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SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 - TWENTY-FIFTH 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 15, 2024

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$7,140.50
 Poor Box—\$36.00
 Catechetical
 Collection—\$540.50

Through our service and
 sacrifice, may we grow closer to
 Jesus and help others to know
 His love as well.

5:00PM—61
 11:00AM—90
Total—151

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: *Richard Aureli, Shannon Fikes Bass, Breckin Birge, Dustin Birge, Sgt Aaron John Blanchard, Tim Boutwell, Asher Bryan, Michael Calvert, Skip Capshaw, Mike Cash (Rison), Bob Castleberry, Janie Culpepper, Sheri Flannery, Karen Gossett, Jim Gross, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, Mary Ann Kizer, Pat Lucas, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Melissa Ann O'Neill, Betty Petrus, Dewayne Petrus, Robert & Therese Riddle, Margie Ross, Heather Smith, Pauline Magnini Stanfield, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Terry Vanlandingham, Judy Wilbert, Mary Winkley, Joseph Wynn, Robert York and Debbie Yount.* 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 Roger Smalley.
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...*

EUCCHARISTIC 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!*

The Parish Religious Education department still needs at two (2) catechists (teachers). You do not need to be a certified teacher (material will be provided), you just need to have a love for children and a desire to nurture our children and youth in the Catholic faith. Please contact Deacon Garry Boccarossa boccofam4@man.com or 870-692-8658 for details.

Father Joe is in need of a housekeeper for 5 hours every other week to clean the rectory and do his laundry/ironing. Please contact the parish office for information.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is asking that St. Joseph parishioners provide 100 CANS OF SWEET POTATOES for their Thanksgiving baskets. They are needed before October 31st as Thanksgiving baskets go out starting November 1. Any other canned goods or non-perishable food items would be appreciated for their pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able as the need is great.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ARKANSAS GOLF TOURNAMENT, MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH - This year's golf tournament benefiting Catholic Charities of Arkansas will be Monday, October 7 at Rebsamen Golf Course in Little Rock. The cost of a four-person team is \$600 and includes food, refreshments, and on course beverages. The field will be limited to 22 teams. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. for a shotgun start and scramble format. Team prizes will be flighted and contests will include hole-in-one and longest drive. If golf is not your game, consider being a \$150 sponsor for a priest to play or a hole sponsor for \$500. You can register your team or make a donation/sponsorship pledge online at bit.ly/cca-golf. For more information, contact Megan Moore at mmoore@dolr.org or by calling (501) 664-0340, ext. 379. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities of Arkansas.

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults - formerly R.C.I.A) is a process that helps adults become members of the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, would like to become Catholic please contact Deacon Garry Boccarossa at boccafam4@msn.com or call the parish office (870) 534-4701.

O.C.I.A. CLASSES BEGAN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN. CALL TODAY!

A women's retreat, titled "*Thy Will Be Done - Putting Ourselves in the Hands of God*," will be held Oct. 4-6 at Subiaco Abbey. This retreat fills quickly so do not delay in registering. The retreat directors/speakers are Debbie Eckert, spiritual director and retired business owner, and Father John Marconi, spiritual director and priest of the Diocese of Little Rock. The cost is \$205 per person (double room), \$245 (single room) or \$115 (commuters) and includes six meals for overnight and four meals for commuters. Contact Nancy to register or for more information at (281) 381-8645 or nunverferth@gmail.com.

Members of Catholic Daughters will be selling raffle tickets for the State CD Board. Tickets are \$10 apiece for a chance to win \$1000.00. The drawing will be held October 31, 2024.

This week in our parish

Sun Sep 22 *Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades)

11:00AM †Jane Borecky (Church)

12:00PM Spaghetti Supper Ticket Returns (Hallway)

12:00PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (G Hall)

Mon Sep 23 ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

8:00AM Cut-up and Mix Slaw (G Hall)

8:00AM †Mary Lou Kiene (Church)

Tue Sep 24

8:00AM Cup Slaw (Gym)

8:00AM *No Daily Mass* (Church)

9:30AM *No Scripture Study*

10:30AM *No Domino Group*

Wed Sep 25

5:30PM †Son Do (Church)

Thu Sep 26 Sts Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs

8:00AM †Eddie St John (Church)

8:30AM Chop Onions (G Hall)

6:00PM *Mass at St Mary Church, Plum Bayou*
†Chris Brown

Fri Sep 27 ST VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

8:00AM †Geri Collins (Church)

Sat Sep 28 St Wenceslaus, Martyr

St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

10:30AM Grief Support Group (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM O.C.I.A. Class (Ed Bldg)

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:00PM †Mary Pearson (Church)

6:00PM Spaghetti Supper Ticket Returns (Hallway)

Sun Sep 29 *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades)

10:25AM Rosary led by Knights of Columbus (Church)

11:00AM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

12:00PM Spaghetti Supper Ticket Returns (Hallway)

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” ~Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “*sacer*” = *sacred* and “*facere*” = *to make*. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

On Sunday, September 29th, the Knights of Columbus will say a Rosary in the church at 10:25AM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join saying this most sacred prayer.

Catholic Daughters will meet Sunday, September 22 at 12:00PM in Gallagher Hall. All members and all Catholic women 18 years and older are invited and encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the annual Diaper Drive for Birthright. 36 boxes and bags of diapers were donated totaling over 2000 diapers! Wipes, powder, lotion and baby toys were also donated. Monetary donations totaled \$90. The mothers and babies thank you and appreciate your donations.