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FEBRUARY 18, 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Offertory—\$3,459.00
 Poor Box—\$13.00
 Ash Wednesday
 Collection—\$613.00

February 11, 2024

May we place our lives in God's
 hands and have the strength
 to carry out His unique plan
 for each of us.

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

5:00PM—50
 11:00AM—70
Total—120
 Ash Wednesday
Total—132

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, 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, Beth Turchi, Louis Turchi, 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!

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.

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.

A Lenten Thought

*The
Season
of
Lent*



“Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and devour our brothers and sisters? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor.”

~Saint John Chrysostom

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.



CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2024
Prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of the overall needs of the Church in our area of the Diocese.

OUR GOAL IS \$14,700.00

Please return your CASA Gift/Pledge as soon as possible.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL - Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors, and our God by praying, fasting, learning, and giving. CRS Rice Bowls have been placed on the boxes around church for you to take home with you today.

**Pray
Fast
Learn
Give**



This week in our parish

Sun Feb 18 *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

9:30AM NO P.R.E. (Presidents' Day Holiday)

11:00AM #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Mon Feb 19 PRESIDENTS' DAY

Parish Offices Closed

8:00AM *Int Jessica Lewis* (Church)

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

Tue Feb 20

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Feb 21 St Peter Damian, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

5:30PM #Billie and Chris Brown (Church)

6:15PM Pastoral Meeting (Office Kitchen)

Thu Feb 22 THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

8:00AM #Dorothy Moore (Church)

Fri Feb 23 St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Day of Abstinence 

8:00AM #Kathryn Turchi (Church)

5-7PM KC Fish Fry (G Hall)

6:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat Feb 24

10:30AM Grief Support Group (Ed Bldg - Rm 215)

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

5:00PM #Ollie Bradney (Church)

Sun Feb 25 *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

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

11:00AM #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

12:00PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (G Hall)

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” ~Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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.

It's not too late to sign up for the Grief Support Group, 'A New Day'. The group meets on Saturdays at 10:30AM in the Education Building Room 215. Contact Lisa Boccarossa 870-718-8081 or email chickpeathree@msn.com for questions and registration.

There are many dates in 2024, starting with March 4th, open for Mass Intentions. You can have a Mass said for persons living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic for \$10.00 per mass. Please contact the parish office for additional information or to schedule a mass.

Note: A Mass stipend is a donation given by the laity to a priest for celebrating a Mass for a particular intention.