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DECEMBER 12, 2021 - THIRD 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—\$6,096.00
 Poor Box—\$57.00
 Building Fund—\$585.00
 I.C. Collection—\$585.00

Blessed Thanks!

December 5, 2021

**May we take time every
 day to show our gratitude
 to God, who is the ultimate
 giver of all gifts.**

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

6:00PM—55
 11:00AM—87
Total—142
I.C. Total—74



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, Betty Petrus, 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 former parishioner Dottie Austin.
 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.

Beginning this month, December 30, Father Joe will have Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, Plum Bayou the last Thursday of every month at 6:00PM.

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.

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.)

The collection at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God’s work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests’ retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.



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 12 *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM †Bill Bryant (Church)

12-1PM Adoration & Confessions Heard (Church)

Mon Dec 13 ST LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:00AM Int Robbie Bryant (Church)

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

Tue Dec 14 ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

Wed Dec 15

5:30PM †Daniel Roberts (Church)

Thu Dec 16

8:00AM †Elaine McKenney (Church)

Fri Dec 17

8:00AM †Joann Kongenske (Church)

Sat Dec 18

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †Hazel Turchi (Church)

Sun Dec 19 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9:30AM NO P.R.E. (Christmas Break))

11:00AM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

12-1PM Adoration & Confessions Heard (Church)

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”

~PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.



Congratulations to Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Victory #564 on your 100th 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.

The beautiful flowers in front of the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend were placed there by Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Our Lady of Victory #564 in honor of their 100th Anniversary and for all CDA members living and deceased.

The beautiful flowers on the Main Altar, Mary’s Altar, and St. Joseph’s Altar were placed there by Mary Ann Kizer in loving memory of her mother, Mary Wojtek Appelt, and all Catholic Daughters of the Americas members.