

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**                      **12/3/2017**                      **St. Joseph Parish**                      **Paris, AR 72855**  
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Confessions: Saturday 4:30PM & Sunday 8:30AM  
Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM & Sunday 9:00AM  
Weekday Mass: 8:00AM Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
7:30PM Tuesday -- Mother of Perpetual Help Novena followed by Mass  
\*\*Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

Mass Intentions

12/04	Monday		
12/05	7:30pm	Tuesday	+ <b>Hermine Anhalt</b> Janie Calvert
12/06	8:00am	Wednesday	+ <b>Herman Frederick</b> Mrs. Wilfred Seiter
12/07	8:00am	Thursday	+ <b>Frieda Friga</b> Dennis & Jackie Lensing
12/07	7:00PM	Thursday	+ <b>Dub Pfeiffer</b> Kenneth & Lisa Vines
12/08	8:00am	Friday	+ <b>Anna Marie Willmann</b> Harold & Alice Schluterman
12/09	5:00pm	Saturday	+ <b>Bill Baumgartner</b> Home Whitson
12/10	9:00am	Sunday	+Parishioners                      Father Eugene

**SECOND SUNDAY: DECEMBER 9 & 10**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

Saturday 5:00PM                      Marcus Rainwater, Tom & Paulette Spivey  
Sunday 9:00AM                      Kenneth & Lisa Vines, Betty Maddox

**LECTORS:**

Saturday 5:00PM                      Joyce Koch  
Sunday 9:00AM                      Christy Koprovic

**ORGANIST & CANTOR:**

Saturday 5:00PM                      Randy Edelhuber, Debbie Rainwater  
Sunday 9:00AM                      Jaime Jackson, Reagan Lowery

**SERVERS:**

Saturday 5:00PM                      Brooke, Luke & Lainey Rainwater  
Sunday 9:00AM                      Emily Simon, Jaxon & Sophie Perreault

**USHERS:**

Saturday 5:00PM                      Mike & Jane Koehler, Jim & Charlotte Fletcher  
Sunday 9:00AM                      Bill & Theresa Naegle, Joey Naegle, Raymond Sharum

**GIFT BEARERS:**

Saturday 5:00PM                      Don & Beth Ullrich  
Sunday 9:00AM                      Chris & Tammy Schneider family

**ROSARY:**

Saturday 5:00PM  
Sunday 9:00AM                      Marietta Schneider

No COFFEE AND DONUTS next Sunday, December 10, so that everyone can attend the CYM breakfast.

**Feast Days This Week:** 12/4 – St. John Damascene; 12/6 – St. Nicholas; 12/7 – St. Ambrose;  
12/8 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM (holyday of obligation) 12/9 –St. Juan Diego

December 2/3:	Monthly collection for our school
<b>December 3:</b>	<b><u>Parish Potluck sponsored by the Mother's Society</u></b> (see below)
December 6:	<b><u>Parish Fun Night</u></b> at 6:30 in place of Religious Education class Confirmation class at 6:30
December 7:	7:00pm – Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8:	8:00am Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**The Mother's Society invites EVERYONE to a CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AFTER 9am MASS TODAY.** Come, bring your family and a dish or two to share. They will be accepting donations to be used to help those who come to the church door needing assistance. However, if you are not able to make a donation or forgot to bring food, please come anyway!!  
The Society is selling **Christmas poinsettias** to be used around the altar. Call Frances at 963-3945.

**The CYM is hosting a FAMILY FUN NIGHT this Wednesday, December 6, in conjunction with the feast day of St. Nicholas. All children 2years old (potty-trained) and up are invited. PARENTS, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO ENJOY THE FUN!!!**

**The CYM is sponsoring a Sausage & Egg, Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast next Sunday, December 10, in the hall from 8-11am. Please come support our youth!!**  
Members will be selling tickets to the breakfast & taking t-shirt orders after Masses this weekend.

Names submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Harold Jones/ICU/congestive heart failure (now in rehab);  
Jude Simmons/4 wheeler accident; Gloria/surgery; Mildred Furstenberg/fractured wrist/surgery

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Martha Ullrich, Regina Ahrns, Gary Schluterman, Tom Spivey and Andy Schluterman.  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Ralph & Alice Cooper.

