, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Franklin Murray, Thomas Oster, Claudia Rainey, Laurie Stanfield, 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.

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*In your prayers, also remember the deceased, especially Roy Allen Williams, Brother-in-law of Emma Lafitte, and Jerald Chance, brother of Mary Ives. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...*

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word." Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say "Yes" and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.



*Please remember, as we are striving to live amid this pandemic and lower Mass attendance, 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.*

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is requesting canned goods and any other non-perishable food items for their pantry.**

**You can sponsor a child for Christmas. Your donation of \$60.00 per child will ensure that these children wake up Christmas morning with toys under their trees and food on their tables.**

**Parish members are asked to donate new or gently used clothing to be given to male inmates being released from prison. Blue boxes marked “*clothing for prison*” have been placed around the church for your donations.**

**During the Advent Season, we will have Adoration for one hour immediately following 11AM Sunday Mass. Father Joe will be in the Reconciliation Room to hear Confessions during this time. This is a great time to fulfill your obligation to have your confession heard at least once during the year. (Saturday Confessions will continue to be heard from 11AM until 12PM, also.)**

*I wish to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and food during my recent two hip replacement surgeries and recovery, and during the death of my sweet sister, Shay. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will never be forgotten.*

*~Gail Bryant*



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 Dec 5 *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM †*Fran Pattison* (Church)

Mon Dec 6 St Nicholas, Bishop

8:00AM †*Elaine McKenney* (Church)

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

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

Tue Dec 7 ST AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR  
OF THE CHURCH

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

Wed Dec 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Parish Offices and Adoration Chapel Closed*

8:00AM Mass (Church)

5:30PM †*Bill Bryant* (Church)

Thu Dec 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00AM †*John Owasoyo* (Church)

Fri Dec 10

8:00AM †*Harry Fratesi* (Church)

Sat Dec 11 St Damasus I, Pope

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

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

7:00PM Altar Society/CDA Christmas Party and  
CDA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration (G Hall)

Sun Dec 12 *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM †*Bill Bryant* (Church)

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” ~Philippians 1:9-10*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.



*Congratulations to Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Victory #564 on your 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! We are proud of you and appreciate all the work you do for St. Joseph Parish. May God bless you and your good works in the coming years.*

*~Father Joe, Deacon Bud, and all St. Joseph parishioners.*

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Holyday of Obligation*

**Mass Schedule**

**Wednesday, December 8**

**8:00AM and 5:30PM**

*Parish offices and Adoration Chapel closed.*