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DECEMBER 22, 2024 - 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 15, 2024

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$3,370.50
 Poor Box—\$36.25

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

5:00PM—47
 11:00AM—102
 Total—149

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: *Eileen Badovick, Shannon Fikes Bass, Anna Batzos, Breckin Birge, Sgt Aaron John Blanchard, Tim Boutwell, Michael Calvert, Mike Cash (Rison), Bob Castleberry, Janie Culpepper, Sheri Flannery, Ronny Ford, Karen Gossett, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, Ron Kelley, Mary Ann Kizer, Mary Ann Kulbeth, Pat Lucas, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Shannon Morgan, Melissa Ann O'Neill, Betty Petrus, Dewayne Petrus, Robert & Therese Riddle, Eddie Rinchuso, Margie Ross, Heather Smith, Pauline Magnini Stanfield, Don Walters, Mary Winkley, Joseph Wynn, and Debbie Yount.* 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!

There Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary in the church at 4:25PM, Saturday, December 28th. Please make plans to attend.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass - 6:00PM - St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Mass

9:00AM - Holy Cross, Sheridan

11:00AM - St. Joseph

1:30PM - Good Shepherd, Fordyce

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is asking that St. Joseph parishioners provide 100 CANS OF SWEET POTATOES for their Christmas baskets. Any other canned goods or non-perishable food items would be appreciated 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.

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 in our diocese. These men have dedicated their lives to God's work and are continuing to serve in whatever ways they are able. Your contributions make our priests' retirement possible. Please consider making a contribution this Christmas, giving back to them in thanksgiving for all they have done for us.

Job opening for a Director of Human Resources at the Diocese of Little Rock: The Diocese is seeking to hire a Catholic individual with human resources management experience, including a working knowledge of state and federal employment laws, and a minimum of 5 years as a supervisor. The diocesan Human Resources Office provides guidance and assistance to diocesan, parish, and Catholic school employers and employees. This is a new position that offers competitive pay and benefits. A job description is available with the essential functions and qualifications. For more information or to apply by e-mailing a cover letter and resume, contact Dennis Lee, Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, at dlee@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0340.

***FREE VIDEO SERIES* - Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the "Mission of the Family." The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free!**

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length. You can also find the original "Into The Breach" video series by scrolling down on this page and under *CATEGORIES* click on "Into The Breach." This series is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith.

The Knights of Columbus will be donating a book (one per family), *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* produced by Dynamic Catholic, prior to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This book will provide a pilgrimage to create an explosion of grace for each of you that will forever change the way you spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist.

This week in our parish

Sun Dec 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

11:00AM †Geri Collins (Church)

Mon Dec 23 St John of Kanty, Priest

8:00AM †Judy Wilbert (Church)

Tue Dec 24

Parish Offices & Chapel Closed

8:00AM No Daily Mass

9:30AM No Scripture Study

10:30AM No Domino Group

6:00PM Christmas Vigil Mass

†Nancy Curry (Church)

Wed Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(CHRISTMAS)

Parish Offices & Chapel Closed

11:00AM †Harry Davis (Church)

Thu Dec 26 ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Parish Offices & Chapel Closed

8:00AM No Daily Mass (Father Joe away)

Fri Dec 27 ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:00AM No Daily Mass (Father Joe away)

Sat Dec 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

10:30AM No O.C.I.A. Class (Christmas Break)

4:25PM Rosary Lead By the KofC (Church)

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:00PM †Mike Lambert (Church)

Sun Dec 29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH

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

11:00AM †St Joseph Parishioners (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? 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.

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

Rejoice! Unto us a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord.



¡Alegrarse! Nos ha nacido un Salvador, quien es Cristo el Señor.

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*