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DECEMBER 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

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 18, 2022

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$4,652.00
 Poor Box—\$49.40

May we recognize the
 greatest gift God, Our
 Father, has given us –
 His Son, Jesus.

6:00PM—62
 11:00AM—83
 Total—145

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, Tim Boutwell, Irene Christian, Lee Cole, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Judy Ellison, Theresa Failla, 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.

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In your prayers, also remember the deceased. 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!

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Times for our Solemnity of Mary Masses are the same as our normal weekend schedule.

Saturday, December 31 - 6:00PM Vigil

Sunday, January 1 - 11:00AM

Parish offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 30 through Monday, Jan. 2.

The beautiful flowers in front of our crèche were placed there in loving memory of Mike Culpepper and Carol Culpepper Hastings by their parents, Jack & Janie Culpepper.

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.

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. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able.

Hearts for Life Conference: The Hearts for Life Conference will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. John Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock. This conference will explore pro-life issues and will include dinner. The conference is free, but preregistration is required. Registration deadline is January 13, 2023. To register, please call 501-664-0340 ext 326 or email the Respect Life Office RL@dolr.org.

March for Life: On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 45th annual March for Life along Capitol Ave. in Little Rock on Sunday, January 22, 2023, beginning at 2:00 p.m., after the Mass for Life. For more information please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.

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. Classes will resume January 9th.

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 25 *THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD*

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

11:00AM †Harry Davis (Church)

Mon Dec 26 ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Parish Offices Closed (Christmas Break)

8:00AM No Daily Mass (Fr Joe Away)

6:00PM No R.C.I.A. (Christmas Break)

Tue Dec 27 ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:00AM No Daily Mass (Fr Joe Away)

9:00AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed Dec 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

5:30PM No Daily Mass (Fr Joe Away)

Thu Dec 29 St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00AM †Sybil Cope (Church)

6:00PM Mass at St. Mary Church, Plum Bayou
†Dave Nanak

Fri Dec 30 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

Parish Offices Closed

8:00AM Int Dorothy Soto (Church)

Sat Dec 31 St Sylvester I, Pope

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Sun Jan 1 *SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD*

NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

11:00AM †William Puddephatt (Church)



*“And the Word
became flesh and
made his dwelling
among us...”*

~John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.



Christmas Blessings

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas
and a New Year filled
with Peace and Love*

*Father Joe, Deacon Bud, Deacon Garry
and
The Staff of St. Joseph Parish*