St. Joseph Catholic Church
Newsletter

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August Mass Readings

August 02
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Matt 14:13-21

August 09
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13
Rom 9:1-5
Matt 14:22-33

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Matt 15:21-28

August 23
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Matt 16:13-20

August 30
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Matt 16:21-27

August

The Month Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary illustrates Mary's love for God and Jesus. We are drawn to Mary's Immaculate Heart because of her humility and acceptance of God's Will in her life.

The image of Mary's Immaculate Heart is seen with a sword piercing it, as foretold by Simeon the prophet. Her heart is enrobed in roses, representing the spiritual suffering she endured with humility and obedience to God. In images where seven swords are seen, each sword depicts one of the the seven sorrows of Mary.

First Five Saturdays Devotion

Our Lady in 1917, revealed her request in Fatima for the faithful to make reparation to her Immaculate Heart. She promises graces at the hour of death for those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep company with her for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.

Our prayerful union with Mary expresses our deep love and longing for God and Jesus. The Immaculate Heart urges us to accept sacrifice with joy.

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We urgently need someone to fill the 4-5PM hour on Wednesdays for Eucharistic Adoration.

Please contact Angelique Ford (870)489-0563) or the parish office (870) 534-4701 if you can help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

10:25AM - Rosary in Church led by the KCs
12:00PM - 5th Sunday Potluck Gallagher Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30-10:40AM - Parish Religious Education classes begin in the Education Building

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

RECEIPTS:	
Collections	$285,638.46
Second Collections	37,677.00
Fund Raisers	40,285.01
Cemeteries Funds	10,788.89
Other Income	209,853.67
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$609,243.03
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Salaries & Benefits	281,224.82
Rectory, Church & Offices	175,917.14
Budgeted Committees	12,496.15
Contributions/Aid	18,750.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	24,891.00
Cemeteries Expenses	14,756.55
Other Expenses	3,879.38
Diocesan Assessment	26,627.82
Parish Support-Diocesan Advancement	4,532.91
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	$563,075.77
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	$46,167.26

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01	Pam Thornton	22	Dale Kizer
02	Evelyn Cash	23	Pat Strachota
02	Vriel Velazquez	24	Robin Bryan
07	Sherry Adair	25	Connie Boutwell
08	Lisa Boccarossa	26	Emily Valazquez
09	Deb York	28	Ross Allen
10	John Karlovic	28	Timothy Lim
10	Gretchen Zell	29	James Euseppi
11	Linda DeMint	30	Garry Boccarossa
12	Shannon Morgan	30	William Hogan
13	Joanna Rinchuso	31	Lucila Morales
15	Elmon Savage		
20	Rena Harrison		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

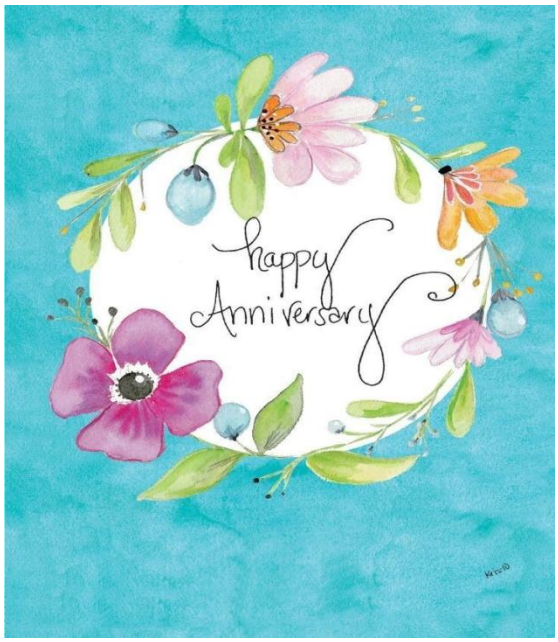
01	Kathryn Brickey	14	Lee Forestiere
02	Michael Dennis	14	Cameron Morgan
04	Kellie Pham	14	William Warfield
05	Robert Lewis	16	Delbert Bateman
05	Sandra Taylor	16	Kerry Ellen Campbell
06	Bonnie Coody	17	Michael Kline, Sr.
06	Lawrence Fikes	22	Jim Rinchuso
08	Mike Cash	20	Elaine Dial
08	Donna Renfro	22	Douglas Langlois, Jr.
09	Ricardo Alvarez	23	Teresita Goodman
09	Joey Gieringer	23	Thomas Kauffman
09	Darlena Roberts	25	Pat Elmore
09	Beth Turchi	25	James Flannery
10	Natalie Lopez	25	Charlotte Lim
10	Isabella Soto	27	Hannah Cole
11	Carolyn Ferguson	29	Arteyu Thornton
14	Walter Cole, Jr.	30	Raelene Miller
		31	Maria Herrera

