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# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

# *Newsletter*

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## Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day February 11

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort to the Afflicted,

You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings.  
Cast upon me a look of mercy.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, where you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests.

Through gratitude for favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen.



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**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Financial Report**  
**DECEMBER 2019**

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Collections	22,672.00
Second Collections	9,299.50
Fund Raisers	(18.99)
Cemeteries Funds	1,406.13
Other Income	24,597.43
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$57,956.07</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	18,342.66
Rectory, Church & Offices	6,185.96
Budgeted Committees	571.24
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	1,692.00
Cemeteries Expenses	350.00
Other Expenses	36.42
Diocesan Assessment	2,366.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	431.84
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$31,626.95</b>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$26,329.12</b>

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

Altar Society February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6th, 2020, at 5:30pm. Bingo will be held on Saturday, April 25th, 2020.

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard

Raised as a Christian in a rich family, he became a bishop. In a vision, God appeared to him and told him to flee. To avoid persecution, he lived in the hills with sick animals and cared for them.

He was later captured and while imprisoned, cured a boy choking on a fish bone.

He was ordered to be killed for refusing to renounce his faith and love of God.



*St. Blaise*

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard

A kind hearted Roman priest, he aided young Christians being persecuted by Claudius II and was imprisoned. While in custody, he converted 46 members of a guards family to Christianity! Upon discovering this,

Claudius sentenced him to death. He is the patron of love, young people and happy marriage.



*St. Valentine*



**Father Joseph Marconi**

Dear Parishioners,

February is the month of love. Pope Benedict Emeritus in his encyclical 'God is love' talks about the basic 3 kinds of love: eros, philia, and agape. 'Eros' being the love one personally feels, 'philia' is the love of friendship and 'agape' being the love seen in complete sacrifice.

Everyone loves 'love'. When everyone is laughing, being gentle, and hospitable. But what about loving people when they are not acting in such a loving manner. This is the charism that Christ wants us to develop within ourselves.

We have all kinds of saints that grew to perfect this kind of love, such as St. Francis and St. Theresa of Calcutta. To be able to love when the world doesn't offer it in return is the type of love Christ showed us on the cross. Our faith in Christ shows us that we have the ability to act on this type of love within our very selves. During the passion, Christ received the jeers, the spitting, and the battery, but all the while he just smiled and took another step in the truth – this is what I call courage.

We know most people we meet are good and loving people but some people in the world don't have the best positive environment. It's easy to feel anger and resentment, but Christ says love your enemies. He didn't just say it, he lived it. Pope Benedict Emeritus says in his encyclical, "The saints – consider the example of St. Teresa of Calcutta- constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from the encounter with the Eucharistic Lord, and conversely this encounter acquired its real-ism and depth in their service to others". The best place to encounter all three forms of love is seen in the Eucharist. If God is love then the Eucharist is love for the Eucharist is God.

I know it's not easy to love some people but it does start with how we see love. I know you will give cards and candy to your valentine but to those you are indifferent too and find it difficult to show even the least amount of kindness, offer them a prayer. Go light a candle for the person you are distant too and there in prayer with God He will reveal all three kinds of love that exist within Him. His grace is greater than the conflict, and once you free yourself by His grace then you have the capacity to love your enemy, who is really not an enemy at all.



Wishing You a  
**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	28	Matt Soto
15	Sophia Edwards		
17	Brooklyn Browning		



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

**February**  
 anniversaries



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**Court Our Lady of Victory #564**  
**January 26, 2020**



Meeting was called to order by Regent, Kathryn Brickey and opened with the Hail Mary and pledge to our flag. Trudy Pascale presided for absent Vice Regent, Mary Ann Kizer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given by Joanne Landron and will be on file.

**Circle of Love**

- **Education:** Mollie Boeving reported for Wendy Ruggeri. Forms for the Education Contest have been handed out to the schools and there have been no entries received. Deadline is January 29, 2020. She will use the Easter Egg hunt for the Circle of Love report.
- **Spiritual:** Mollie Boeving handed out a Menu for Spiritual Health Food/Diet. She also was very thankful for all the coats being donated. She has been giving them out at St. Peter's Soup Kitchen.
- **Family:** Gretchen Zell Thanked members for helping at the Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends. CDA members collected "Pennies for Life" January 18 and 19. A tentative amount of almost \$800.00 was collected. This will be sent to Birthright in Little Rock. Several members of the CDA and St Joseph attended the March for Life Sunday January 19.

**Unfinished Business**

- Deb York reported on the International Mass and Food Festival. A tentative date has been set for Sunday February 23rd. Mass readings will be in different languages and the food festival will follow. Deb is getting volunteers for making foods.
- Deb moved we have the International Food Festival, this will be free of charge. Motion was seconded and carried. This will be the day of our meeting we will incorporate the meeting into to the festival. Kathryn will contact Judy Reese, February Social chair.
- Over 2,700 cards and envelopes and over 500 food items were collected for the Tucker and Cummings inmates. Thank you to all who donated.

