

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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April Mass Readings

April 06
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

April 13
Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

April 20
Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

April 27
Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Rev 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19

Easter Season



There is a rich tapestry of traditions and celebrations during the Easter Season observed by the Catholic Church.

This season spans seven weeks, beginning with the Easter Octave, an eight-day period of fervent rejoicing.



The first Sunday after Easter Sunday is hailed as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, inviting believers to reflect on the boundless mercy of God.



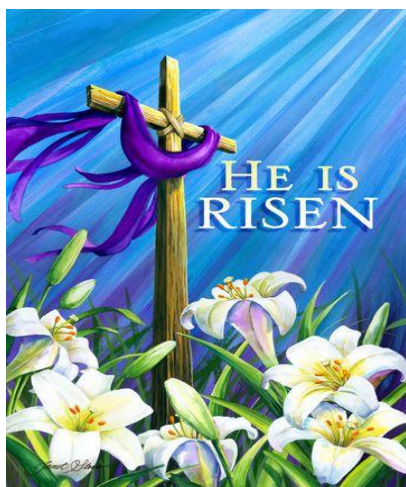
The 40th day after Easter Sunday commemorates the **Ascension of Jesus Christ**, signifying His return to the Father.

A pinnacle moment arrives on the 50th day after Easter Sunday, celebrated as **Pentecost**, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.



Concluding this sacred season is **Trinity Sunday**, honoring the profound mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Throughout the Easter season, the liturgical color adorning churches is white or gold, symbolizing the jubilant spirit and purity of faith.



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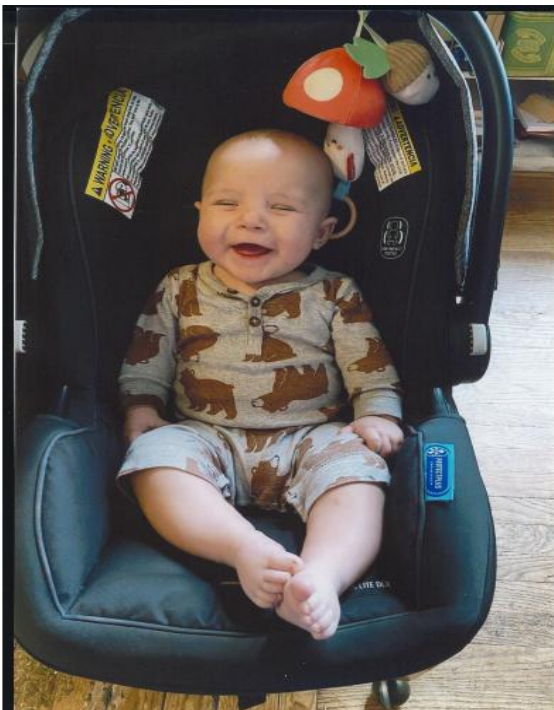
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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial Report
FEBRUARY 2025

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	
Collections	16,194.58
Second Collections	355.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	285.00
Other Income	9,200.65
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$26,035.23
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	22,435.82
Rectory, Church & Offices	8,940.28
Budgeted Committees	292.79
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	813.50
Cemeteries Expenses	387.23
Other Expenses	42.50
Diocesan Assessment	2,185.83
Parish Support-Seminarians	353.67
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$37,101.62
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	(\$11,066.39)



Hi! Just a note to say thanks on behalf of my mommy and my Grandmom (Kerry Ellen) and my Granddad (Richard Campbell). Because of you guys, my bottom has stayed dry and has not been red!





Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.

APRIL



01	Mary Cruz	19	Jason Dean
01	Margaret Dildy	20	Freddie Magnini
02	Adley Parker	20	Gordon Reese
03	Sonya Dean	20	Kathy Scoggins
05	Leighton Bennett	23	Tim Boutwell
05	David Smith	25	Charlette Bellefeuille
08	Rigo Chavez	27	Rosita Campbell
13	Geoffrey Gallinero	27	Kim Kosmitis
14	Annabelle Jacinto	29	Lena Cash
16	Glenda Stahr	30	Jamie Rinchuso
18	Patrick Saffold		

- 11 James & Lisa Burns
- 17 Leonard & Gretchen Zell
- 19 Robert & Catherine Lewis
- 21 Joe & Beth Turchi
- 23 Walter & Sharon Theriot
- 24 Chris & Robin Bryan





St. Joseph Altar Society Meeting

February 6, 2025



The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Kathryn Brickey in the absence of President Lauren Bland with twelve members present. Kathryn led the group in praying the Glory Be and the Grace Before Meals. The members then enjoyed the delicious chili, soup and other goodies provided by the men.

