

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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January Mass Readings

January 04

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Matt 2:1-12

January 11

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Matt 3:13-17

January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

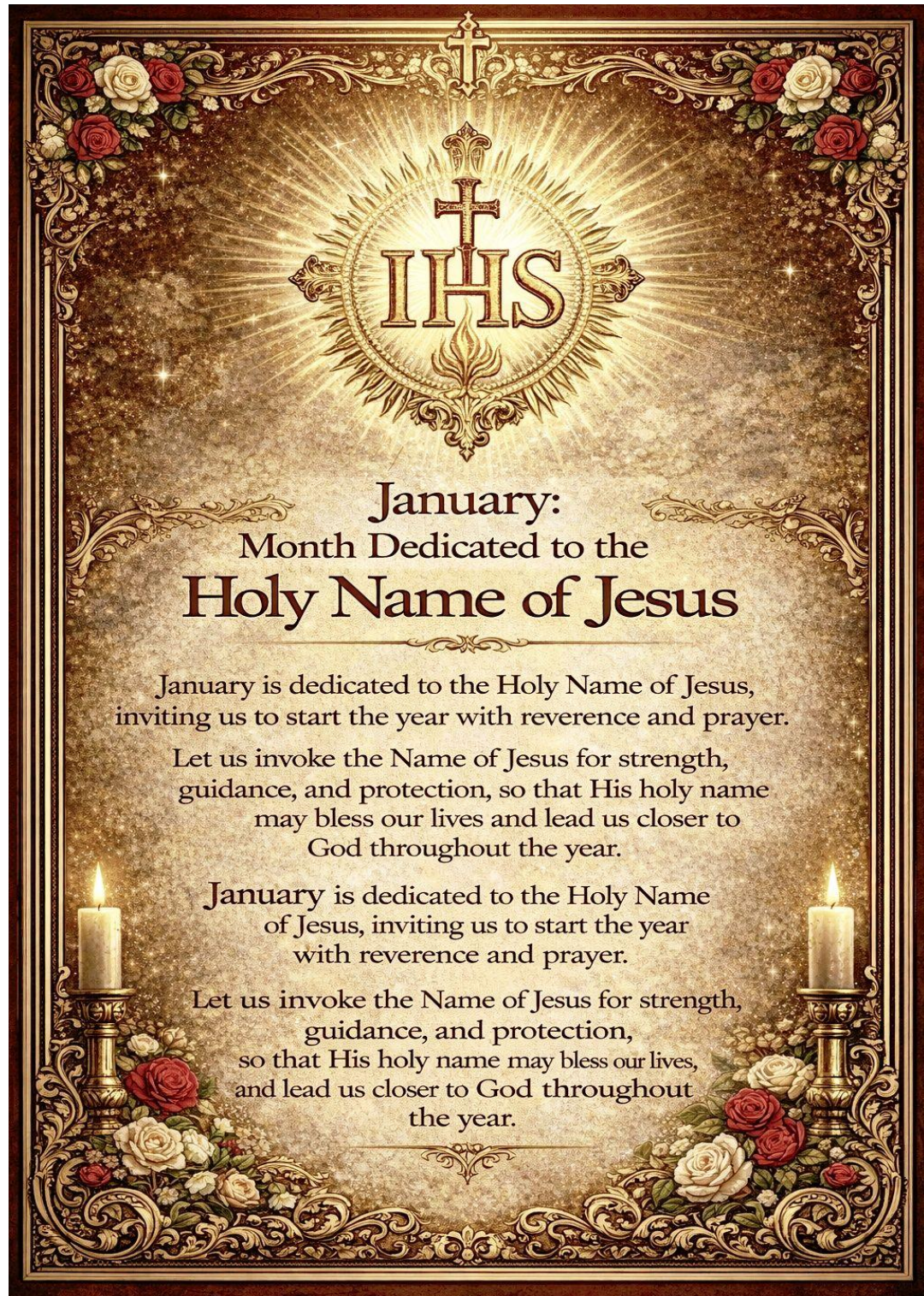
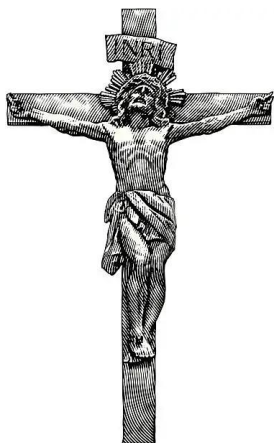
January 25

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Matt 4:12-23





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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial Report

NOVEMBER 2025

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	
Collections	25,733.00
Second Collections	1,859.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	380.00
Other Income	38,115.73
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$66,087.73
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	23,153.59
Rectory, Church & Offices	5,336.41
Budgeted Committees	45.00
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	341.00
Cemeteries Expenses	1,210.14
Other Expenses	295.59
Diocesan Assessment	2,224.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.10
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$34,633.66
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	\$31,454.07

