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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Newsletter

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HOPE

Week 1
Candle Name: Prophet's Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Hope
Reminds Us: Jesus is coming

Verse: Romans 15:12-13

Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Week 4
Candle Name: Angel's Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Peace
Reminds us: The message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Verse: John 3:16-17

Prayer: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

PEACE

Christ Candle
Light on Christmas Eve



Verse: John 1:29

FAITH

Week 2
Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Faith
Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Verse: Luke 3:4-6

Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

Week 3
Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Joy
Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus

Verse: Luke 2:7-15

Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.

JOY

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**Financial Report
OCTOBER 2018**

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	19,444.35
Second Collections	2,244.32
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	3.78
School Liquidation	- 0 -
Other Income	4,195.63
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$25,888.08
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	18,371.06
Rectory, Church & Offices	12,045.40
Budgeted Committees	263.02
Contributions/Aid	1,800.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	1,331.00
Cemeteries Expenses	932.00
Other Expenses	793.18
Diocesan Assessment	2,856.08
Parish Support-Seminarians	405.26
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$38,797.00
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	(\$12,908.92)

P.R.E. NEWS

St. Joseph Parish Religious Education (PRE) class for grades 10-12 recently completed a 500 piece puzzle of The Last Supper. Tyler and Kyle Clay (pictured right) worked on the puzzle while their catechist Havis Harrison taught his lessons. All Kindergarten-12th grade parishioners who do not attend a Catholic school should be attending PRE. It's not too late to register. Class starts at 9:30am on most Sunday mornings.



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Dear Parishioners,

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen, but do you recall the most famous reindeer of all?" It's Christmas time again and all the Santa Clauses are busy visiting the children in the Malls. The Christmas specials are running on the T.V. and all the stores are decorated. There is a question that is joyfully proclaimed throughout the season so many won't forget the meaning of Christmas, 'Do you believe in Santa Claus?'

That loveable jolly man who flies once a year in his sleigh pulled by the famous 8 or 9 reindeers. All made possible by the many elves that work year round making all those toys.

Father Joseph Marconi

How Santa is able to furnish such a large organization and still maintain the 'S.O.S', the secret of Santa is beyond me, not even N.O.R.A.D knows the exact location of the workshop in the North Pole. We all know from the movie, 'ELF', the North Pole lives off the 4 main food groups: Candy, Candy Cane, Candy Corn and Syrup. By now Santa is looking into his magic snowball and checking to see if all the children and Adults are naughty or nice. I think he'll find most are nice.

This loveable tale of this jolly old man has been with us for ages and it only seems to be getting bigger but I do hear some parents say they will not raise their children in believing in something that is not true. I like to disagree. We hear some stories called 'myths'. Myth is a term applied to a story told for the sake of a meaning. Jesus used parables and some stories of Genesis can be called a myth. Saying something is a myth does not mean it is false. It's no different than what we see at the beginning of a movie when it says, 'a movie based upon a true story'. This is how I look at the tale of Santa, a myth based upon a true story.

There was a man who loved people, who rode around in a sleigh pulled by reindeers. He had a beard and wore a red suit and people loved him. He was known for his charity that helped so many people. This person we know as St. Nicolas. There is no S.O.S with St. Nicolas for he was the Bishop of Myra that is modern day Turkey. We know the story how he helped a poor father with his daughters. At the time no woman could marry without a dowry. A dowry is some kind of asset a woman brings to the marriage like money or land to help begin their new life together so no dowry then no marriage. The father hated the alternative of what would happen to his daughters if not dowry so upon hearing about it, Bishop Nicolas gave the father 3 dowries for each daughter so that they could marry. He secretly delivered the money in bags on 3 different occasions, one in stockings, one through and window and finally one through a chimney. He did it without the father knowing who aided him. His life developed into the myth that we have today called Santa.

When you see Santa and hear the stories of the jolly old man with the elves, I think you see the spirit that lies underneath it. It is a tale based upon a true story and St. Nicolas' story is based upon another that goes back to Bethlehem of an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes who came to us and gave us the greatest gift of them all, eternal life. Please wave to Santa when you see him in the malls this year and give him a big thanks for reminding us what the true spirit of Christmas is all about. Merry Christmas!