Secretary Rena Harrison read the minutes from the last meeting on November 7, 2024. They were approved as read. There were three items of correspondence read.

Pam Thornton gave the card report as follow:

- September - 6 sympathy, 4 get well and 1 birthday
- October - 3 Get well
- November - 1 get well, 1 encouragement
- December - 2 sympathy, 1 get well, 1 anniversary

Old Business:

There was an ongoing discussion regarding cassocks for adults and children as to whether we should look into white cassocks or black and white. Kathryn tabled the discussion until the next meeting. She will work on obtaining prices.

Kathryn stated that Connect Bank requires the minutes from when there was a change of officers and minutes of when the CD was discussed in order to change names and mailing address of statements. The CD is earning 2.25% interest until February 26, 2026. She also stated that Angelique would call the bank to see if anything else was needed and they would get the matter taken care of.

New Business:

Cleaning of the church for Easter was discussed. It was decided that the date of Saturday, March 1st was the latest it could be done due to other conflicting dates and activities.

Hosting of the 5th Sunday potluck was discussed. It was decided that it should be either June or August. Kathryn said she would get with the Knights of Columbus to see if there was a time they preferred to host.

Leonard brought up the subject of what could be done to bring younger people into our church organizations. After discussion Kathryn tabled the issue until the next meeting to give everyone time to think about it.

Pam Thornton made a motion that we have a cookie sale after weekend masses for a fundraiser. Gretchen Zell seconded the motion. The motion passed. It was decided that we would try to have the sale on March 1st and March 2nd.

Mary Shannon won the door prize. Leonard gave her the choice of either chocolates and a gift card or a five-bottle pack of beer (he didn't know what happened to the sixth bottle). After much deliberation Mary Shannon chose the chocolates and gift card.

Gretchen won \$4.00 of the 50/50 drawing. The next meeting will be held April 3, 2025. The closing prayer (Prayer of Hope) was given by Kathryn. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rena Harrison, Secretary



Knights of Columbus Council 1153



The March monthly meeting of Council 1153 of the Knights of Columbus was held on March 3rd at the KC Hall. Thirteen members were present. Our new insurance field agent, Mr. Scott Willis, attended.

Grand Knight Richard Burleigh discussed our status on earning Star Council again this year. We still need three new members to join the council as well as member participation in on-line fraternal benefits webinars. Existing members should be receiving e-mails regarding these webinars and are encouraged to sign up and attend online. Our council's focus over the next six weeks will be the Friday Fish Frys. We need all KC members to assist in the fish fry's. The first fish fry will be held on Friday March 7th and will be held on each Friday of Lent. We will serve from 5 pm to 7 pm each night and prices will be \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Please contact Richard Burleigh or Mike Turchi to volunteer to assist. Please join us each Friday and enjoy all the catfish and fixings you can eat and invite your friends and co-workers!

Deputy Grand Knight Adam Smith reported on the distribution of the Eucharistic Devotion books at St. Peter's on Feb. 16th. The books were well received by the parishioners. Adam proposed to do more events at St. Peter's to recruit new council members. He suggested working at fundraisers and other events at St. Peter's in our KC shirts and inviting former Knights at St. Peter's to attend our meetings and address ways to attract more membership from the parish.

Don Stringer, Faith Director, thanked everyone for their participation at the KC mass on February 22nd. We had a larger group of members and parishioners attend the rosary before mass and we encourage everyone to join us in this special devotion. The monthly KC masses rotate between the 5:00 mass and 11:00 mass on the last weekend of each month, with the March KC mass being held on Sunday, March 30th at 11:00 am.

Larry Miller, our Community Director, reported on distribution of flyers for the Fish Frys and has placed a banner in front of Pope Furniture. Banners will also be placed in White Hall at Adams Pest Control and in Watson Chapel on the McDonald's fence. Radio ads for the fish fry's will run on Thursdays and Fridays. Larry encouraged everyone to share information about the fish fry's on social media.

Mike Turchi, Family Director, reported on preparations for the fish fry and the upcoming 5th Sunday Potluck on March 30th. We will need assistance from the members in setting up the hall and serving that day after the 11:00 mass.

