

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**      **12/25/2022**      **St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR**  
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**Reconciliation:** Sunday 8:15-8:45am Sunday; Thursday 7:00-7:45pm; by appointment

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

<u>Mass Intentions</u>				
12/26	Monday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
12/27	Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>+ Cecilia Krallman</b>	Mary Martin
12/28	Wednesday	8:00am	<b>+Jimmy Rainwater</b>	Laura & Family
12/29	Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
12/30	Friday	8:00am	<b>+Mike Ahrns</b>	Ricky & Patty Hixson
12/31	Saturday	6:00pm	<b>+Victor &amp; Marietta Schneider</b>	Vicki Schneider
01/01	Sunday	9:00am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Reginald

**Feast Days This Week:** 12/26 – St. Stephen; 12/27 – St. John, the Evangelist; 12/28 – The Holy Innocents; 12/29 – St. Thomas Becket; 12/30 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph; 12/31 – Pope St. Sylvester I

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**MINISTERS for December 31/January 1:**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Marcus & Debbie Rainwater, Holly Komp      **Lector:** Joseph Shunkey  
**Servers:** Luke & Lainey Rainwater      **Gifts:** Nick & Kim Neumeier  
**Music:** Randy Edelhumber, Leslie Maddox      **Ushers:** D Mauer, S Elsken, J Schluterman, R Robberson

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier      **Lector:** Jessie McGarrah  
**Servers:** C Cope, A McGarrah      **Gifts:** Gary & Patsy Eveld  
**Music:** Jaime Jackson, Reagan Lowery      **Ushers:** B&M Sullivan, G&K Simmons

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- December 24/25: Clergy Welfare Fund collection
- December 27: Eucharistic Adoration noon -7:30 followed by Mass
- December 29: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00 (Reconciliation 7-7:45)
- Dec. 31/Jan. 1: Monthly collection for our school
- January 1: Mass with Bishop Pohlmeier followed by Brunch Potluck in the hall
- January 2: Classes resume at St. Joseph School

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The **Clergy Welfare Fund collection**, taken up at all Christmas Masses throughout our diocese, helps provide for the needs of aging priests who no longer serve at a parish, as well as those who become ill and cannot perform their priestly duties. This includes providing living arrangements, meals, health care, transportation and end-of-life care. The main purpose is to care for and show our appreciation to our priests who spent their lives serving in our parishes

**Next Sunday, January 1, Bishop Erik Pohlmeier will be here to offer the 9:00 Mass at St. Joseph.**

A brunch potluck reception in his honor will be held in the hall immediately after Mass. If possible, please provide an extra dish or two for any guests who might be here. Please make plans to attend!!

**December 18 collection:** Adult env (43) \$7256 Loose: \$412. Children: \$3. Total: \$7671. Candles: \$82.50. Masses: \$30. Hall rental: \$250.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Tammy Schneider, John Gurley, Colton Neumeier, and Robin Schmalz.  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Rob & Susan Cope and Raymond & Angela Kiefer.

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In the Gospels Jesus frequently reminded His disciples of the fruits of His ministry. In the past year, how has your marriage helped the people around you – your family, your friends, your parish, your community?

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

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*“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” (John 1:14)*

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore that relationship. Being disciples of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in heaven. As Christians we understand that Christmas is not about the material gifts we give and receive. It’s about the love God gave us, in giving us His Son, Jesus.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the Stewards who contributed cereal to our Christmas Food Basket Drive for COS. **220** boxes were donated, so our parish not only did we meet our goal, we exceeded it!!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST. JOSEPH CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF!!**

