



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

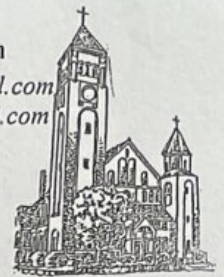
**12/21/2025**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

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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**

12/22	Monday		NO MASS	
12/23	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Charles & Rita Lorenzo	Phillip Lorenzo Family
12/24	Wednesday	6:00pm	+Lucille Pfeiffer	Danny Pfeiffer
12/25	Thursday	9:00am	+Jim Maddox	Leslie & Family
12/26	Friday	8:00am	+Susie Stovall	Donald & Karen Binz
12/27	Saturday	6:00pm	+Mike Ahrns	Gary & Patsy Eveld
12/28	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj

Feast Days this Week: 12/23 – St. John Kanty; 12/26 – St. Stephen; 12/27 – St. John the Apostle

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**SATURDAY, December 27: 6:00pm**

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom & Paulette Spivey, Holly Komp  
Servers: E&E Komp, Drake Rhein  
Ushers: J Komp, D Mauer, S Elsen, R Robberson

Lector: Janet Schluterman  
Gifts: Nick & Kim Neumeier  
Music: Shana & Sydney White

**SUNDAY, December 28: 9:00am**

Eucharistic Ministers: Rob Cope, Gary & Katie Simmons  
Servers: Chloe Cope, Olivia Stringer, Ivan Bradley  
Ushers: J&C Koenigseder, D&R Rhineheart

Lector: Susan Cope  
Gifts: Racine & Mary Nehus  
Music: Beth Ullrich, Elizabeth Gurley

**DONUTS: Dee Wright**

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- Dec. 24/25: The collection at Christmas Masses benefits the Retired Clergy of our Diocese (see paragraph below)  
No Eucharistic Adoration  
Dec. 30: Adoration noon-7:10pm. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30  
Dec. 31: Bunco Night, 6:30 in the hall  
Jan. 1: Mass at 9:00am - - - No Eucharistic Adoration

**ADVENT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR**

The fourth candle of Advent, the "Candle of Love," reflects the profound message of God's LOVE for humanity. Lord Jesus, thank you for Your gift of love. Thank You that in spite of our many sins, You still love us and came to save us. You came and showed us how to love. Teach us what it is to love, and how to practice it each day. Remind us that love is sacrificial, and can only be found in You. Give us the wisdom we need to love well, and the hunger to always learn more how to love as You love. We ask for all these things in Your name. Amen.

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**MASS MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 6:00PM**

EUCHARIST: Marcus Rainwater, Kurtis & Sarah Simmons  
SERVERS: Dominic & Gabriel Perreault, Drake Rhein  
USHERS: M&J Koehler, J&H Komp

LECTOR: Debbie Rainwater  
MUSIC: Shana White & Choir  
GIFTS: McGarrah Family

**MASS MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 – 9:00AM**

EUCHARIST: Deacon Tom, Ed & Martha Ullrich  
SERVERS: Volunteers  
USHERS: M Freeman, J Harrison, D&R Rhineheart

LECTOR: Janet Schluterman  
MUSIC: Randy, Beth, Leslie & girls  
GIFTS: Kenneth & Lisa Vines Family

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The collection at Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Masses supports the Clergy Welfare Fund provides retirement & health care benefits to retired and infirm priests of our diocese. They have spent every day of their adult lives as our servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity called them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. 100% of donations for this special collection remain in our diocese.

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**MASS MINISTERS FOR NEW YEARS DAY – THURSDAY – JANUARY 1 – 9:00AM**

EUCHARIST: Joey McGarrah, Racine & Mary Nehus  
SERVERS: Blaine Maddox, Addie & Finn McGarrah  
USHERS: B Simon, D Ullrich, M&J Koehler

LECTOR: Jessie McGarrah  
MUSIC: Randy and Beth  
GIFTS: Rob & Susan Cope Family

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**\*\*REMINDER!!** As 2026 is right around the corner, please let the church office know in advance any dates you or your children will NOT be available to serve as Mass ministers!