*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.*

**St. Joseph School News**

Please mark your calendar now for our **Christmas Program** being held on Thursday, December 14!!

The Student Council is sponsoring a **WINTER WEAR DRIVE** and a **TOY DRIVE**, both to benefit COS. Coats, scarves, caps, gloves, etc, may be used, but should be clean and in good repair. Toys should be new, still in the container, and not wrapped.

**What if Christmas doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more??** Dr. Seuss

Community Outreach Services is requesting again this year that our parish provide **CEREAL for their Christmas baskets**. You may bring it at any time, placing it in or near the basket in front of church. Their food bank is depleted, so other items are welcomed.

November 26 Collection: Adult env (52) \$2160. Children: \$20. Loose: \$451. Total: \$2631.  
Miscellaneous Income: Memorial: \$20. Votive Candles: \$18. Cemetery Income: \$2365.25  
Nov. School Coll: \$768.55. Diocesan: CCHD: \$255. All Saints Day:

Betty Maddox and the Friga family are very grateful to everyone for the prayers, cards, and Mass intentions offered at the time of their mom's death. They appreciate very much all who were ministers at Mass, as well as the many parishioners who provided the delicious meal afterwards. May God bless each of you!!

Kim and Nick Neumeier's son, Colton, for many years has had an eye disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa which has worsened over time causing him to be virtually blind. A new stem cell therapy has been developed for RP resulting in great improvement in sight. Nick and Colton fly to California on Dec. 13, staying 2 weeks for treatment. 4 appointments will be required in 2018. As a parish family, we are being invited (not by Nick & Kim) to help defray some of their financial expenses due to the many trips to CA. No gift is too small or too large. You may mail or give it directly to Nick & Kim, or you may drop it in the collection basket in a specially marked envelope over the next 3 or 4 weeks and it will be given to them.

The last ever River Valley Deanery Catholic Women's Union will meet Wed, Dec. 6 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Atkins, 9:00- 2:30. Lunch provided. Attendees are asked to bring unwrapped new baby clothing for the Christ Child Party for a pregnancy help clinic.

- 1) St. Scholastica's Bake Sale on Sat, Dec 9, from 8.-3 (Trinity JHS building) Also handicrafts, used books.
- 2) Jan 4-7: St. Scholastica Retreat Center 3-day Silent Directed Retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. \$300. \$50 deposit required. 479-783-1135.
- 3) St. Scholastica Gift Shop is open 9.-3:30, M,W,F and 12:30-3:00 most Saturdays. Also - [shop.stscho.org](http://shop.stscho.org)

Lessons & Carols at Subiaco Abbey Church this Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7pm  
Subiaco Academy's Fine Arts Department invites everyone to their fall production of Neil Simon's **The Odd Couple**. This hilarious play will be performed December 8 at 7:35pm in Centenary Hall's Performing Arts Center. Admission is free to the public, but donations are accepted. **The Odd Couple** is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Suitable for ages 13+.

From epriest.com: Opposition from the world is the price we pay for following Christ. No pain, no gain. Why should that surprise us? If living the Gospel were easy, all the world would be saints! But the Gospel is demanding. It rubs against our fallen human nature. It makes demands of us - and even makes us unpopular. Why? Because people who do good are a thorny reminder to those who don't. It shouldn't surprise us that the neighbors look down on us for having so many kids. Or that the guys in the dorm snicker at us for living chastely. Or that the boss overlooks us for a promotion because we wouldn't donate to that pro-abortion group last Christmas during the company fund drive.

**Do I realize that to be a Christian is to be persecuted?**

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Advent starts today - the season of anticipation for the birth of Christ. Make an Advent resolution with your family. It could be setting aside money to tithe, helping an elderly neighbor or parishioner this winter, or adding extra daily family prayer time.

**What have you done for your marriage today?**

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*"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."* (Mark 13:33)

We all take things for granted. In particular we take **TIME** for granted. Our lives are so busy that many of us schedule our time days, weeks, months, and sometimes even years in advance. Remember! Our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Thank God for each and every day.

Having had two funerals in a week's time, we are reminded that we are all mortal, that *"none of us knows how long we will be here."* Thank you to the Stewards who took time out of their already busy lives to prepare food for the bereaved families, to those who set up the hall, stayed to serve the meal and clean up. You are appreciated!!!