Wishing You a
**Happy
 Birthday!**



DECEMBER

02	Vincent Smith	14	Bill Bryant	26	Laney Moore
02	Michael Standridge	14	Miller Lafitte	26	Don Wall
04	Eric Edwards	15	Brenda Menotti	28	Gabriella Camarillo
05	Liz Rinchuso	16	Ronny Ford	28	Scott Fratesi
05	Charles Stahr	17	Angelique Ford	28	Dreyk Arriola Hernandez
05	Louis Turchi	18	Greg Gustek	28	Michael Lambert
05	Vickie Turchi	18	Joseph "Dub" Koenig	29	Tai Pham
05	Helen White	20	Emily Brickey	29	John Wood
07	Christopher Edwards	23	Tony Echlin	30	Jeff Browning
07	Paula Massanelli	23	Tena Gulutzo	30	Sharon Dallari
08	Pat McKinney	23	Harvey Jacks	30	Fiona Luna
10	Eileen Badovick	24	Stephen Curcio	30	Allison Morales
10	Lyle Blake	24	Joe Thornton	30	Jeff Roberts
10	Carol Hastings	25	Eleonore Dennis		
11	Bobby Garner	25	Mary Joy Sicat		
		26	Johnna Barfield		

02	Jimmy Don & Louise Duck	19	Michael & Evelyn Cash
06	Chris & Leonila Giblin	24	Roger & Grace Luna
08	Christopher & Mary Ernst	26	Tim & Connie Boutwell
12	Greg & Rhonda Gustek	26	Antonio & Maria Herrera
12	Shawn & Bridget Noriega	28	Ronald & Sharon Dallari
14	Don & Jackie Lain	29	Michael & Darlena Roberts
17	Michael & Jodi Dennis	31	Garry & Lisa Boccarossa





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Pine Bluff Knights, Council 1153 and Assembly 26!

We mourn the loss of our fallen Brother Knights. Sir Knight LeRoy Anderle, father of our State Deputy Roy Anderle and Connor Kordsmeier who have gone to be with our Lord.

Please join us in daily prayer this month with a Novena to Saint Peregrine: *Dear Saint Peregrine, I need your help. I feel so uncertain of my life. This serious illness makes me long for a sign of God's love. Help me to imitate your enduring faith when you faced the pain of cancer and surgery. Allow me to trust the Lord the way you did. Strengthen me to bear the cross of my life. I seek the power to proclaim God's presence despite the hardship, anguish and fear I now experience. I pray, Saint Peregrine, that you will be an inspiration to me at this time, and I ask you to pray to our loving Father for these needed graces and blessings. Amen*

The Knights of Columbus are continuing to raise monies to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Hope Women's Resource Center here in Pine Bluff. Please! Will you not help save the life of a future American? We must persist on our quest to end this madness, to remain happy in the Lord as we build a culture of life, and never forget that the enemy is always lurking; trying to pull men and women down into the abysmal depths fostered by the culture of death. Share your light! Help us build a culture of light! All donations are tax deductible through the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus are:

- ❖ Men who Lead
- ❖ Men who Protect
- ❖ Men who Serve
- ❖ Men who Defend

Discover the Knights of Columbus. Visit KofC.org. I am a Catholic. It is my duty to defend our faith.

Dec 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec 3 - Knights of Columbus meeting; 4th Degree at 6:30 p.m. followed by Council 1153 business meeting

Dec 5 - Day of Remembrance & Healing for cancer

Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe; patron of the Knights of Columbus

Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

Dec 30 - 5th Sunday Rosary

Dec 30 - Consecration of the Holy Family

"In these days that mark the completion of the Church's Liturgical year, and as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us so live as to make the Kingdom of His Truth and Life alive."

-- Clemens Pater



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory #564
November 18, 2018



Meeting was called to order by Regent, Kathryn Brickey followed by the opening prayer and pledge to the flag. Two new members, Joanne Landron and Rena Harrison, were received into our Court. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved. Treasure's report was given and will be on file.

Circle of Love Reports:

Quality of life: 101 people were served at St. Peter Soup Kitchen.

Youth: Halloween bags of candy were distributed to the PRE students, left over bags were distributed to Wendi Ruggeri's Special Education classes.

Education: Preparing packets for the Education Contest to give out to the area schools.

