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**DECEMBER 17, 2023 - 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**

**December 10, 2023**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$3,132.00  
 Poor Box—\$21.00  
 I.C. Collection—\$410.00

**May we realize suffering is a  
 gift that helps us build  
 empathy for others and build  
 our dependence on God.**

5:00PM—58  
 11:00AM—82  
**Total—140**  
**I.C. Total—64**

***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, Alyssa Castleberry, 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, Ike Levy, Nina and Tony Levy, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Helen Pascale, 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...*

**EUCHARISTIC 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!***

A “Giving Tree” has been placed in the back of church for any parishioner/s wanting to give a love offering and/or card to Father Joe for Christmas. Cards are available under the tree or you may bring your own card to place on the tree.

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 asking us 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 February 2nd, 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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT: The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference (ACMC), the annual men's conference held in the Diocese of Little Rock, will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock. It was founded in 2010 and has featured speakers who impact men's lives with their passion for Christ and His Church. To register for free, visit [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com).**

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



***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 17 *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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

11:00AM †*Mary Wilbert* (Church)

Mon Dec 18

8:00AM *Int Correctional Officers* (Church)

Tue Dec 19

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Dec 20

5:30PM †*Deceased Members of Batzos Family*  
(Church)

Advent Reconciliation After Mass (Church)

Thu Dec 21 St Peter Canisius, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church

9:00AM †*Riley Miskell* (Church)

Fri Dec 22

8:00AM *Int Lynn Aulbach* (Church)

Sat Dec 23 St John of Kanty, Priest

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

5:00PM †*Sophia & Andrew Petrus* (Church)

Sun Dec 24 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

9:30 NO P.R.E. (Christmas Holiday)

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

6:00PM *Christmas Vigil Mass*

†*Nancy Curry* (Church)



*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*  
~ *Thessalonians 5:16-18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
5:30PM MASS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass - 6:00PM**

**Monday, December 25, - Christmas Mass - 11:00AM**

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**Holy Cross, Sheridan - 9:00AM**

**Good Shepherd, Fordyce - 1:30PM**