

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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February Mass Readings

February 04

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

February 18

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

40
days
of Lent

WHAT CAN I EAT DURING LENT?

WHEN IS LENT?

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday every year.

WHAT CAN I EAT?

On Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent

YES

- Fish
- Eggs
- Milk
- Fruit
- Veggies
- Grains



NO

- Beef
- Pork
- Chicken
- Ham
- Deer
- Lamb



HOW MUCH CAN I EAT?

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday



LESS THAN TWO
REGULAR MEALS

- Veggie Pizza
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Shrimp Skewers
- PBJ Sandwiches



- Fish and Chips
- Quesadillas
- Scrambled Eggs
- Spaghetti



EXEMPTIONS

No fasting or abstinence on the solemnities.

Children, the elderly, pregnant and nursing mothers, those with health conditions and manual laborers may be exempt.

EQUIPPING
GODLY Women

For more information or to obtain a free printable copy, please visit equippinggodlywomen.com/lent

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial Report DECEMBER 2023

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	
Collections	33,621.67
Second Collections	10,454.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	2,174.18
Other Income	18,422.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$64,672.70
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	21,389.81
Rectory, Church & Offices	5,537.84
Budgeted Committees	1,445.02
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	1,390.00
Cemeteries Expenses	380.67
Other Expenses	44.33
Diocesan Assessment	2,082.75
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.27
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$34,297.69
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	\$30,375.01



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Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory #564
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Gallagher Hall
December 9, 2023, 6pm



The joint Altar Society and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 9th in Gallagher Hall following the 5pm Mass. The decoration theme was nutcrackers. The menu consisted of heavy hors d'oeuvres/appetizers which were provided by the members. Sinners and Saints punches, and water were the beverages. Christmas music was provided by Bill Fox on the piano. Altar Society members brought toys and toiletries for CASA. Catholic Daughters members made monetary donations for gifts for the shut-ins.

Special guests included: Father Joe Marconi, Deacon Garry and Lisa Bocarossa, and Deacon Bud and Gail Bryant. Gifts were presented to Father and the office staff by Regent Mary Ann Kizer and Altar Society President Lauren Bland. Regent Kizer also presented gifts to the Catholic Daughters officers and committee chairs. Those attending the party received a Christmas coffee mug as a favor.

Everyone appeared to enjoy the evening. Co-chairs for the event were Trudy Pascale and Kathryn Brickey. Trudy was the chair from Catholic Daughters. Kathryn was the chair from Altar Society. Donna and David Smith, Lauren Bland, and Mary Shannon Fikes delivered the toys and toiletries to CASA after the Christmas party. Angelique Ford purchased the items for the shut-ins. Angelique was assisted by Kathryn Brickey in delivering the shut-in gifts.

The next regular Catholic Daughters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the 11am Mass.

Submitted by,
Gretchen Zell



Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stosephnews14@gmail.com.

From the
EDITOR

FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS

01	Ronnie Dallari	13	Antonio Herrera
02	Roy Burrell	14	Janine Harkins
02	Terence Cass	15	Sophia Edwards
02	Carol Maples	17	Joe Turchi
03	Sheri Flannery	17	Leonard Zell
04	Gary Brickey	18	Thomas Dial
05	David Henning	18	Elmon Savage
07	Jules Schweiger	19	Denise Euseppi
08	Susan Lambert	19	Shirley Hartwick
08	Adam Rodriguez	21	Crystal Coats
08	Sharon Theriot	21	Leonila Giblin
09	Mary Ellen Miskell	23	James Burns
11	Stephanie King	23	Theresa Failla
12	Lela Murray	24	Robert Felsman
12	Kevin Rodriguez	28	Matt Soto

- 09 Joe & Carolyn Strode
- 17 Erasmo & Wendy Camarillo
- 17 William & April Hogan
- 29 James & Denise Euseppi





Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory #564
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
November 19, 2023, 12:00pm



At 12:30pm, Regent Kizer called the regular meeting to order and lead the Opening Prayer of 3 Hail Mary's for World Peace. This was followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Minutes of the last meeting, October 22, 2023, were read and approved with one correction. Local correspondence consisted of 2 thank you notes and 1 acknowledgment. National correspondence, read by Vice Regent Deb York, was an email from National Regent, Emily Guilherme, requesting prayers for Susan Mone, National Regent Elect, and her family for the passing of her aunt and godmother.

Circle of Love Reports

- Family—Gretchen Zell reported on WRAP Week; Lights at Regional Parks, and the Pennies for Life collection. Advent calendars were available for those that wanted them. Members were reminded to record volunteer hours.
- Leadership—Trudy Pascale used the series, The Chosen, for reiterating the leadership traits and skills that Jesus exhibited that all leaders should demonstrate. She noted that Jesus is the ultimate leader. Trudy encouraged members to watch The Chosen. She ended her report with a quote from Emma Watson.
- Legislation—Connie Boutwell encouraged members to vote in the upcoming election.
- Quality of Life—Angelique Ford sent 1 get well card, 2 sympathy and 11 thinking of you cards since the last meeting. Members were reminded of the monetary donations for the shut-in gifts will be collected at the Christmas party. She noted that there were 11 ladies to buy for. Report filed.
- Spiritual Enhancement—Betty Peden gave a talk on St. Theresa, the Little Flower. She noted that St. Theresa died at age 24. She was the youngest Doctor of the Church. She was known for her writings.