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07	Jim & Joanna Rinchuso
08	Clinton & Annabelle Jacinto
18	John & Donna Ernst
21	Michael & Cheryl Norby
22	Rigo & Silvia Chavez
25	John & Deborah Pyland
29	Harvey & Anna Marie Jacks
30	David & Kimberly Henning

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

05	Walter & Jennifer Cole
06	David & Sandra Taylor
08	Don & Jackie Stringer
16	Emmanuel Velazquez & Lucila Morales
17	Raymond & Debbie Yount
18	Othell & Marilyn Lee
18	Jeff & Pam Winkler
21	Thomas & Elaine Dial
22	Michael & Stephanie King
27	Rafael & Noera Jacinto



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 1153

Our May meeting was held on June 1st at the KC Hall. Fourteen members were present.

- Grand Knight Richard Burleigh reported that we are one of ten councils in Arkansas to receive the Star Council Award for this fraternal year (there are a total of 60 councils in the state). He congratulated the council on achieving this honor and for standing for what the Knights represent. He challenged us to continue to grow and recruit new members. Richard reported that the scholarship application is now on the parish website. We will be offering up to four $500 scholarships for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Knights of our Council. There is a new community service requirement that has been added for renewal of the scholarship for a second or subsequent year. Richard encouraged members to get family members to apply.
- We also discussed an idea for an alumni event to get non-active members to attend council functions again. We are in the process of updating our members' e-mail addresses. If you are a Knight, please contact Leonard Zell or Richard Burleigh with your e-mail address.
- Don Stringer, our Deputy Grand Knight and Faith Director, reported that our next monthly KC rosary will be Sunday, June 28th before 11:00 am mass. The rosary will start at 10:25 and KC members will serve as lector, Eucharistic ministers, and gift bearers at the mass. Please come and join us for this time of prayer. Our July rosary and mass will be on Saturday, July 25th at 5:00 pm mass.
- Don also reported that he attended the ordination of the five new priests for our Diocese on May 30th, one of whom was Duwan Booker-the seminarian that the council has provided financial support through the Knights Refund Support Vocations Program. Our donations to support Duwan during his seminary years allowed the Supreme Council of the Knights to also provide donations. Don said that the event was very impressive and moving and encouraged others to attend future ordinations. Don did not get to speak to Father Duwan but did give a card signed by our council members to a parishioner from our sister parish in Conway, which will be Father Duwan's first assignment.
- Larry Miller, our Community Director, reported that the first ice cream social event at Trinity Village will be held on June 12th at 2:30 pm. Larry will work with the facility to schedule future events, so watch your text messages for future notices from Larry.
- The Installation of Officers for the new fraternal year was held on June 18th at the KC Hall, which was followed by a wonderful dinner prepared by Mike and Vickie Turchi. 27 knights and family members attended. State Advocate Andy Anderson conducted the installation ceremony. Following the installation, Grand Knight Richard Burleigh presented an award to David and Donna Smith as Family of the Year, and to Larry Miller as Knight of the Year. David and Donna are at all our events and set an example of service and devotion. Larry takes the lead on coordinating our community efforts, including Neighbor to Neighbor, Special Olympics, and Trinity Village. Thank you, Donna, David, and Larry, for all that you do for the Knights and for our Parish.
- Richard also presented a Knights of Columbus Crucifix to Tom and Lori Rossetti in thanks for their service to the parish and council. Tom and Lori will be retiring and moving to Delaware in July. Tom's wonderful lectoring will be missed as well as Lori's overwhelming assistance at our breakfasts and fish fry's. We wish them well and know that they will enjoy retirement and being with their families again!

Our next meeting will be Monday, July 6th at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall.

Upcoming Events:

- KC Rosary and Mass, Sunday June 28th at 10:25 am (members arrive by 10:20)
- 3rd Degree Council Meeting, Monday, July 6th at 6:00 pm.
- Men's Holy Hour, Saturday July 11th at 8:00 am in the Adoration Chapel.
- KC Rosary and Mass, Saturday July 2th at 4:25 pm (members arrive by 4:20 pm)

All Catholic men are encouraged to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Together we are empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in the parish, at work, and in the community.

