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APRIL 12 - 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	**April 5, 2026**	**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**
Offertory—$8,748.00 Poor Box—60.00 Holy Thursday—$4,750.00 Good Friday—$595.00	**May we help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included.**	8:00PM—127 11:00AM—191 **Total—318** Holy Thursday—81 Good Friday—70

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: *Eileen Badovick, Shannon Fikes Bass, Anna Batzos, Breckin Birge, Lisa Boccarossa, Tim Boutwell, Michael Calvert, Mike & Evelyn Cash (Rison), Janie Culpepper, Ronnie Ford, Greg Gustek, Julie Dial Habelmann, Anna Marie Jacks, Mary Ann Kizer, Scott McGeorge, Bill Miskell, Mary Ellen Miskell, Betty Petrus, Dewayne Petrus, Robert & Therese Riddle, Margie Ross, Ann Smith, Heather Smith, David Taylor, Don Walters, Mary Winkley, Elaine Woodyard, Carol Wooten, 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, especially David Morgan, father-in-law of Shannon Morgan. 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!

SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA COLLECTION - APRIL 18 & 19

Our African brothers and sisters are being persecuted and need our prayers. In spite of the challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years but pastoral outreach is critical to sustain growth. This fund provides grants to finance outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the Earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."Please be as generous as possible.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is asking St. Joseph parishioners to contribute non-perishable foods 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. Cuts to their USDA programs have left their shelves empty. They depend now more than ever on donations from churches and the community to help fill more than 900 bags each month.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP CLASSES - Presented by Catholic Charities of Arkansas - Tuesdays 6-7PM - April 14-July 14 - Diocese of Little Rock, 2415 N Tyler St, Little Rock, AR. **Practice with English reading and writing. *Prepare for the N-400 Citizenship Test. *Practice interviews for the N-400 Citizenship Test are available at no cost.* To sign up contact: Heather Owens at Catholic Charities of Arkansas howens@olr.org or (501) 664-0340 ext 315. Seating is limited. They would love to welcome YOU!

PATH OF THE APOSTLES: PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND EPHESUS

Due to an overwhelming response, *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting a second pilgrimage to Greece and ancient Ephesus. Join Father William Burmester, pastor of St. Edward Church in Texarkana, September 27–October 8, 2027. Daily Mass, Scripture reflections and fellowship will enrich each step. If you've longed to grow closer to God through religious travel — this is your chance. To learn more, an informational meeting will be held Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Edward Church in Texarkana. RSVP at https://bit.ly/greecepilgrimage2027. A $50 discount is available for those who book by October 28, 2026. Register online or download the brochure at arkansas-catholic/pilgrimage. For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at (501) 771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacations.com.

PROJECT RACHEL - *"DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING"*- SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

Project Rachel will offer a "Day of Prayer and Healing" which is a one-day retreat for anyone who seeks healing from a past abortion. The retreat will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, in English, in the Little Rock, AR, area from 9AM until 5PM. Hope and support are offered from a trained team, including others who have experienced this journey to healing. Call or text our confidential helpline at 501-663-0993 or email projectrachel@dolr.org to register. All inquiries are strictly confidential, and the exact location of the retreat will be revealed to registered participants only. This is a non-judgmental group, and we love you and are praying for you. Project Rachel in Arkansas is a ministry of the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Little Rock.

We are forming a committee to investigate having a new parish directory. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Lauren Bland (870-489-5137) or the parish office (870-534-4701).

This week in our parish

Sun Apr 12 ***SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER***
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)
9-10AM KC Sponsored Breakfast (G Hall)
9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades - Ed Bldg)
11:00AM ✞*Charlie Kirk* (Church)

Mon Apr 13 St Martin I, Pope and Martyr
8:00AM ✞*Suzy Gieringer* (Church)

Tue Apr 14
8:00AM *No Daily Mass*
8:30AM-5:00PM CDA Making Tamales (G Hall)
10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Apr 15
5:30PM ✞*Ryan Renfro* (Church)

Thu Apr 16
8:00AM ✞*Jeffrey Kizer* (Church)

Fri Apr 17
8:00AM *Int Robert & Cathy Lewis* (Church)

Sat Apr 18
5:00PM ✞*Nancy Curry (*Church)
6:00PM Altar Society Cookie Sale (Hallway)

Sun Apr 19 ***THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER***
9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12th Grades - Ed Bldg)
11:00AM ✞*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)
12:00PM Altar Society Cookie Sale (Hallway)

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" ~John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Catholic Daughters will make tamales on Tuesday, April 14 from 8:30AM until 5:00PM in Gallagher Hall. (The workday in January was postponed due to weather.) Please come and help make tamales! Any length of time you can help will be appreciated. If needed, we will finish on Wednesday, April 15. You can even bring your spouse to help!

The Altar Society will have a Cookie Sale after Masses on April 18th and 19th in the hallway by the parish offices. Please make plans to stop by to see what yummy cookies they have to offer.

Please start returning your Rice Bowls. You may place them in the boxes around the church or bring them to the parish offices.

We have 17 old (vintage old) 20-quart spaghetti pots for sale for $10.00 each. They can be purchased from the parish offices.

Catholic Daughters will meet Sunday, April 26 immediately following 11AM Mass in Gallagher Hall. All members and any interested Catholic women 18 year or older are encouraged and welcome to attend.