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OCTOBER 25, 2026 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hello and Welcome to St. Joseph Parish!

Thank you for joining us today. Blessings! May you have a beautiful day. The St. Joseph Parish family extends a warm welcome to our visitors and new families. We are delighted to have you! If you are a new parishioner, ask one of the ushers for a parish census/registration form. Please complete and drop in the collections basket or bring by the church office during business hours. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know. We hope you will find a true home at St. Joseph Church!

RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP	**October 18, 2026**	**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**
Offertory—$3,437.00		5:00PM—58
Poor Box—$38.00	**May we recognize everything**	11:00AM—97
World Missions	**we have and everything we**	**Total—155**
Collection—$495.00	**are is a gift from God.**	

Blessed Thanks!

Please pray for our sick, shut-ins, those listed in our book of intentions, parishioners residing in nursing homes, and others who have asked for prayers: *Sherry Adair, Eileen Badovick, Channa Barfield, Shannon Fikes Bass, Delbert Bateman, Anna Batzos, Breckin Birge, Lisa Boccarossa, Tim Boutwell, Deacon Bud Bryant, Michael Calvert, Mike Cash (Rison), Bernadine Corbitt, Janie Culpepper, Margaret Dildy, Ronnie Ford, Greg Gustek, Julie Dial Habelmann, Rena Harrison, Anna Marie Jacks, Mary Ann Kizer, Scott McGeorge, Patrick McKenney, Bill Miskell, Mary Ellen Miskell, Dewayne Petrus, Robert & Therese Riddle, Margie Ross, Heather Smith, David Taylor, Mike Turchi, Don Walters, Mary Kay Wilbern, Mary Winkley, Elaine Woodyard, and Joseph Wynn.* Please keep them in your prayers in their time of need… And all others in need of our healing prayers. Also, remember the caregivers of the ill.

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In your prayers, also remember the deceased, especially. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord…

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Please contact Angelique Ford (870-489-0563) if you would like to spend a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Please notify the parish office when you or relatives are admitted to Jefferson Regional Medical Center. WE CARE!

During the month of October, items will be collected for the Animal Shelter. Various items are needed: canned dog food, canned puppy food, dog and cat treats, cat food, dog and cat blankets, towels, dog and cat toys, etc. Anything is appreciated! A wish list for the Pine Bluff Animal Shelter can be found on their Facebook page. Donation boxes can be found in the hallway by the parish offices.

The beautiful flowers in front of the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend were placed there in loving memory of Philip Campbell by his daughter, Gretchen Zell, and family.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is asking St. Joseph parishioners to contribute 100 cans of SWEET POTATOES for their Thanksgiving baskets by October 31st. Baskets go out starting November 1st. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able as the need is great. Cuts to their USDA programs have left their shelves empty. They depend now more than ever on donations from churches and the community to help fill more than 900 bags each month. ***Special Note: To help feed the needy in Jefferson County, the Knights of Columbus are asking parishioners to bring at least one canned good or non-perishable food item every weekend. Donation baskets are located on the stairs in front of church and in the narthex. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!***

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS: A patriotic quilt has been made and donated by a parishioner to be given away during Mass November 8th, the Sunday before Veterans' Day. All you have to do is call the parish office (870-534-4701) by 4PM Friday, November 6th and leave your name and phone number to be entered into the drawing. You do not need to be present to win.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!
THE "JIMMY AKIN EVENT" - SATURDAY, NOV. 7 - 6:30PM - GALLAGHER HALL.
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. PRICE $45.00 EACH. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR ON DAY OF EVENT.

WHITE RIBBONS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

WRAP Week, White Ribbons Against Pornography, is October 25 - November 1, 2026. White ribbons have been placed above the doors of the church in observance of this week. An information table has been set up near the church offices by Catholic Daughters. Please stop by and check out the information.

Our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) has expired. We applied for and received a grant to purchase a new one for $1,250.00 plus tax, which is a $500.00 savings. This new AED will be purchased next week. If anyone would like to make a donation toward our new machine, please place your donation in the collection basket marked "AED." Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated!

CAREGIVER RETREAT - The Faith and Health Ministry at Our Lady of Good Council Church in Little Rock invited all caregivers to its annual retreat on Saturday, November 7th, from 8:00AM until 3:00PM. The cost to attend is $20 and there are limited scholarships available.

To register, visit bit.ly/caregiver-retreat or contact Debbie Meiklejohn at 501-666-5073.

This week in our parish

Sun Oct 25 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30AM-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades) Ed Bldg
11:00AM *Int Jennifer Bryant* (Church)
12:15PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (G Hall)

Mon Oct 26
8:00AM ✞*Helen Pascale* (Church)

Tue Oct 27
8:00AM *No Daily Mass*
10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Oct 28 STS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
5:30PM ✞*Father Norman McFall* (Church)

Thu Oct 29
8:00AM ✞*Betty Petrus* (Church)
6:00PM *Mass at St Mary Church, Plum Bayou*
✞Trance Palazzi

Fri Oct 30
8:00AM ✞*Helen Pascale* (Church)

Sat Oct 31
10:30AM-12:00PM O.C.I.A. Class (Ed Bldg
2-4PM Halloween Party (G Hall)
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)
5:00PM ✞*Betty Petrus* (Church)

Sun Nov 1 ALL SAINTS DAY
2:00AM Daylight Saving Time Ends (Clocks *back* 1 hour)
9-10AM KC Pancake Breakfast (G Hall)
9:30AM-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades) Ed Bldg
11:00AM ✞*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

~Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

Please return your Spaghetti Supper ticket sales ASAP. You can mail them, put them in a collection basket, or bring them to the parish offices.

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 1 in Gallagher Hall 9AM-10AM. Everyone is invited to attend. Cost $5.00 per plate.

The Knights of Columbus invites everyone to St. Joseph Cemetery, Wednesday, November 11 for a Mass at 11AM to honor all veterans.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES SCHEDULE

Saturday,	**10:00AM - Blessed Sacrament, Grady**
October 31	**10:30AM - St Peter, New Gascony**
	11:30AM - St Mary, Plum Bayou
	12:30PM - St Patrick, Sulphur Springs
Sunday,	**2:00PM - Graceland, Pine Bluff**
November 1	**3:00PM - St Joseph - Pine Bluff**