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**APRIL 7, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

***Hello and Welcome to St. Joseph Parish!***

**Thank you for joining us today. Blessings! May you have a beautiful day. The St. Joseph Parish family extends a warm welcome to our visitors and new families. We are delighted to have you! If you are a new parishioner, ask one of the ushers for a parish census/registration form. Please complete and drop in the collections basket or bring by the church office during business hours. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know. We hope you will find a true home at St. Joseph Church!**

**RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory—\$10,089.00  
 Poor Box—\$12.00  
 Holy Thursday—\$5,785.00  
 Good Friday—\$1,805.00

**March 31, 2024**

**May we learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

8:00PM—68  
 11:00AM—231  
**Total—299**  
 Holy Thursday—78  
 Good Friday—50

***Blessed Thanks!***



**Please pray for our sick, shut-ins, those listed in our book of intentions, parishioners residing in nursing homes, and others who have asked for prayers: *Shannon Fikes Bass, Breckin Birge, Sgt Aaron John Blanchard, Tim Boutwell, Dc Bud Bryant, Bob Castleberry, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Sheri Flannery, Karen Gossett, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, Kerry Ann Johnson, Mary Ann Kizer, Robert Lewis, Pat, Josh, and Jean Lucas, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Melissa Ann O'Neill, Helen Pascale, Betty Petrus, Jimmy Rinchuso, Margie Ross, Louis Turchi, Terry Vanlandingham, Judy Wilbert, Mary Winkley, and Joseph Wynn.* Please keep them in your prayers in their time of need... And all others in need of our healing prayers. Also, remember the caregivers of the ill.**

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***In your prayers, also remember the deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...***

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION –Please contact Angelique Ford (870-489-0563) if you would like to spend a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.**

***Please notify the parish office when you or relatives are admitted to Jefferson Regional Medical Center. WE CARE!***

**Creative Services Specialist for Arkansas Catholic - Arkansas Catholic seeks a Creative Services Specialist to design and produce Arkansas Catholic and all digital and print products for the department. Qualifications include at least two years' experience in the newspaper or magazine industry. The Creative Services Specialist has an office at St. John Center, the most beautiful workplace in Little Rock. A hybrid schedule is possible. This is a full-time, 40-hours-a-week position that includes health and dental insurance, retirement plan, paid time off and sick leave. For a complete job description, visit <https://bit.ly/ac-creative-job> or email editor Malea Hargett at [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org). A cover letter, resume and work samples are required to apply.**

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is in need of any canned goods and other non-perishable food items for their pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able as the need is great.**

**TODAY IS *DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY*. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses of the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified." After all, the Image of The Divine Mercy sums up the whole devotion to God's mercy in one picture. It depicts His merciful love for us both in His Passion (in the Blood and Water flowing from His breast, as it did on Calvary) and in the Resurrection - the whole Paschal mystery.**

***The Holy Fire Ministries (aka Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) is hosting a "Preparing for Pentecost" event. The event is open to everyone and presented in English. Through a series of talks from fellow Catholics who have experienced God's love, healing, forgiveness, and reception of the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit their witness is a testament to Jesus' promises. There will be a healing service, individual prayer, and Vigil Mass. The event is Saturday, April 27th, 9:00am - 5:00pm, cost of \$20 includes lunch, at St. Joseph Catholic Church Spiritan Center in Conway.***

**SUMMER INTERN - College students are invited to apply for Arkansas Catholic's summer internship. The intern would get firsthand experience in journalism and communication. This would include writing articles, taking photographs and completing website and video projects. This position is unpaid, but college credit is possible. Qualified applicants must be Catholic, at least 18 years old and working on a degree and seeking a career in communications. Interns must be able to work at least 10-15 hours a week at St. John Center in Little Rock and have a valid driver's license. To apply, call editor Malea Hargett at (501) 664-0125, text to (501) 554-9595 or email [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org). The deadline is April 19.**



**Catholic Arkansas  
Sharing Appeal**

***CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2024***  
Prayerfully welcome this opportunity to give in support of the overall needs of the Church in our area of the Diocese.

**OUR GOAL IS \$14,700.00**

***Please return your CASA Gift/Pledge as soon as possible.***

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL - You may return your Rice Bowl in the boxes located around the church at your earliest convenience. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!**



# *This week in our parish*

Sun Apr 7 *SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER*

*DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

11:00AM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Mon Apr 8 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00AM †*Rick Davies* (Church)

6:00PM R.C.I.A. (Office Kitchen)

Tue Apr 9

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Apr 10

5:30PM *Int Brad Brown* (Church)

6:15PM Pastoral Council (Office Kitchen)

Thu Apr 11 ST STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

8:00AM *Int Robert Lewis* (Church)

Fri Apr 12

8:00AM †*Betty Mathews* (Church)

Sat Apr 13 St Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:00AM Men's Holy Hour (Chapel)

10:30AM Grief Support Group (Ed Bldg - Rm 215)

4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Apr 14 *THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

11:00AM †*Bill Wilbert* (Church)

*“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” ~Acts 4:32*

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Men, don't forget the Holy Hour for Men, Saturday, April 13 at 8:00AM in the Chapel.

## 2024 Mass for Hope and Healing

**What:** To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the *National Child Abuse Prevention Month*

**When:** Sunday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

**Who:** Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

We pray that God may grant those affected by abuse in any way the courage to tell their story and seek healing; that they may see a just and adequate response to the abuse they have experienced; and that they may encounter the presence of Christ in their dark moments as they deal with their trauma. *Amen.*