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**DECEMBER 8, 2024 - SECOND 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 1, 2024**


**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$4,601.50  
 Poor Box—\$22.00  
 National Retired  
 Religious—\$915.50  
 Thanksgiving—\$3,580.00

**May we resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.**

5:00PM—56  
 11:00AM—106  
**Total—162**

***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.

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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!***

**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.**

**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.**

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**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.**

**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 to serve 6 (desserts will be provided). 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 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)

Mon Dec 9 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

8:00AM †*Judy Masters* (Church)

5:30PM *Mass* (Church)

Tue Dec 10 Our Lady of Loreto

8:00AM *No Daily Mass* (Church)

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Dec 11 St Damasus I, Pope

5:30PM †*Jerry Borecky* (Church)

Thu Dec 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00AM *Int Robbie Bryant* (Church)

Fri Dec 13 ST LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:00AM †*Hazel Turchi* (Church)

6:00PM KC Family Social (KC Hall)

Sat Dec 14 ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND  
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8-9:00AM Men's Holy Hour (Chapel)

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

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:00PM †*Bill Bryant* (Church)

6:00PM CDA/Altar Society Christmas Party (G Hall)

Sun Dec 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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



*“And this is my prayer:  
that your love may  
increase ever more and  
more in knowledge and  
every kind of perception,  
to*

*discern what is of value...”*

*~Philippians 1:9-10*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

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

## 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

“Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longings for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ’s return.”