Spiritual: December 12th is The Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of obligation, and December 12th is the feast day of Our Lady Guadalupe. This story was passed out to the members.

Membership: There were 24 members and guest at the Bunco Party. All had a very good time. Trudy welcomed our new members.

Unfinished Business:

Tamale work day has been rescheduled for sometime in February on a Saturday that the Hall will be available.

New Business:

- Our Court is responsible for three door prizes and three silent auction items. Judy Erstine and Judy Reese are in charge of the door prizes, Mary Ann Kizer, Gretchen Zell and Wendi Ruggeri will bring door prizes. Please bring the items to the workshop on January 26, 2019. The Court is also responsible for selling \$200.00 in ads for the Convention booklet. Gail Bryant is in charge of the booklet. Deadline for ads is February 15, 2019.
- Bake sale held this weekend was a success, all items were sold! Discussed maybe having a rummage sale in May along with the bake sale. Tabled until later.
- Trudy Pascale and Connie Boutwell are running for State office in April. Gretchen Zell moved we endorse Trudy for St. Regent and Connie for first Vice Regent. Motion seconded and carried. The Court will need to vote for five Delegates and ten alternates for the Convention. Trudy Pascale moved that three remaining officers, Dora, Curico, Kerry Campbell and Angelique Ford. Motion seconded and carried. Trudy also moved Wendi Ruggeri is the fourth member, motion seconded and carried. Mary Ann Kizer will be the fifth as a past State Regent. Nominations for the 10 alternates are as follows: Gretchen Zell, Mollie Boeving, Joanne Landron, Emma Lafitte, Rosemary Smith, Judy Erstine, Judy Reese, Tismena Toh, Elizabeth Rinchuso, and Deb York. Motion seconded and carried.

Financial Secretary report was given and will be on file.

State Officer Report: Trudy reminded everyone about the workshop coming up on January 26, 2019 10-3.

Circle of Love reports are due February, 25, 2019. State Convention April 5th to set up, 6th and 7th Convention days. St. is sponsoring a State Newsletter naming contest. Entries should be submitted by December 1, 2018.

Submit resolutions to Mary Ann Kizer or Virginia Beck by February 1, 2019.

Announcements:

- Working Enchanted Lights and Legends on November 30.
- Joint Christmas Banquet on December 8th after 6 pm Mass. Potluck please make reservations.

Next meeting scheduled for January 27, 2019. All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join. Please come check us out!

Submitted,

Angelique Ford, Recording Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 7, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Elizabeth Rinchuso and opened with a prayer by Fr. Joe. Tim Boutwell and Reginald Reginio were absent. Minutes of the previous were read and approved.

Religious Education Department:

- The Circle of Grace Program (Protecting God's Children) was presented on October 7th and all lessons were completed on October 21st. This will have us in compliance with the requirements of the Diocese for 2018-2019.
- Four new altar servers were trained on September 30th and have been put on the schedule.
- Deacon Bud will be meeting with one of the parents on October 21st to discuss the possibility of developing a Religious Education webpage which would be linked to the St. Joseph website.

Building and Grounds:

- We have accepted the bid from Reynolds Construction Co. to repair the damage from the hail storm from March 10, 2018. Total cost \$251,901.00. As of 11/8/2018 the total settlement from the insurance co. of \$68,787.91 is pending and will issue a larger claim settlement for the repairs.
- Reynolds Construction Co has also repaired the shingles for the Rectory and Walk-in Cooler at a cost of \$9,800.00.
- Protective Windows hail damage: Glass Erectors of Little Rock gave us a bid of \$7,624.00 to replace 13 pieces of the protective glass and the sealing of 6 BB's damaged glass on both sides of the church. The work was completed on October 22nd. Catholic Mutual has issued a check for \$3,121.56. The church is responsible for the balance of \$4,502.44.
- Church Sanctuary Roof Leaks: Reynolds/Greg Bass inspected the upper roof and found faulty installation of the East section which was installed December 2015. Greg did a temporary fix and the shingles will be replaced when he has access to the flat roof lift.

St Joseph Cemetery: On large tree has been removed by Weaver Tree Service. There is one tree left. The St. Joseph Cemetery University Street Area: The Land Surveyor/Steve Brown has completed his survey and is working with the DOT and the City. October 10 Deacon Bud updated John Berrey of the Quapaw Tribe explaining the delay of the installation of the brick column fence.