6 facts about Epiphany



- 1 Three **Epiphanies** of Jesus' life are celebrated. Epiphany means "**manifestation**."
- 2 Epiphany has been **celebrated** since the **3rd century** and is one of the **oldest liturgical feasts**.
- 3 The **names of the Magi** do not appear in the Bible and there could have been more than 3.
- 4 **St. Augustine** said that the Magi from the East arrived on the 13th day of the birth of Jesus: **January 6**.
- 5 Tradition called the Magi "**kings**" because of **Psalm 72**.
- 6 The **Star of Bethlehem** could have been a conjunction of **Saturn and Jupiter**.



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A Prayer For The New year

O Heavenly Father, through Your Most Holy Mother, hear our prayers in preparation for the coming year. We pray for the Catholic Church and Her children. Soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Your friendship; grant peace to our country and peace throughout the world; bless our friends and families.
Intercede for us, O Mary!
Amen.



Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.



01	Dorothy Norby	16	Gloria Aureli
01	Mildred Warfield	16	Dena Via
03	Betty Bradshaw	19	Janie Culpepper
03	Silvia Chavez	19	Donna Smith
03	Andrei Melo	20	Christopher Coody
03	Eric "Buddy" Smith	20	Betty Peden
05	Linda Oster	21	Rowland Barthet
06	Sergio Velazquez, Jr.	22	Richard Campbell
06	David Wilbert	22	George Dickson, Sr.
07	Rhonda Gustek	22	Lisa Kosmitis
08	Gabriel Chavez	22	Jimmy Via, Jr.
10	Theresa Falls	23	Noel "Bud" Bryant
13	Erin Koenig	23	Lori Rosetti
14	Judy Erstine	26	Mary Daggett
15	Amor Bruce	26	Clinton Jacinto
		27	Lisa Burns
		28	Michael Roberts
		30	Melinda Courtney

- 10 Richard & Kay Burleigh
 21 Noel "Bud" & Gail Bryant
 28 Thomas & Lori Rosetti
 30 Jimmy & Dena Via





Knights of Columbus Council 1153



December was a very busy month for the Council. We started the month by manning the exit booth at the Enchanted Land of Lights at the Regional Park on December 4th. It was a cold, windy night by the river but seven dedicated Knights and our wonderful parish newsletter editor (Shannon) braved the cold to greet and wish the visitors a Merry Christmas. (as well as to accept donations from the visitors).

We followed the cold night up with a cold morning on December 7th with our second monthly Pancake Breakfast in Gallagher Hall. We served almost 40 customers! Our hope is that PRE students, their parents, and other parishioners will enjoy the breakfast and spending time together. This is a monthly event, and the breakfast will be held on the first Sunday of the month during the school year. However, due to the holiday break for PRE, our **next Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 11th from 9:00 to 10:00 in Gallagher Hall.** All parishioners-are invited to the breakfast. Our menu will be pancakes, eggs, coffee, and juice for only \$5.00! Thank you to all who came for breakfast in December and we hope to serve even more parishioners in future months.

Larry Miller, our Community Director, delivered Christmas bags to the shut-ins and nursing home residents from the parish the week of December 1st. Larry organizes and obtains the gift bags himself, and the recipients are always happy to see him and very grateful.

We gathered for our annual Christmas dinner on December 12th at the KC Hall. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by Knights and their families. We were very happy to have Father Joe in attendance as well. A big thank you to Mike and Vickie Turchi for the wonderful food and their hard work, as well as to all the Knights and families who brought food. In addition to gathering, the Knights also brought items for the detainees in the Jefferson County Detention Centers. Donations of personal care items, t-shirts, socks, wash cloths, puzzle books, cards, and Bibles are greatly appreciated for the adults and young people at the facilities. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Our monthly KC rosary was held on Saturday, December 13th. We thank the Knights and parishioners who participated in this event. We will get back on our schedule in January, with the next rosary being held on Sunday, January 25th before the 11:00 am mass. The rosary will start at 10:25 and KC members will serve as lector, Eucharistic ministers, and gift bearers at the mass. Please come and join us for this time of prayer.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 4th at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall. The regular council meeting will be followed by a Home sociation meeting and then by a 4th Degree Council meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- 3rd Degree Council Meeting, Monday, January 4th at 6:00 pm.
- Pancake Breakfast, Sunday January 11th (workers arrive by 7:30 am)
- KC Rosary and Mass, Sunday January 25th at 10:20 am

All Catholic men are encouraged to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Together we are empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in the parish, at work, and in the community.