Scott Willis, our new KC Insurance Field Agent, made a presentation on the Knight's insurance program and benefits for members and families. Scott is also a representative for the Knights Asset Advisors. Scott discussed various survivor benefits that are available for members, spouses, and children which all members with basic life insurance are eligible. Scott is available for appointments to review your current policies or to discuss other insurance needs or investment opportunities. Scott can be reached at (337)802-9909 or at scott.willis@kofc.org.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 7th at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall at 3600 South Main Street. All members are encouraged to attend. All Catholic men are encouraged to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Our order serves our community, our parish, and our Church and provides fellowship and goodwill.

Respectfully,
David Henning, Recorder

Description of the Sacramental Windows Behind the Altar

Submitted By: Sandra Taylor



Holy Orders

Holy Orders: The sacrament of Holy Orders which Christ consecrated via laying on of hands to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time (2 Timothy 1:6-7). The ordination involves the laying on of hands by the bishop, along with a prayer of consecration and confers a gift of the Holy Spirit to a man that permits him as an ordained priest to exercise a “sacred power” which can come only from Christ himself through his Church. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1538). All Catholic Priests and Deacons have received the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Symbols

Chalice: The Chalice of wine and the Eucharist Hosts are the symbols of the Greatest Sacrament of Holy Eucharist which is consecrated through the priestly ministry of an Ordained Priest to the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus Christ.

Bible: The Bible symbolizes the Holy spirits’ gifts to the priests and deacons for preaching and teaching the Holy Scripture.

Stole: The stole is worn during priestly ministry, for hearing confessions, anointing, blessings, and other duties.


How to Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

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- TO DO:
- GO TO MASS
 - PUT YOUR NEW PALMS IN YOUR HOME
 - PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

This is the Sunday before Easter. We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. This marks the beginning of Holy Week and final week of Lent.

SPY WEDNESDAY



On this day, Judas Iscariot acts as a spy for the Sanhedrin and betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. It is traditionally given this name because of Judas' sneakiness in talking to the high priest.

HOLY THURSDAY

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- TO DO:
- GO TO MASS
 - PARTAKE IN THE 7 CHURCHES TRADITION
 - EAT MEDITERRANEAN FOOD

Today we commemorate the Last Supper, where Jesus establishes the Eucharist, institutes the priesthood, and gives the great commission.

- TO DO:
- WATCH AN OLD SPY MOVIE
 - DONATE \$30.00 TO THE CHURCH
 - GO TO CONFESSION

GOOD FRIDAY

Today we remember the death of Our Lord, it is a day for somber reflection, prayer, and sacrifice as we unite ourselves with Jesus as fully as we can. We seek to die with Christ so that we can rise with Christ as the scriptures tell us.

HOLY SATURDAY

We observe this day in anticipation and remembrance of the harrowing of hell, when Christ goes down to the abode of the dead to free the just who had gone before Him. This is the last phase of Jesus' Messianic mission. On this evening, the Church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ.

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- TO DO:
- DECORATE FOR EASTER IN PREPARATION
 - DYE EASTER EGGS
 - ATTEND THE EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY

Praise God, Jesus has resurrected from the dead, the covenants have been fulfilled, and Heaven has been won for us.

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- TO DO:
- PARTAKE IN A FAMILY LUNCH
 - GIFT AN EASTER BASKET WITH RELIGIOUS ITEMS
 - GO TO MASS

- TO DO:
- FAST AND ABSTAIN
 - MAKE HOT CROSS BUNS
 - TRY TO REMAIN SILENT BETWEEN 12-3PM





RESURRECTION EASTER

Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death on the cross, providing salvation to any who will trust in Him. (Read John 19 and 20.)

APOSTLES
CALVARY
CELEBRATION
CHRIST
CROSS
CROWN OF THORNS
CRUCIFIXION
FAITH
GETHSEMANE
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY WEEK
HOPE
JESUS
LAMB
LOVE
MESSIAH
MIRACLE
PASSOVER
PONTIUS PILATE
PRAYER
REDEMPTION
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EASTER

O Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. *Amen.*

—*St. Augustine of Hippo*

Lord Jesus, in your resurrection, the power of death has been broken, and we are set free from the bonds of sin and darkness. May your victory over the grave fill us with joy, hope, and the assurance of eternal life. *Amen*

—*St. Anselm of Canterbury*

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