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FEBRUARY 4, 2024 - 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

January 28, 2024

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$4,919.00
 Poor Box—\$17.00
 Black and Indian
 Missions —\$430.00

**Just as Jesus rose early to pray –
 may we also find time in our day to
 be with God and to receive strength
 and nourishment from Him.**

5:00PM—57
 11:00AM—90
Total—147

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: *Shannon Fikes Bass, Breckin Birge, Tim Boutwell, Dc Bud Bryant, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Karen Gossett, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Shirley Hartwick, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Ed Karlovic, Mary Ann Kizer, Pat, Josh, and Jean Lucas, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Melissa Ann O'Neill, Helen Pascale, Betty Petrus, Jimmy Rinchuso, Margie Ross, Laurie Stanfield, Terry Vanlandingham, Judy Wilbert, Mary Winkley, 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...

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!

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

CDA Souper Bowl Fundraiser - Feb 10 & 11 after Mass (details on flyer)

Ash Wednesday (*Day of Fast and Abstinence*) - Mass 8:00AM & 5:30PM

**KC Fish Fry each Friday of Lent beginning February 16
 (Additional details next week)**

Stations of the Cross - Each Friday of Lent beginning February 16 at 6PM

You are reminded that Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is in need of any canned goods and other non-perishable food items 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference (ACMC), the annual men's conference held in the Diocese of Little Rock, will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock. It was founded in 2010 and has featured speakers who impact men's lives with their passion for Christ and His Church. To register for free, visit arcatholicmen.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Since 2008 Christians in Arkansas have participated in a national prayer vigil to end abortion, *40 Days for Life*. The prayer vigil is being held from Ash Wednesday, February 14, through Palm Sunday, March 24, from 7am to 7pm. We silently pray on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 1501 Aldersgate Road, LR. If you would like more information about signing up or about the vigil, please call Mary Silfies at 501-231-8202 or Marsha Boss at 501-960-5051;

40daysforlife.com/littlerock; lr40daysforlife@gmail.com.

Pink information cards can be found on tables and stand around the church and by the parish offices.

**Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, February 5th at 5:30PM at KC Hall.
All members are encouraged try to attend.**

St. Joseph Church needs your help in our music department. Singing is not difficult. It just requires a bit of courage. (1 Corinthians 2:5) You can make a difference! Why not call the parish office (534-4701) to find out more.

There are many dates in 2024, starting with February 12th, open for Mass Intentions. You can have a mass said for persons living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic. Makes a great birthday or anniversary gift for only \$10.00 per mass. Please contact the parish office for additional information or to schedule a mass.

ENTER PHOTO CONTEST - Arkansas Catholic's annual photo contest seeks an outstanding image to grace the cover of the 2025 Catholic Diocese of Little Rock Directory. Any Arkansas photographer 18 or older, professional or amateur, can enter their photo of a Catholic church or institution in the diocese. The entry deadline is March 18. Complete rules and an official entry form are available on the Arkansas Catholic website, arkansas-catholic.org. For more information, contact Emily Roberts by email to eroberts@dolr.org.

This week in our parish

Sun Feb 4 *FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

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

11:00AM †Janice Turchi (Church)

Mon Feb 5 ST AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

8:00AM †David Nanak (Church)

5:30PM Knights of Columbus Mtg (KC Hall)

6:00PM R.C.I.A. (Office Kitchen)

Tue Feb 6 ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Feb 7

5:30PM †Mary Henning (Church)

Thu Feb 8 St Jerome Emiliani

St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:00AM †Jan Lipsmeyer (Church)

Fri Feb 9

8:00AM *Int Geri Collins* (Church)

Sat Feb 10 ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

8-9:00AM Men's Holy Hour (Chapel)

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard Today (Church)

5:00PM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

6:00PM CDA Souper Bowl Fundraiser (G Hall)

Sun Feb 11 *SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

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

11:00AM †Louise Gross (Church)

12:00PM CDA Souper Bowl Fundraiser (G Hall)

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”

~Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Men, don't forget the Holy Hour for Men, Saturday, February 10 at 8:00AM in the Chapel.

The next session of the Grief Support Class 'A New Day' will begin Saturday, February 17th at 10:30AM in the Education Building Rm 215. Contact Lisa Boccarossa 870-718-8081 or email chickpeathree@msn.com for questions and registration.

HELP OUR MARRIAGE.ORG - Are you facing difficult challenges in your marriage relationship? Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Primarily, it is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. Our next Weekend will be February 23-25, 2024 at St. John's Center in Little Rock. To register: www.helpourmarriage.org. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or contact the Family Life Office at 501-664-0340 for more information.

The beautiful flowers in front of the Altar of Sacrifice this weekend were placed there in loving memory of Janice Turchi by her children.