Respectfully,

David Henning
Recorder



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory, #564
November 23, 2025



The regular meeting of Court Our Lady of Victory #564 was called to order by Regent Connie Boutwell on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 12:35 p.m. in Gallagher. Silent Roll Call of Officers found a quorum was present. The last meeting minutes were available for review prior to the meeting and approved without correction.

Treasurer Donna Smith was present by phone while Angelique Ford gave the Treasurer report. After Donna discussed the breakdown of the 11/04/25 deposit, the report was accepted as presented.

Circle of Love Chairmen Reports:

- **Leadership:** No report
- **Spiritual:** Judy Erstine presented a report on St. Elizabeth of Hungary.
- **Quality of Life:** Angelique Ford presented her report.
- **Family:** Gretchen Zell gave her report.
- **Education and Youth:** Angelique Ford presented Chairman Wendy Ruggeri report.
- **Legislation:** No report
- **National Charitable Projects:** Co-Chair Carolyn Ferguson announced \$50 has been donated to Opportunity House.
- **Membership:** No report

Unfinished Business:

- Date to be set after first of the year to take Holy Moments books to St. Peter's for distribution.
- Special Committee for Charity and Disaster Funds from State: State sent us \$430. Court voted in May 2025 to send \$215 to Opportunity House. Committee Chairman moved to send \$215 to Neighbor to Neighbor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Kathryn Brickey reported Tamale workday on January 10, 2026. Only making 40 pounds, so it's not a large workday.

Financial Secretary's Report: Judy Erstine gave the report for Rena Harrison.

National Director Report: Remember to purchase tickets for Grand Old Lady trip, National Office manager's dad died, and National Convention will be in Iowa in 2026. Delegates and Alternates will be elected soon.

Announcements:

- December 13, 2025, Altar Society & CDA Christmas Party
- December 15, 2025, Enchanted Land of Lights & Legends
- January 10, 2026, Make Tamales in Gallagher Hall

Door Prize was won by Trudy Pascale and the Social Drawing won by Judy Erstine who returned it to the court. Next meeting is the Christmas Party December 13, 2025, with the Altar Society. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

8 SAINTS FOR JANUARY

January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 3rd: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

January 4th: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 8th: The Epiphany of the Lord



January 9th: The Baptism of the Lord

January 25th: The Conversion of St. Paul

January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

January 31st: St. John Bosco



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory, #564
December 13, 2025



The joint Altar Society and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 13, 2025, in Gallagher Hall after the 5pm Mass. Members brought heavy appetizers to share. Sinners and Saint punches and water were the beverages.

Altar Society members brought toys and toiletries for CASA. Catholic Daughters made monetary donations for gifts for the shut-ins. Father Joe Marconi led the Prayer Before Meals.

Special guests included: Father Joe Marconi, Deacon Bud and Gail Bryant, and Jimmy and Joanna Rinchuso.

Regent Connie Boutwell and President Lauren Bland gave gifts to Father and the office staff from each organization. A Christmas ink pen and a candy Christmas tree were at each place setting.

Co-Chairs for the evening were Kathryn Brickey and Angelique Ford for Altar Society and the Catholic Daughter Officers of Court Our Lady of Victory.

The next regular Catholic Daughters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2026, following the 11am Mass.

2026
Holy Days Of Obligation

JAN 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	MAY 14* ASCENSION OF JESUS	AUG 15* ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
NOV 1 ALL SAINTS DAY	DEC 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	DEC 25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

EVERY SUNDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

CatholicLink

 <p>RECOGNIZE HOW OLD YOUR SOUL IS</p> <p>Ask yourself if you experience internal fire or fatigue. Just acknowledge it.</p>	 <p>5 TIPS — TO — REJUVENATE YOUR SOUL</p>	 <p>REMEMBER THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE YOUNG AGAIN</p> <p>You have the possibility to live intensely, like a young person who wants to change the world.</p>
 <p>REMEMBER YOUR DREAMS AND MISSION</p> <p>Look inside you and find those essential things that touch your soul and motivate you.</p>	 <p>RENOVATION IS IMPORTANT</p> <p>Don't let obligations consume you. Look for opportunities to renew your spirit.</p>	 <p>ASK THE LORD TO REJUVENATE YOU</p> <p>Remember Psalm 103: "The Lord fills your days with good things, so your youth is renewed like the eagle's"</p>

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In accord with the Diocese of Little Rock Norms and Implementation Guide on Pastoral Councils, the nominating committee of St. Joseph Pastoral Council has posted forms on walls in church and in the parish business offices to solicit names of nominees for election to the council.

On February 7th & 8th, nine (9) parishioners, 18 years of age or older, practicing Catholics, and registered in this parish, will be elected to the council. Parishioners 18 years of age or older are eligible to vote. Please prayerfully consider parishioners you feel will be assets to serve on our Pastoral Council and write their names on the forms. He or she will be contacted regarding accepting nomination to run for a position.