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# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH *Newsletter*

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MARCH *for* LIFE



**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH****Financial Report  
DECEMBER 2018**

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Collections	24,851.60
Second Collections	12,155.61
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	1,662.87
School Liquidation	- 0 -
Other Income	18,764.14
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$57,434.22</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	17,899.73
Rectory, Church & Offices	6,508.71
Budgeted Committees	1,914.32
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	2,433.00
Cemeteries Expenses	350.00
Other Expenses	36.08
Diocesan Assessment	2,543.08
Parish Support-Seminarians	405.26
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$33,740.18</b>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$23,694.04</b>

**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pastoral Council  
January 9, 2019**

President Tim Boutwell called the meeting to order. Fr. Joe and members opened with a prayer. All members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Committee Reports:****Building and Grounds:**

- The insurance company re-evaluated the damage to the flat roof from the hail storm and has agreed to pay for full replacement cost less the deductible of \$750.00. Reynolds Construction Co is hoping to start work on the by the end of January.
- Glass Erectors of Little Rock has completed the repair of 19 protective windows. The final bill was less than expected due to a lift machine credit. Total cost \$5994.00 minus insurance check of \$3121.56 which left the total cost for the parish of \$2872.44.
- We have had some issues around the church complex that should be addressed. Hypodermic needles and syringes have been found in the west corridor, around the bushes on Gallagher Hall side and at the dumpster in the last few months. Also, there have been people loitering around Gallagher Hall on the Laurel side and some have been seen in the parking lot. Discussion about security and what can be done about the syringes and needles being found. Fr. will make an announcement to the church to please watch out for the children and to let someone know if any are found. There is a PB officer who goes to church in Sheridan and he will consult with her about what can be done. Women, when leaving Gallagher Hall at night should make sure you are never alone and preferable have a male walk you to the car. Hopefully the police can have more cars to cruise around the Church.
- Rectory and walk-in cooler roof has been repaired.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Foyer Beautification; Mary Ann will talk with Chris Bryan about the cost of a new floor. She will try to have and estimate for the next meeting.
- Tim talked with Richard about the sound system in the church. Richard made some adjustments to the speakers, hopefully this has helped out.
- Cemeteries: Fr. talked with Jim Drydic of the Diocese about St. Joseph being responsible for the up keep of the cemeteries, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Peter and St. Mary. St. Mary's is paid for by the Diocese. Since our parish is getting smaller it is costly to pay for the upkeep of these cemeteries. Is there a fund from the Diocese to help with expenses? Fr. will speak with the Bishop. Fr. will check about the altar for St. Joseph Cemetery at a later date.

**New Business:** Members should be more vigilant of their whereabouts when leaving church functions.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted,  
Angelique Ford, Secretary



**Father Joseph Marconi**

Dear Parishioners,

Stevie Wonder is right when he says, "When you believe in things you don't understand you suffer, superstition ain't the way." There are a lot of people who believe in superstition and some of the ideas they believe are just as crazy such as step on a crack and break your mother's back, break a mirror is 7 years bad luck or watching a crazy animal like a groundhog looking for his shadow to determine if Winter will occur 6 more weeks. Wonder if an animal even knows what a shadow is?

Faith does not operate on superstition because in faith we operate fully aware of our actions. Whether the act is sinful or virtuous a believing person knows what he or she is doing.

February is also celebrating all those who are in love. This Valentine's Day is that day where a person can take your special loved one out and show him or her the appropriate gratitude they both have shared together. This is probably the only day where the Catholic Church removed the Feast of St. Valentine off the Liturgical Calendar because of the uncertainty of his identity.

Some believe he was a priest who helped persecuted Christians during the reign of Emperor Claudius II in the 3rd Century but later beheaded. There is the theory that he was a Bishop of Terni of performed the same act of charity toward persecuted Christians and received the same fate. Finally, there is the popular theory that he was a priest who secretly married couples when marriage was forbidden.

All three of these men or maybe the same person acted in full conscience and perfectly aware of the consequences. Valentine's Day didn't develop from a superstitious act concerning cupids or doves that randomly happen but an act of love freely given. I wish all the couples a very happy Valentine's Day and celebrate the wonderful life you freely created in faith. Ain't love grand!

