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DECEMBER 19, 2021 - FOURTH 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 12, 2021

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$3,666.00
 Poor Box—\$68.00

**May we take time to properly
 prepare ourselves to celebrate
 Mass each Sunday.**

6:00PM— 75
 11:00AM—100
 Total—175

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, 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 Lena Rose, sister of Janie Culpepper.
 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.

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.

Please notify the parish office when you or relatives are admitted to Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Thank you! WE CARE!!

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



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**

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 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)

Mon Dec 20

8:00AM †*Zeke & Settemia King* (Church)

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

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

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

Wed Dec 22

5:30PM †*Ryan Renfro* (Church)

Thu Dec 23 St John of Kanty, Priest

Parish Offices and Chapel Closed

8:00AM †*Harry Fratesi* (Church)

Fri Dec 24

Parish Offices Closed

8:00AM No Mass

7:00PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

†*Nancy Curry* (Church)

Sat Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00AM MASS

†*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

No Confessions Heard today

6:00PM No Vigil Mass today

Sun Dec 26 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,

MARY AND JOSEPH

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

11:00AM †*Harry Davis* (Church)

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”

~LUKE 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Friday, December 24 (Vigil Mass)

5:00PM - Holy Cross, Sheridan

7:00PM - St. Joseph, Pine Bluff

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day Mass)

9:00AM - St. Joseph, Pine Bluff

No 6:00PM Mass on December 25th