Other Committees

- Membership—Trudy Pascale reported on the Membership Social held Sunday, November 12th at Deb Pyland's home. 10 CDA members attended with 3 potential members. Finger foods were brought by members. Champagne, along with other beverages, were provided by Deb. One of the ladies has expressed an interest in joining our Court.
- National Charitable Projects—Carolyn Ferguson reported that a \$50 donation is being sent monthly to the DePaul Community Health Center in Dumas, Arkansas on behalf of our court. Carolyn is making this donation possible.

Unfinished Business

- Bake Sale—Vice Regent York reported that the court made \$891 on the Bake Sale following the Masses. This is the initial total. More monetary donations are expected from CDA members.
- State Workshop, November 4th—State Regent Connie Boutwell reported that 10 people attended the State workshop, November 4th in Gallagher Hall.
- Christmas Prison Project—At this time, no church organization or the church office has been contacted by the prison system regarding a Christmas project.
- Christmas Party—Trudy Pascale gave an update on the joint Catholic Daughters and Altar Society Christmas Party scheduled for Saturday, December 9th following the 5pm Mass. Members will bring heavy hors d'oeuvre/appetizers. Sinners and Saints punches, and tea will be the beverages. Decoration theme would be nutcrackers. Decorating would be done Friday, afternoon, December 8th. It was agreed that due to the Hall's broken dish washer, disposable (throw away) dishes will be utilized. Duties and responsibilities were assigned and noted by Trudy. Report filed.

New Business

- Souper Bowl Scholarship Social—The scholarship fundraiser will be February 3rd & 4th after the Masses. Deb York will have sign-up sheets at the January meeting.
- March for Life—March for Life will be January 21, 2024, 2pm at the State Capitol in Little Rock. The Pennies for Life collection will be held the same weekend at the Masses.
- National Bylaw Change—State Regent Connie Boutwell presented a proposed Amendment to the National Bylaws regarding Article X State Conventions, Section 4, Voting Body. It was felt District Deputies (DD) should have a vote at state convention without taking a delegate position from the local court. State Regent Boutwell made a motion that the proposed bylaw change be submitted to National. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

State Officer's Report—State Regent Boutwell noted that the state board is planning a 'fun' gathering for members in the near future.

Announcements

- Give "Pennies for State" to Kathryn Brickey for our Court to keep
- Next CD meeting is Sunday, January 28th after 11am Mass. The social chair is Kathryn Brickey.

The closing prayer, Prayer for Vocations, was led by Regent Kizer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm by Regent Kizer.

Submitted by,
Gretchen Zell
Recording Secretary

**Altar Society Meeting
February 1, 2024
Gallagher Hall-St. Joseph Catholic Church**

The meeting was called to order by President Lauren Bland with fifteen members present. Gretchen Zell led the group with the opening prayer of the Hail Mary.

The November 1, 2023 minutes were read and approved with no corrections or additions. Rena Harrison gave the Correspondence report. Thank notes from Shirley Hartwick, Cathy Lewis and Deacon Garry were read.

The card report was given by Pam Thornton. There were six get well cards and one anniversary card (Dc Bud) sent in December. In January two get well, one sympathy and one birthday card (Dc Bud) were sent.

New Business:

1. A bingo fundraiser was discussed. The decision was made to table further discussion until a later time.
2. Kathryn stated that water font liners were needed for the church. She priced the larger liners in the Fall at \$26.95 each and two are needed. Rena made a motion that we purchase four so that we have two extras when needed. Angelique seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Kathryn stated that the CD matures 2/26/24 and we could get a ten-month CD at a rate of 5+%. After discussion Angelique made a motion that we roll the funds from the matured CD to the 10-month CD. Wendy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements:

1. The Altar Society is down to serve at the Stations of the Cross on March 1, 2024. Lauren, Kathryn and James Ruggeri volunteered.
2. Wendy announced that the church would need cleaning for Easter including the need to clean the stations. Wendy will check to see if March 2, 2024 after the first Saturday mass at 9:00 would be ok.
3. Next meeting will be April 4, 2024. The men were thanked for the delicious meal.

Pam Thornton won the door prize. Connie Boutwell won the 50/50 of \$5.00. The closing prayer of the Our Father was led by Lauren. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Rena Harrison, Secretary

St. Joseph Stained Glass Saints

Submitted by: Sandra Taylor



#13 Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The icon is unique and renowned due to Mary looking towards the faithful, while pointing at her son, Jesus Christ who is frightened by the instruments of crucifixion and is depicted with a fallen sandal. The veneration of Our Lady under this title is related to a miraculous picture of our Blessed Lady, in the Byzantine style, which was brought to Rome toward the end of the 15th Century and set up for veneration in the Church of St. Matthew the apostle. Before its disappearance in 1812, so many favors and graces were granted that it became natural to speak of "Our Lady of Perpetual Help". The picture was recovered during the time of Pope Pius IX. His Holiness warmly urged that the devotion be revived and he entrusted the picture to the Redemptorist Fathers, where it is today.

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Memorial Of
SAINT BLAISE,
Bishop & Martyr

BLESSING OF THROATS AND OTHER ILLNESSES

Through the intercession
of ST. BLAISE, bishop & martyr,
may God deliver you from
every disease of the **THROAT**
and from every **OTHER ILLNESS**:
In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

St. Blaise

Pray For Us!



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