Gym AC unit compressor out: PB Heating and Air have replaced two gym AC/heating units at a cost of \$5,350

St Joseph Church Conway Outreach: A group of 13 parishioners from St. Joseph Church in Conway inspired by a Diocesan program called One Church: Unite Arkansas in Faith and Mission, came to St Joseph and cleaned up, painted the metal windows on the old school building, worked on the flower beds and various other things. Fr. Joe suggested our parish donate some money to their ministry and or doing a spiritual bouquet for them.

From September report, there are 19 rectangle tables that cannot be repaired. In the near future we will need to replace these tables for Gallagher Hall.

Unfinished Business: Foyer Changes, Jimmy has been working on different areas of the foyer. We are trying to make the foyer more inviting. The biggest cost would be replacing the floor covering. The Council agreed not to add to the second collections, only two per month. Maybe some the building fund collection could help defray the cost of the renovation. Fr. will announce at the Masses in December the second collection will go towards the beautification of the Foyer. A motion was made by Angelique for and seconded by Gordon Reese. Motion carried.

New Business: Parishioners are remarking that the sound system is not loud enough in the back of church. Will have Richard look into this. Automatic door opener for the handicap, discussion was held about the need for an automatic door on the East side entrance to the church. It was said that most of the time there is a parishioner there to help when the door needs to be open. Will see about an usher being placed at the door for the future.

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Joe has spoken with the Finance Committee about building a Columbarium on the church grounds and wanted the input of the PC. He has spoken with Scott Robinson and Scott would work with us should we decide to build one. Possible site would be behind the gym where the statue of Mary is now. Lisa made the motion and Gordon Reese second, discussion followed, will also include Connie Boutwell. Motion was carried. Also Fr. brought up the idea of building an Altar at St Joseph Cemetery in front of the Crucifix for Masses to be said, the main Mass would be on All Saints Day. We would need permission from the Diocese and have to meet Liturgical guidelines. Fr. Joe will check with the Diocese about how to proceed. Fr. Joe also mentioned there is some damage to the tombstones. Apparently this is happening while mowing. Fr. will compile a letter to the parishioners about donating to a cemetery fund to help with the upkeep of the cemeteries.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a prayer. Next meeting will be January 9th 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angelique Ford, Secretary



ALTAR SOCIETY MINUTES

November 8, 2018

The St. Joseph Altar Society met Thursday November 8th in the St. Joseph gym. The meeting was called to order by President Trudy Pascale. Vice President Judy Reese led the opening prayer and grace. Secretary Pam Thornton read the September minutes and gave the card report. The minutes were accepted as read. Angelique Ford gave the treasurers report.

Unfinished Business:

- We discussed the December 8th Christmas party. Elaine Dial is the Altar Society Chairperson. She appointed Stephanie Frase to be in charge of the punches. Helen Pascale will donate desserts. Tim Boutwell will buy the desserts at Sam's. Judy Reese & Connie Boutwell will make appetizers. Mary Ann Kizer will order the meat. The Altar Society will share the cost of the meat and clean-up with the Catholic Daughters. Trudy will call Barbara Boyd to schedule clean-up. We were reminded that the Altar Society brings donations of toys and toiletries for the women's shelter.
- Bingo fundraiser will be March 2nd, 2019 which is just before Mardi Gras on March 5th.
- The June Picnic will be on June 8th, 2019.
- Gail Bryant will order the Advent candles and send the bill to Angelique.
- Trudy took names of volunteers to help clean the church before Christmas.
- Update on seminarian Quinn Thomas, he has asked for us to pray for his mom who is upset about him becoming a priest.

Gretchen Zell and Pat Elmore were the chairpersons this month and provided us with many wonderful things to eat including some delicious lasagna! Elaine Dial won the 50/50.

After the closing prayer Trudy adjourned the meeting with her gavel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Thornton, Secretary



Merry Christmas

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Amen.

-Robert Louis Stevenson



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THIS
MONTH IN

December 02

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Mass

December 09

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

December 16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18

Phil 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

December 23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5:1-4

Heb 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

December 30

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52



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