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**Happy  
Birthday!**



**FEBRUARY**

01	Ronnie Dallari	17	Joe Turchi
02	Terence Cass	17	Leonard Zell
02	Carol Maples	18	Thomas Dial
04	Gary Brickey	18	Elmon Savage
05	Dave Nanak	19	Denise Euseppi
06	William David Bennett	19	Shirley Hartwick
07	Jules Schweiger	19	Jessica Lewis
08	Cheryl Moran	19	Maria Lim
08	Susan Lambert	21	Crystal Coats
08	Sharon Theriot	21	Leonila Giblin
09	Mary Ellen Miskell	22	Theresa Kraeszig
11	Louise Gross	23	Geno Aureli
11	Stephanie King	23	Theresa Failla
13	Antonio Herrera	23	Margie Nanak
14	Channa Barfield	24	Robert Felsman
14	Janine Harkins	24	Cymer Gieringer
15	Sophia Edwards	28	Matt Soto
17	Brooklyn Browning		



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09	Joe & Carolyn Strode
17	Erasmo & Wendy Camarillo
19	Michael & Elma Standridge
20	Geno & Marilyn Aureli
29	James & Denise Euseppi

**February**  
anniversaries



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Knights of Columbus proudly announce the winner of Council 1153's "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest is Jaycee Clay. Congratulations Jaycee!

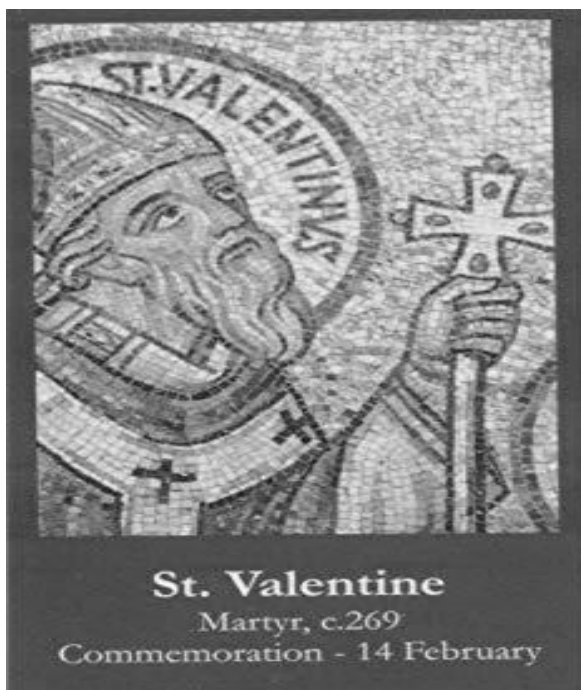
The Holy Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus (her right arm) are under attack. We are being systematically murdered spiritually, emotionally, and physically by Catholics and the secular world; by our own government. Our faith is under attack by those claiming to be Christians (abortionists, etc.) and atheists. It is past time for all Catholics to stand up for our faith. We are completely, totally, and without reservation opposed to abortion or any other action that directly and purposefully ends the life of a child in the womb. Will you not support our work with the Women's Hope Center? We need everyone to help. Yes! This means YOU! Our pro-life activities are among the core values of our faith; YOUR faith. We need your donations to complete this vital mission of placing a 3-D ultrasound machine in their facility here in Pine Bluff. We must fight to end this madness in order to remain happy in the Lord as we build a culture of life. We must never forget the enemy is always lurking in the shadows to pull us into the abysmal depths of a culture of death. Will you not help? Shine your light! Help us build a culture of light.

- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - The presentation of the Lord.
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference in Little Rock
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - Knights of Columbus meeting; 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at 5:30 p.m. followed by Council 1153's business meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - Second Saturday Holy hour for men at 8:00 a.m. in the Adoration Chapel at St. Joseph Church.

