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**DECEMBER 31, 2023 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

***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 24, 2023**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$7,521.00

5:00PM—62

Clergy Welfare—\$7,019.00

11:00AM—68

Christmas—\$1,335.00

**May God provide us the  
 strength to forgive those  
 who have hurt us.**

**Total—130**

Poor Box—\$62.00 Total

Christmas Vigil—165

Christmas Day—52

**Total—217**

***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...***

**EUCCHARISTIC 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!***

**MARCH FOR LIFE: On behalf of Arkansas Right to Life, the Respect Life Office invites everyone to participate in the 46th annual March for Life, beginning at 2:00 p.m., after the Mass for Life. Join hundreds of Catholics and people of goodwill as we give public witness to our firm belief in the sacredness of life from the very first moment of conception. This year the March's route is along Capitol Ave, beginning at State Street. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 or email [artl@artl.org](mailto:artl@artl.org).**

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is in need of any canned goods and other non-perishable food items for their pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able as the need is great.**

**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).**

**MASS FOR LIFE 2024: On Sunday January 21, 2024, Bishop Anthony Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew Cathedral, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock at noon. Please join us for this Mass as we pray especially for an end to abortion and for the legal protection of unborn children. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email [cphillips@dolr.org](mailto:cphillips@dolr.org) for more information.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

# *This week in our parish*

Sun Dec 31 *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,*

*MARY AND JOSEPH*

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

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

Mon Jan 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY

MOTHER OF GOD

*NEW YEAR'S DAY*

*Parish Offices Closed*

9:00AM †*Rose Mary Smith* (Church)

Tue Jan 2 STS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY

NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS

OF THE CHURCH

*Parish Offices Closed*

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

5:30PM Knights of Columbus Mtg (KC Hall)

Home Association Meeting following

Wed Jan 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:30PM †*Edgar Wardlaw* (Church)

Thu Jan 4 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

8:00AM †*Hope Clement* (Church)

Fri Jan 5 ST JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

8:00AM †*Patrick Bogy* (Church)

Sat Jan 6 St André Bessette, Religious

9:00AM First Saturday Mass

*Int Eucharistic Ministers* (Church)

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

5:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Jan 7 *THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

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

11:00AM †*William Puddephatt* (Church)

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you,  
so you must forgive."*

*~Colossians 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Don't forget the  
First Saturday Mass,  
January 6 at 9:00AM  
in the church.

The Knights of Columbus will meet Tuesday, January 2 at 5:30PM at KC Hall. A Home Association meeting will follow immediately after the regular meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD\*  
MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1, 2024 - 9:00AM

*\*Not a Holyday of Obligation this year.*