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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 contact the church office at 963-2131.  
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**ANGELS' CANDLE**

"I am bringing you good news of great joy."  
(Luke 2:10)

Heavenly messengers, "let in on" the wonderful story.  
Are commissioned to share God's Good News...  
As we, too, are.



Week Four



**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
Lord, make us ready.

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## 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.*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from our Faculty & Staff!!*

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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**2026 Catholic calendars are at each door of church.** The calendar lists the saint of the day and all holydays of obligation. As Catholics we rely on the intercession of these saints, and should pray daily for their help in our lives. Roller Funeral Home provides them for us, so please thank Blake or another employee when you see them.

Submitted to the Prayer Chain: Tessa Klaeger (14)/accident/arm amputation; Brandon Rozell/in hospital; Vicky Zeiler/ICU/blood clots; Kay Neumeier/heart issues

Dec. 14 Collection: Adult env (38) \$2640. Children: \$10. Loose: \$125. Total: \$2775. Candles: \$25.

**BUNCO FANS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR for New Years Eve!** 6:30pm in the hall. \$5 buy-in. Call Mary for food details (438-0777). ALL ARE INVITED. Ask your friends to join the fun!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Mary Sullivan, Josh Bradley, Paulette Spivey, and Deacon Bob Cowie. Belated birthday wishes to Loranne Ezell who was inadvertently left off last week's list. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Terry & Shana White.

+**"Women of Hope" A Day of Retreat for women**, will be held at CTK in Little Rock, Sat, Jan 31, 8am-3pm. Fill your soul with Jesus, the Author of Hope as we journey through the Gospels. An evening of preparation provided Fri, Jan 30, 5:15-8pm, offers Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration with a talk by Fr. Patrick Friend, ending with Benediction, a talk, and Praise and Worship. \$75 fee. Info & registration: [womenofhope.org](http://womenofhope.org)  
+The Arkansas **Catholic Men's Conference** will be held Sat, Feb. 7, at CTK in LR, featuring guest speakers Dr. Karlo Broussard and Mary Bielski. Info & registration at [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com)

### DECEMBER BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

### 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.

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*Enjoy the Christmas lights with your spouse – in your home, on your street, in your town. How has your spouse been a light to you during Advent?* **What have you done for your marriage today?** [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

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*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)*



Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things. Following Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was the perfect model of these pillars of our Faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Our parish was a model of discipleship during Advent by participating in the Cereal Drive for COS. Thank you to the Stewards who provided 246 boxes of cereal!! Most boxes were brought when no one was around. No one expected anything in return. In addition, St. Joseph School collected about 180 boxes of shelf-stable milk to go along with the cereal. Thank you for putting God first!

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# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



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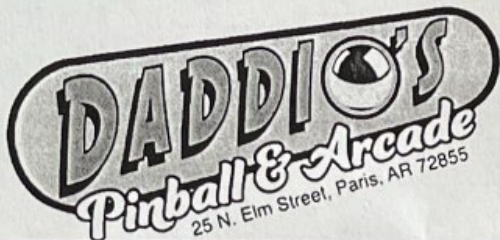
Rita Robberson

Helen Binz family



*Merry Christmas, Everyone!*





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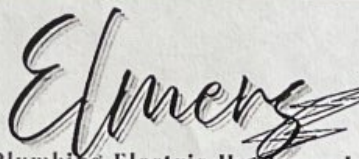
## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3787

Bingo- Wednesdays 7 pm  
Meetings- First Thursday  
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**YOUR PRAYERS  
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ANSWERED.**



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1/18/26



**St. Joseph Mothers' Altar Society  
and Ladies Guild**

Meets Second Sunday of Each Month Following Mass  
"Praying for our Children and Families"

3/29/26

## Confession

**Sundays 8:15-8:45**



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