

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/07/2025

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am/Thursdays 7:00-7:45pm

**Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –Tuesdays and Thursdays – noon until 8:00pm

Mass Intentions				
12/07	Sunday	6:00pm	+Mike Ahrns	Mary Martin
12/08	Monday	8:00am	+Cecilia Bauer	Ed & Martha Ullrich
12/09	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Mary Ann Gronwald	Kay Lunsford
12/10	Wednesday	8:00am	+Mary Lou Willmann	Tom & Paulette Spivey
12/11	Thursday		NO MASS	
12/12	Friday	8:00am	+Henry Anhalt	Janie Calvert
12/13	Saturday	6:00pm	+Jim Fletcher	Marcus & Debbie Rainwater
12/14	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj

Feast Days this Week: 12/8 – The Immaculate Conception of the BVM (Holyday of Obligation);

12/9 – St. Juan Diego; 12/10 – Our Lady of Loreto; 12/11 – Pope St. Damasus I; 12/12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe;

12/13 – St. Lucy

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MASSES MINISTERS FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 6:00PM:

Eucharistic Ministers: M Rainwater, N&K Neumeier

Servers: L Rainwater, E&E Komp

Lector: Vicki Schneider

Gifts: T&S Spivey

Ushers: J&H Komp, D Ullrich, R Robberson

Music: B Ullrich & D Rainwater

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, AT 8:00AM

Eucharist: Deacon Tom, S Kiefer, L Ezell

Servers: G Perreault, A Curtis, I Bradley

Lectors: J Mung, S Curtis, T Street

Music: L Maddox, Ella Raper, J Hatcher

Gifts: F&V McGarrah, E Devine

Ushers: D&R Rhineheart, D Wright, J Stanton

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SATURDAY, December 13: 6:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Tom, Tom & Paulette Spivey

Lector: Joyce Koch

Servers: Drake Rhein, Lainey Rainwater

Gifts: Kurtis & Sarah Simmons

Ushers: J Schluterman, S Elsen, N&K Neumeier

Music: Randy Edlhuber/Debbie Rainwater

SUNDAY, December 14: 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Tom, Ed & Martha Ullrich

Lector: Michelle O’Neal

Servers: Dominic & Gabriel Perreault, Silas Eckart

Gifts: Jay & Charlotte Koenigseder

Ushers: B Nehus, J Stanton, D Ullrich, J Thias

Music: Beth Ullrich, Elizabeth Gurley

DONUTS: Chris Schneider

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Dec. 6/7:

Monthly Collection for St. Joseph School

Representatives from Bethlehem-Holyland will be here selling their olive wood religious products

Dec. 7:

Vigil Mass at 6PM for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dec. 8:

Morning Mass at 8AM for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

OCIA at 6:00 in the conference room

Dec. 9:

Adoration noon-7:10pm. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30

Parish Council meeting at 6:00pm (postponed from last week)

Dec. 10:

Religious Education & Confirmation at 6:00pm (last class until January 7)

Dec. 11:

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE, 6PM (3 priests available for private confession)

Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00

Dec. 12:

FRIDAY ADVENT SERIES, Part II!! 6:00pm! (see below)

Dec 13/14:

Collection for National Retirement Fund for Religious

4th Degree Knights of Columbus # 3084 meeting at Paris. Rosary at 4:00 with meeting to follow

ADVENT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

This week is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.

THE SECOND OF OUR ADVENT SERIES IS THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 15 6PM!!

Come! Bring your family! Stay for a meal afterwards!

ONLY 8 DAYS LEFT!! to provide 200 boxes of cereal for COS Christmas baskets. If each family could provide two boxes, our goal would be reached. Cereal will be delivered to COS on Mon., Dec. 15.

We welcome all visitors and invite newcomers to register at the church office where we would enjoy meeting you. If you regularly attend Mass at St. Joseph’s and are not yet a registered parishioner but would like to be, please

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Our mission is to empower students through our Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community Service to become leaders of integrity and compassion.

Miss Helms' 1st & 2nd graders had a cold, but enjoyable trip to the Christmas Tree Farm on Wednesday!

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This collection, set up in 1988, benefits those in religious orders, such as the Benedictines at Subiaco & Fort Smith, Franciscans, Dominicans, etc., to help them meet their increasing eldercare expenses. For many years they worked in our schools and parishes for little or no compensation. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity. Please be generous!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Shana White, Tom Spivey, Andy Schluterman, Aria Curtis, Mary Cauthron, and TJ Cauthron. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Deacon Tom next Sunday on his 23rd anniversary of ordination!

Mary Sullivan, Katie Simmons, Sarah Simmons, Joan Stanton, Heather Stringer, Kim Swedeen, Nancy Teague, Helen Thias, Martha Ullrich, Beth Ullrich, Lisa Vines, Jo Watts, Sr. Judith Weaver, Tammy Willmann, Deanna Wright, Mary Frances Zeiler, Vicky Zeiler

The **Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference** will be held **Super Bowl Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026**, at Christ the King Catholic Church in LR, featuring guest speakers Dr. Karlo Broussard and Mary Bielski. A Cajun from Southern Louisiana, Broussard has a doctorate in philosophy, is a speaker and apologist for Catholic Answers. Bielski has a Master's Degree in theological studies, is a national speaker & evangelist, and has delivered talks to over 100,000 Catholics, headlining at some of the most renowned conferences across the US. Visit arcatholicmen.com to register.

St. Joseph Church received a donation this week from a former student of our parish and school. In her card she wrote, “Each day all those involved with St. Joseph Church & School are remembered in my Mass and prayers. The memories I have are very special.” In addition, she included all in our church and school in the Masses and prayers offered at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal each day. What an example of Stewardship!! She realizes that her *Treasure* is a gift from God, and she is willing to share it!

WHAT ABOUT MY TREASURE? Am I giving to my Church and to my charities in proportion to what God has given me??

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, 6:00PM