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**DECEMBER 15, 2024 - 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 8, 2024**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$3,323.00  
 Poor Box—\$48.05  
 I.C. Collection—\$4,536.00  
 Building Fund—\$320.00  
 Cemetery Fund—\$245.00

**May we take time every day  
 to show our gratitude to  
 God, who is the ultimate  
 giver of all gifts.**

5:00PM—50  
 11:00AM—94  
**Total—144**  
**I.C. Total—86**

*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, especially Sue Gieringer mother of Joe Gieringer.  
 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!*

**GREAT NEWS!** Our new Christmas Trees have been paid for thanks to the generosity of several of our parishioners. While the parish isn't having any financial difficulties, we must continue being good stewards of the parish's monies. The new trees were not a "must have" and that is the reason the parishioners were asked to help pay for them. The new trees are beautiful and will be enjoyed by parishioners and visitors for many years to come. Thanks again to those who donated to help make our church the most beautiful church in Arkansas at Christmas time.

**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.**

**MASS FOR LIFE: On Sunday, January 19, 2025 Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will preside at the annual diocesan Mass for Life at noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock. Before Mass, beginning at 11:20AM, there will be a Rosary for Life and a time of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited. Please join in our prayers for the legal protection of unborn children and for an end to the grave evil of abortion. After Mass, a grab-and-go lunch will be provided to make it easier for everyone to attend Arkansas Right to Life's annual March for Life which begins at 2:00PM.**

**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](mailto: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.**

# *This week in our parish*

Sun Dec 15 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
11:00AM †*Sue Gieringer* (Church)

Mon Dec 16  
8:00AM †*Matthew Nguyen* (Church)

Tue Dec 17  
8:00AM *No Daily Mass* (Church)  
9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)  
10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Dec 18  
5:30PM †*Ryan Renfro* (Church)  
Penance Service following 5:30PM Mass

Thu Dec 19  
8:00AM †*Judy Wilbert* (Church)

Fri Dec 20  
8:00AM †*Rosemary Barbarotto* (Church)

Sat Dec 21 **St Peter Canisius, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church**  
10:30AM O.C.I.A. Class (Ed Bldg)  
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)  
5:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Dec 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:30AM No P.R.E. (Christmas Break)  
11:00AM †*Geri Collins* (Church)



*“Have no anxiety at all,  
but in everything, by  
prayer and petition, with  
thanksgiving, make your  
requests known to God.”  
~Philippians 4:6*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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.

**Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorariums are due in the parish office  
by 4:30PM, Wednesday, December 18.**

**Advent Penance Service, Wednesday, December 18 immediately  
following the 5:30PM Daily Mass.**

## **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**