**New Business:**

- The 58<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention will be in Dallas, TX July 15-19. Two delegates and four alternates need to be elected. Trudy Pascale nominated the five officers in order of their rank, new officers will be elected in May, Regent, Vice Regent, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer. Connie Boutwell nominated Gretchen Zell as the 6<sup>th</sup> person, but she declined for personnel reasons. Trudy Pascale then nominated Mollie Boeving.
- Souper Bowl Soup Social for our Scholarship fund is Saturday and Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please list the soup you are bringing along with desserts and side items and the day you will work. We will also be selling tamales.

Financial Secretary's report was given by Kerry Ellen Campbell and will be on file.

**State Officer Report:**

- Trudy Pascale received a letter from National requesting donations for a present for the outgoing National Regent. The court usually gives \$25.00. Trudy moved we give \$25 as a present for the Outgoing Regent, the motion was second and carried. Trudy has also reserved 10 rooms at the hotel in Dallas for the Convention, the State is thinking about chartering a bus for the trip to Dallas for those going.
- The State has no workshops scheduled until after the elections for new officers in May.
- Connie, First Vice Regent, has been working hard sending letters to different parishes in the state in hopes of starting new courts. Heber Springs has shown some interest. El Dorado is working on starting a JCDA. Judy Ostergaard has contacted Melanie Blunt in TX about doing an introductory meeting.

**Announcements:** Deadline for Circle of Love Reports postmarked no later than March 1, 2020. Continue collecting change for state fundraiser. Money is split 60/40.

Closing prayer was for vocations. Next meeting will be February 23.

Angelique Ford, Recording Secretary



**January 15, 2020**

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Elizabeth Rinchuso, and opened with a prayer from Fr. Joe. Present at the meeting were Elizabeth Rinchuso, Mary Ann Kizer, Gordon Reese, Regin Reginio, James Ruggeri, Angelique Ford, and guest Gail Bryant.

Minutes from the previous meeting was read and approved with the following correction; Fr Joe will talk to Bishop Taylor not Fr. Malone regarding the damaged headstones.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Building and Grounds:** The University Street area by St Joseph Cemetery has been deeded to the Diocese of LR/ Bishop Taylor and has been recorded at the Jefferson County Circuit Clerk's office on November 21, 2019 for a purchase price of \$1,200. The city owned land by the cemetery has been transferred to the Diocese of LR/Bishop Taylor on November 5, 2019 for a purchase price of \$1.00. Separate bids for the fence and six brick columns and a new North gate entrance have been received. Bids for fence only:
  - Built-Rite Fence, 812' of 5' tall 3 rail fencing with one gate: \$23,500.00
  - Bills Fence Company, 694 LF ornamental fence and gate: \$55,459.00
  - Lower Fence, 780' of 5' tall with one gate: \$22,700.00
  - Bid for the 6 columns: Smith Masonry: 6 columns 5' tall 2'x2' \$6,900.00
  - Alex (referred by Whitten Concrete) has measured but has not submitted, bid John Corbitt measured but has not submitted bid.
  - It was suggested Jimmy e-mail the council after receiving the other two bids for the columns and have council vote for the go ahead. It was also discussed the need to wait and see what kind of ground work will need to be done to the purchased area and who will remove the old fence before giving the go ahead on building the fence.
- New security cameras have been purchased to replace stolen ones from Harris Electronics at a price of \$1,860.50. Jimmy will run the new cable for the cameras. Carl Patterson will order the Master Unit and Cameras after the wire is run. We have 12 cameras to run the new wire for.
- Tables for Gallagher Hall have been found. Angelique Ford moved we purchase 20 new tables from Sam's. Commercial grade, lifetime warranty, 30"x72", \$49.00 each plus two dollies. Mary Ann Kizer second, motion carried.
- The part of the wooden fence behind Gallagher Hall that was hit by a car has been replaced.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Foyer Beautification, Mary Ann Kizer moved a second collection be taken to raise money for painting and a new floor covering. She has prices and will bring next meeting. Voting will take place after prices are received.
- The Council presented Fr. Joe with a check for \$40,000.00 from the Spaghetti Supper. There also was enough reserve for a startup fund for next years' supper.

**New Business:** It is time for nominations for new Pastoral Council members. Angelique Ford and Mary Ann Kizer will not be eligible for re-election. There are only two members remaining on the council, Lisa Boccorosa and Sandra

Taylor. There will be seven positions open for nominations.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Joe announced St Joseph will have a Mission March 1-5, 2020. The Theme is "Simply Live". He asked we promote the Mission. There will be announcements in the bulletin as well as from the altar. Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate will conduct the Mission.

No further business the meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer. Next meeting will be February 12, 2020, at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angelique Ford, Secretary



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

All are from the dust,  
and to dust all return".

*Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV*



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THIS  
MONTH IN

# Mass

## February 02

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

## February 09

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Matt 5:13-16

## February 16

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Matt 5:17-37

## February 23

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Matt 5:38-48