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**DECEMBER 1, 2024 - FIRST 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**

**November 24, 2024**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$2,626.50  
 Poor Box—\$44.00  
 Human Development  
 Collection—\$372.50

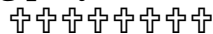
**May we have the courage  
 to share our faith story  
 with others and accompany  
 them on their journey.**

5:00PM—37  
 11:00AM—81  
**Total—118**

*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, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Don Walters, Mary Winkley, Joseph Wynn, Robert York, 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.



*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!*

St. Joseph Parish is badly in need of new Christmas trees for the sanctuary! The trees we currently have are at least 25 years old. They are shedding and the lights have to be added after they are put up, making them time consuming to erect. Two new 7.5 foot Christmas trees have been ordered. The total cost is \$434.43. If you would like to help pay for our new trees, please drop your donation in a collection basket. Put cash in an envelope marked “Christmas Trees” or write that in the memo area on your check. Any and all amounts will be greatly appreciated!

**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.**

**Also, if you would like to sponsor a child for Christmas, your \$60.00 donation will ensure that a child wakes up Christmas morning with toys under their tree and food on their table.**

**READERSHIP SURVEY - *Arkansas Catholic* is conducting an online readership survey with readers of the print and/or digital editions. The survey will take about five to six minutes to complete, covering various topics related to articles and advertising in the diocesan newspaper and its digital platforms. All readers 18 years old and older are invited to complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPZ6ZZ3>. One winner of a \$250 Amazon gift card will be chosen from those who completed the survey and shared their contact information with us. No purchase is necessary to enter the sweepstakes. The survey will be open until Dec. 8. The winner will be randomly drawn on or around Dec. 10.**

**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.**

**St. Joseph Altar Society and Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a joint Christmas party in Gallagher Hall Saturday, December 14 immediately following the 5PM Mass. This is an appetizer and dessert social, so please bring an appetizer and/or dessert to serve 6. Reservations are required. Please call the parish office (870-534-4701) no later than 4:00PM Wednesday, December 11 to make reservations.**

# *This week in our parish*

Sun Dec 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

11:00AM #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Mon Dec 2

8:00AM #Louisa Liana Kedati (Church)

6:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting (KC Hall)

Tue Dec 3 ST FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

8:00AM No Daily Mass (Church)

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Dec 4 St John Damascene, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church

5:30PM #Jamie Miller (Church)

Thu Dec 5

9:00AM #Anthony Mayer, Sr (Church)

Fri Dec 6 St Nicholas, Bishop

8:00AM #Living and Deceased St Joseph Altar  
Society Members (Church)

Sat Dec 7 ST AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR  
OF THE CHURCH

9:00AM First Saturday Mass

*Int Jonathan Lam* (Church)

10:30AM O.C.I.A. Class (Ed Bldg)

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:00PM #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Sun Dec 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

11:00AM #Deceased Magnini Family Members (Church)



First Sunday in Advent

*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”*

*~Luke 21:28*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those that are closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

The Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM at KC Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Knights of Columbus will have a Potluck Social for all members and their family on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at KC Hall. Please bring a side dish to serve 8. Reservations are required. Please call Richard Burleigh (870-329-0017) or Mike Turchi (870-489-2311) by Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to make your reservations.

The Altar Society will clean the church for the Christmas holidays on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00AM First Saturday Mass. Everyone is welcome to help. Everything will be provided. We need as many helpers as possible! Please come help make our church beautiful and clear for the holidays!

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 9 - 8:00AM and 5:30PM (Church)

Sunday, December 8 - Vigil Mass 6:00PM - Holy Cross, Sheridan