



*contact the church office at 963-2131.*

## St. Joseph School

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The Christmas Program is Wednesday, Dec. 17, @ 6:30pm. ALL ARE INVITED!**

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

A Best Choice UPC box is in the cry room for your convenience. You may leave empty ink cartridges as well.

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**Next weekend's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

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!

**All poinsettias have been sold. Thank you for your support of the Mother's Society!!**

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Mary Conrad/broken ankle/surgery

**BUNCO FANS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR! New Years Eve is the next scheduled event!!**  
6:30pm. \$5 buy in. Call Mary for details (438-0777).

**Nov. 30 Collection:** Adult env (38) \$2965. Children: \$12.25. Loose: \$189. Total: \$3166.25. Candles: \$31. Nov. School Collection: \$938. Diocesan: Archdiocese of the Military: \$519. Cath. Camp. for Human Dev: \$559. Cemetery: \$3710.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of ordination!

## **DECEMBER BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

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

## **INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER**

That Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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](http://arcatholicmen.com) to register.

+**Pilgrimage of Our Faith to Germany and France. March 17-26, 2026.** \$5209 includes air fare from LR.

+Pilgrimage of Divine Mercy & Peace to Poland & Medjugorje. April 6-17, 2026.

**+Pilgrimage to Malta, Sicily, Valletta, Syracuse, Palermo. Sept 28-Oct 7, 2026. \$3,795 land only.**

*One of the ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus is to correct a bad habit. Have I been overly critical of my spouse? Judgmental? Too preoccupied to really listen? Pick one fault and work on it for the remainder of Advent.*

What have you done for your marriage today? [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

*“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”* (Matthew 3:10)

Do I bear good fruit for Jesus? Do I spend time in prayer - or do I waste it with mindless activity? Do I use my talent to help others - or am I too busy? Do I use my treasure to support the Church - or do I buy more things that go unused. *Our Time, our Talent, and our Treasure* are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What am I planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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??

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**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – WEDNESDAY, 6:00PM**