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FEBRUARY 22 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Offertory—\$2,926.00
 Poor Box—\$24.93
 Church in Central/Eastern
 Europe Collection—\$181.00
 Ash Wednesday
 Collection—\$4,102.00
 Building Fund—\$220.00
 Cemetery Fund—\$125.00

February 15, 2026

**May we prune
 ourselves of earthly
 things; and
 nurture and
 develop heavenly
 things.**

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

5:00PM—50
 11:00AM—78
Total—128

Ash Wednesday Total—142

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, Lisa Boccarossa, Tim Boutwell, Michael Calvert, Mike & Evelyn Cash (Rison), Janie Culpepper, Ronnie Ford, Greg Gustek, Julie Dial Habelmann,*

***Anna Marie Jacks, Mary Ann Kizer, Scott McGeorge, Bill Miskell, Mary Ellen Miskell, Betty Petrus, Dewayne Petrus, Robert & Therese Riddle, Margie Ross, Heather Smith, David Taylor, Don Walters, Mary Winkley, Elaine Woodyard, Carol Wooten, and Joseph Wynn.* 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!

PHOTO CONTEST - Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2027 Diocese of Little Rock directory. *Arkansas Catholic* sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 18. Complete rules and how to enter are available at <https://arkansas-catholic.org/photo-contest>. For more information, contact Debbie Kelly at dkelly@dolr.org. or (501) 664-0125.

Catholic Daughters will meet Sunday, February 22 immediately following the 11AM Mass. All members are encouraged to attend.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is asking St. Joseph parishioners to contribute non-perishable foods 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. Cuts to their USDA programs have left their shelves empty. They depend now more than ever on donations from churches and the community to help fill more than 900 bags each month.



Rice Bowls have been place around the church. Please take home your Rice Bowl today and remember Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So, please give what you can. While these donations make a difference where Catholic Relief Services serve around the world, they also help in the United States as 25% of your donations are used by Catholic Charities of Arkansas for our diocesan-wide Family Assistance Program.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH ARKANSAS CATHOLIC - *Arkansas Catholic* is accepting applications for a Summer Journalism & Communications Intern. This paid 10-week internship offers hands-on experience in Catholic communications, including writing bylined articles, photography, website updates and video projects for a statewide publication. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, Catholic and currently pursuing a degree related to journalism, communications, marketing or media. The intern must be available 12-15 hours per week and able to work on-site at St. John Center in Little Rock. A valid driver's license is required. After the summer, the intern will have published work and professional references from *Arkansas Catholic*. To apply, submit a resume and writing or media samples (if available) tomhargett@dolr.org. Questions may be directed to editor Malea Hargett at (501) 664-0125 or by text at (501) 554-9595. Application deadline is April 10.



**Catholic Arkansas
Sharing Appeal**

CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2026

Prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of the overall needs of the Church in our area of the Diocese.

OUR GOAL IS \$14,700.00

Please return your CASA Gift/Pledge as soon as possible.

This week in our parish

Sun Feb 22 *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades - Ed Bldg)

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

12:00PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (G Hall)

Mon Feb 23 St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:00AM †*Genevieve Strong* (Church)

6:00PM KC Officers/Directors Meeting (KC Hall)

Tue Feb 24

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Feb 25

5:30PM †*Catherine Wynn* (Church)

Thu Feb 26

8:00AM †*Mike Lambert* (Church)

6:00PM *Mass at St Mary Church, Plum Bayou*

†*Zdzislaw Zolnierczyk*

Fri Feb 27 St Gregory of Narek, Abbott and Doctor

of the Church 

Day of Abstinence

8:00AM †*Elizabeth Fidei* (Church)

5-7PM KC Lenten Fish Fry (G Hall)

6:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat Feb 28

10:00-11:30AM O.C.I.A. (Ed Bldg)

10:00AM Grief Support Group (Ed Bldg)

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)

4:25PM Rosary Led by KCs (Church)

5:00PM †*Nancy Curry* (Church)

Sun Mar 1 *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades - Ed Bldg)

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

“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” ~Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

The Knights of Columbus will have an Officers/Directors Meeting Monday, February 23 at 6:00PM at KC Hall. All officers and directors are encouraged to attend.

Please make plans to join the Knights of Columbus at 4:25PM, Saturday February 28 in the church for a Rosary before Mass begins. This would be a great addition to your Lenten Journey.

Catholic Daughters will provide cakes for the weekly Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry beginning Friday, February 20. Gretchen Zell is in charge of getting all of the cakes needed. If you would like to help, have questions, or need additional information regarding this, please contact Gretchen at 870-718-5371.

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