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OCTOBER 4, 2026 - TWENTY-SEVENTH 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	**September 27, 2026**	**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**
Offertory—$6,951.00 Poor Box—$32.00	**May we not be afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.**	5:00PM—65 11:00AM—90 **Total—155**

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, Connie Boutwell, Tim Boutwell, Deacon Bud Bryant, Michael Calvert, Mike Cash (Rison), Bernadine Corbitt, Janie Culpepper, 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, 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. 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!

Parents, Parish Religious Education began September 13th. P.R.E. meets in the Education Building for 9:30-10:40AM most Sundays. You are reminded that you have a serious obligation to ensure your children are baptized, raised in the Catholic faith, and are prepared to receive the Sacraments.

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.

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!

THANK YOU for the donations to the Annual Summer Diaper Drive for Birthright! 47 bags/boxes were collected. This totaled 3,293 individual diapers. Baby shampoo, wipes, and diaper cream were also donated. Monetary donations totaled $170. There will be a lot of dry bottoms and happy moms. Thank you again! Please continue to pray for the Birthright staff, the moms, and the babies.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
AT REBSAMEN GOLF COURSE IN LITTLE ROCK

Support Catholic Charities of Arkansas by being a sponsor or playing in this year's golf tournament. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a pick-up truck to handle donation items and food deliveries. A hole sponsor is $500. A priest sponsor is $150. A four-person team is $600. Players will enjoy a fun round of golf with on course contests, complimentary refreshments, and food served before and after play. Tee time is 1 p.m. for a shotgun start and a scramble format. Online registration and sponsorship options are available at birdease.com/ccagolf. For more information about supporting Catholic Charities of Arkansas through its annual golf tournament, contact Megan Moore at mmoore@dolr.org or by calling (501) 664-0340, ext. 379. We look forward to hearing from you.

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 4 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30AM-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades) Ed Bldg
11:00AM ✞*Deceased Magnini Family Members* (Church)

Mon Oct 5 St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
6:00AM Make Sauce (Both Kitchens)
8:30AM Bag Bread & Cheese (Gym)
8:00AM ✞*Mary Pearson* (Church)

Tue Oct 6 St Bruno, Priest
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
6:00AMAM Make Sauce (Both Kitchens)
8:00AM *No Daily Mass*
10:30AM No Domino Group
11AM-7PM SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Wed Oct 7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
8:30AM Bag Bread & Cup Slaw (Gym)
5:30PM ✞*Betty Petrus* (Church)

Thu Oct 8
6:00AM Make Sauce (Both Kitchens)
8:00AM ✞*Helen Pascale* (Church)
11AM-7PM SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Fri Oct 9 St Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
St John Leonardi, Priest
7:30AM Bag Leftover Meatballs & Sauce (G Hall)
NO SALES TODAY
8:00AM ✞*Father Norman McFall* (Church)

Sat Oct 10
8-9:00AM Men's Holy Hour (Chapel)
12:00PM Hispanic Mass (Church)
10:30AM-12:00PM O.C.I.A. Class (Ed Bldg
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)
5:00PM *Int Evan Bryant* (Church)

Sun Oct 11 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:30AM-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades) Ed Bldg
11:00AM ✞ *St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone…"
~MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

MEN, DON'T FORGET
THE HOLY HOUR FOR MEN,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT
8:00AM IN THE CHAPEL

OCTOBER IS
"RESPECT LIFE MONTH"
In honor of *"Life,"* Catholic Daughters will place a red rose on the altar each weekend during the month of October to remind us that, as Catholics, we respect life from conception to natural death.

<u>Many</u> hands are needed to make our Spaghetti Supper fundraiser a success. Help is needed <u>every</u> work day, but especially every day this week! PLEASE, come when you can for as long as you can.

TICKETS FOR THE "JIMMY AKIN EVENT" NOVEMBER 7TH CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. PRICE $45.00 EACH. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

The beautiful flowers in front of the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend were placed there in loving Memory of Gertrude Wiggins by her daughter, Trudy Pascale, and family.