Lent is rapidly approaching. March 6, 2019 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The Pine Bluff Knights of Columbus annual Lenten Fish Fry will begin on Friday March 8, 2019 and continue on Friday's for the following 6 weeks. Bring your family, friends, co-workers, and cohorts for fun, spiritual fellowship, and the best fish in Arkansas.

Please join us in a daily prayer this month with a Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes.

*"When we serve the poor and sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus." ~ St. Rose of Lima*



St. Valentine was a bishop, and is thought to have been a physician. He was arrested for giving aid to Christian prisoners awaiting martyrdom, and while imprisoned he converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer's daughter. St. Valentine refused to deny Christ before the Emperor Claudius in the year 280 and won the jeweled crown of martyrdom by his faithful witness. The feast of St. Valentine was first established in 496 by Pope Gelasius I.

#### **Prayer to St. Valentine**

O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things, and to selflessly love one another. O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**Court Our Lady of Victory #564**  
**January 27, 2019**



Meeting was called to order by Regent Kathryn Brickey followed by the Hail Mary and pledge to our flag. Trudy Pascale presided for Dora Curcio who was absent. Minutes from the previous meeting were read with the following corrections, Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception was on December the 8<sup>th</sup> not 12<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer's report was given and will be on file.

**Circle of Love Reports:**

- **Youth** - Final details for the Easter Egg hunt have not been finalized it will be on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Education - Entries** for the Education contest have been received and will be sent into the state.
- **Spiritual** - The theme being Pro Life, several prayers to end abortion and pray for life were handed out.
- **Family - Members** were scheduled to man the lights at Regional Park on November 30 but due to the weather, lightening and rain, the lights were cancelled and we were rescheduled for another night, December 16<sup>th</sup>. A fun time was had by all. We have scheduled November 22, 2019 to man the lights for next season. Members of the CDA collected money for the Pennies for Life after Masses on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. A total of \$860 was collected and will be sent to Birthright in Little Rock. Thank you to all who collected money and to our parishioners for being so generous. Several St. Joseph parishioners and CDA members attended the March for Life last weekend.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A tentative date of April 27<sup>th</sup> has been set for the Tamale workday. Will have to check the church calendar. Members were asked to make soup for the Souper Bowl Sunday Scholarship fund raiser February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> along with desserts and other condiments.
- Items for the shut-ins were bought with the donations we received at the Christmas Banquet and delivered by Kathryn Brickey.

**New Business:**

Our Court is responsible for selling \$200 in ads for the State Convention Booklet. Deadline is February 15, 2019. Trudy Pascale brought up to members that we might have more attendance at meetings if we would maybe start the meetings at 12:30 instead of having the social first and starting the meeting at 1:00. Concern had been expressed the meetings were too long and members wanting to be home on Sundays. It was suggested that we could meet and eat at the same time. This was agreed upon.

Financial Secretary's Report was given and will be on file. Connie Boutwell moved the court purchase a full page ad, \$50 for the Convention Booklet, motion second and was carried.

**State Officer Report:**

Trudy reminded members of the upcoming State Convention, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. She asked members to please come and support our Court. Bishop Taylor will be presiding over Mass Saturday night and will be our guest speaker at the Dinner. The State fundraiser was a success. This money will be used for Court development around the State. Pocahontas is very interested in starting a court.

**Announcements:**

Deadline for the State Circle of Love reports is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please have reports ready ASAP.

Closing prayer was for Vocations. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is Sunday February 24, 2019. Please make plans to attend.

Submitted,  
Angelique Ford, Secretary

THIS  
MONTH IN

# Mass

## February 03

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

## February 10

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Is 6:1-2, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

## February 17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jer 17:5-8

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

## February 24

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

## Prayer to Saint Blaise

O glorious Saint Blaise, who by thy martyrdom didst leave to the Church a precious witness to the faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift, and to defend, without human respect, both by word and example, the truth of that same faith, which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times. Thou who didst miraculously restore a little child when it was at the point of death by reason of an affliction of the throat, grant us thy mighty protection in like misfortunes; and, above all, obtain for us the grace of Christian mortification together with a faithful observance of the precepts of the Church, which may keep us from offending Almighty God. Amen.

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Prayer to  
St. Blaise



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