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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Newsletter

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Mary, Mother of God, first disciple of your Son,
and spiritual Mother of us all, pray for us that we
will say yes to life with the same readiness you did.

Lay us at the feet of Jesus, and inspire us to
treasure and ponder your Son with you. Amen.

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

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Financial Report
NOVEMBER 2018

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	19,065.28
Second Collections	2,577.64
Fund Raisers	12.31
Cemeteries Funds	875.32
School Liquidation	- 0 -
Other Income	4,906.32
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$27,436.87
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	17,960.42
Rectory, Church & Offices	15,679.25
Budgeted Committees	437.65
Contributions/Aid	1,500.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	2,445.96
Cemeteries Expenses	448.00
Other Expenses	35.90
Diocesan Assessment	2,543.08
Parish Support-Seminarians	405.26
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$41,455.52
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	(\$14,018.65)



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THE EPHIPANY OF THE LORD

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Mt 2:10-11

Pastor's Message



Father Joseph Marconi

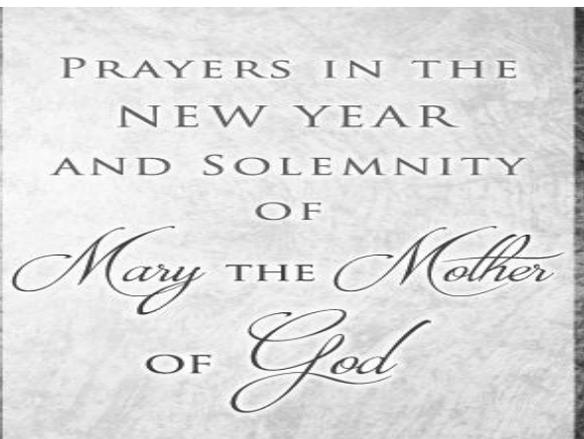
Dear Parishioners,

Did you know most of the Christmas season is celebrated in January? In this month, we have Mary the Mother of God that is celebrated on the 1st, we have the Epiphany which is celebrated on the 6th, and finally we have the Baptism of Our Lord that occurs on the 13th. When someone asks when does the Christmas season end, you can answer on the 13th. The Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas season and ushers in Ordinary Time. No, it does not end on the Epiphany as many think.

There is a German phrase I want you to remember before we quickly rush in the season of Ordinary Time and the phrase is 'Sitz im Leben'. Don't ask me how to pronounce it because I say it differently every time. The phrase means 'setting in life'.

A simple definition of the phrase is the context of a text, object or event must be understood before you can understand it's function or purpose or simply put don't take anything out of context. The interesting thing about this phrase is that it's relative to the context. All I'm saying is to stop and take the Christmas season in your hearts before you rush to the next event. Imagine someone sitting on the shore of a lake and just feeling the warmth of the sun, the sounds of the water and the coolness of the grass. A person laying peacefully on the earth and enjoying the event is how something becomes a part of you.

God gave us something special this Christmas and now let us enjoy it for a time. As the decorations come down and the boxes are thrown away, let it soak in as Mary did at the manger, savoring the moment. I used Advent to reflect on humility because I felt I wasn't a very humble person. I put the word on my door so I would see it every day and ponder it. Every few days a new understanding of the word 'humility' would sink in and the more I looked at it the more I became a part of it. I first came to understand humility as frailty and then the spirit moved me to the understanding of surrender. In surrender I saw my will or His will. Eventually this understanding moved me towards peace. I'm more peaceful in humility than anywhere else. This is what the Christmas season brought me. I hope it made a difference in you. If not don't worry because Lent is just around the corner.



Wishing You a Happy Birthday!



JANUARY

01	Edward Menotti	16	Gloria Aureli	30	Melinda Courtney
01	Mildred Warfield	16	Jan Patterson		
03	Betty Bradshaw	16	Dena Via		
03	Silvia Chavez	18	Brooke Braden		
03	Eric "Buddy Smith	18	Dorothy Menotti		
04	Jaycie Clay	19	Janie Culpepper		
05	Linda Oster	19	Donna Smith		
06	David Wilbert	20	Christopher Coody		
07	Rhonda Gustek	21	Rowland Barthet		
08	Gabriel Chavez	22	Richard Campbell		
08	Judee Lybrand	22	George Dickson, Sr.		
09	Lauren Zell	22	Lisa Kosmitis		
10	Roger Luna	22	Jimmy Via		
12	Mary Ives	23	Noel "Bud" Bryant		
13	Erin Koenig	26	Mary Daggett		
14	Judy Erstine	26	Clinton Jacinto		
14	Kayla Jenkins	28	Michael Roberts		
14	Margaret Mary Reginio	29	Rebecca Mattics		
15	Amor Bruce	29	Anita Osweiler		



10	Richard & Kay Burleigh
16	Jason & Amy Dean
17	Kevin & Anita Osweiler
20	Charles & Glenda Stahr
21	Noel "Bud" & Gail Bryant
24	Vincent & Jeanette Smith
25	Jack & Lynn Castleberry
30	Jimmy & Dena Via



 anniversaries
 



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

We don't wonder what kind of man can make a difference. We wonder what kind of man cannot. Join your local Knights of Columbus council today and see for yourself the extraordinary difference you can make. Please join with us in a daily prayer this month with a novena for life to Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Oh Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of Life, we honor you as Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for pointing us to Jesus your Son, the only Savior and hope of the world. Renew our hope in him, that we all may have the courage to say Yes to Life, and to defend those children in danger of abortion. Give us your compassion to reach out to those tempted to abort, and to those suffering from a past abortion. Lead us the day when abortion will be a sad, past chapter in our history. Keep us close to Jesus, the Life of the World, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

CALLING ALL MEN! Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference 2019, "Priestly Voices on Christian Manhood" February 2, 2019. Registration is now open at www.arcatholicmen.com. \$25.00 adults/\$10.00 students. Breakfast by the Knights of Columbus and lunch by Corky's BBQ. Fathers bring your sons! Sons, bring your fathers! This year's event is open to all!! Join Bishop Anthony Taylor and hundreds of men from around the state as we hear from Father Patrick Friend, Father Joseph de Orbegozo, and Father Stephen Elser as they share personal insights and biblical disciplines of Christian Manhood...Let's make sure....No Man is left behind!

- January 1 - New Year's Day and Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
- January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord
- January 7 - 4th Degree meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Council 1153 business meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord
- January 20 - Mark your calendar now! The annual Mass and March for Life will be Sunday, January 20, 2019 in Little Rock. New events have been added and the location has changed. The Fourth Degree has been asked to provide an Honor Guard for the new Eucharistic Procession for Life beginning at 10:00 a.m. It will process from the Doubletree Hotel to the Robinson Center (next door) in downtown Little Rock. Bishop Taylor will celebrate the Mass for Life at noon in the Robinson Center, Performance Theater. At 2:00 p.m., the Fourth Degree will lead the March for Life from West Capitol and Wolfe Street to the State Capitol.

The Knights of Columbus are continuing to raise monies to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Hope Women's Resource Center in Pine Bluff, AR. Please! Will you not help save the life of a future American? We must persist in 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 good 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.

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice." --Pope Saint Gregory the Great



Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

THIS
MONTH IN

Mass

January 06

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2- 3, 5-6

Matt 2:1-12

January 13

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

January 20

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

January 27

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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