Sincerely,

David Henning, Recorder

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
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Spaghetti Supper Committees Meeting
August 5, 2026

Those attending this Spaghetti Supper Meeting were as follows:

Fr. Joe Marconi	Richard Burleigh, Chairman	Kay Burleigh	Angelique Ford	Larry Miller	Don Stringer
Connie Boutwell	Kathryn Brickey	Leonard Zell	Gretchen Zell	Mike Turchi	Vickie Turchi
Lauren Bland	Makala Barcelona				

Fr. Joe opened the meeting with prayer.

Richard began going through the workday chairmen for 2026. This is a volunteer process, and we must remember that. If you have any issues, please bring them to him/her or the chairman. Our goal is to have everyone working together and the spaghetti supper successful. We need everyone's input. If you work, you may consider taking some leave to help. Let us stay focused on the topic at hand during the meeting to stay focused and keep the meeting as short as possible.

Totals of dinners sold over the past few years are:

- 2023: 3051
- 2024: 2839
- 2025: 3246

We think advertising and word of mouth accounted for the increase in 2025. Be sure to "talk up" the spaghetti supper everywhere you go.

Because sauce has been short in the past, we will be putting fifty-five (55) meatballs in a bag this year. We will make twenty (20) pots more sauce in two places than last year to hopefully eliminate this issue.

Larry Miller and Angelique Ford agreed to keep the number of tickets at 4,000 (same as 2025) with 3,000 numbered. They will be lime green in color.

- Advertising on the radio will begin on Friday, October 2, before the Spaghetti Supper. We will be in the paper and on Facebook, St. Joseph Facebook page, etc. Gretchen Zell will make sure the event is in the *Arkansas Catholic.*
- Talk up the Spaghetti Supper any chance you get.
- A large banner will be put up at Pope's Furniture and smaller posters will be placed around town.
- Tell everyone to purchase extra meatballs with their dinners. Meatballs are $2 each at the Spaghetti Supper. When a dozen meatballs are purchased, they are less than $1.50 each.
- Prices remain the same at $15 for adults and $10 for children.

Committee Chairs and Dates Review:

- Bread Days: Connie Boutwell reported that Corina Jones introduced her to the new manager, Nichole, at Super 1 at 28th and Camden Road. I told her we needed two hundred (240) loaves of old bread for breadcrumbs, and we could begin picking it up at any time. Then we will freeze it until time to dry it out. She will order us a box of bags for carryout and is ready for us to give her a number for the fresh French loaves.
- Make Bread Mix: Mike and Annette Kline-Because we will be doing this on Friday, September 11, we want to get the parsley out to people on September 8 when we clean kitchen and dry bread.
- Mixing meat for meatballs on the 14th and 21st will begin at 7:30 AM.
- Making meatballs, frying, and bagging meatballs will begin at 7:30 AM the next day. Need one person to let those shaping meatballs know how to make meatballs as consistent as possible. We don't want to upset them, but we want the meatballs to be more the same size and stay as cool as possible.
- Making Slaw: Vickie Turchi is chairman and times are on the calendar.
- Chop Onions: Mike and Vickie Turchi are chairmen. The start time is 7:00 AM outside before it gets warm.
- Making Sauce on October 5th, 6th and 8th: Last year' we ran low on sauce. This year 55 meatballs will go into a bag to allow more batches of sauce. We plan to work twenty (20) extra batches into the October 5th workday to keep October 7th free as a day for just bagging bread and cupping slaw.
- Gym Kitchen: Venting with the cardboard in the kitchen worked well.
- Regular carry outs: Lauren Bland needs at least twelve people.
- Workday meals: Gretchen Zell – Because we start earlier and we finish earlier so we do not need lunch. But we need a snack (finger foods workers can pick up) at about 8:00 AM on September 11, 15, 22, October 5.
- Clean up: Richard checked with Regin Reginio, and he will serve as Clean up Chairman.
- Bag Leftover Meatballs & Sauce: Deb Pyland has agreed to serve as Chairman and help get everything bagged after the Spaghetti Supper.

Richard closed the meeting with the Our Father prayer.

Connie Boutwell

What Do We Need to do After Receiving the Holy Communion?

After receiving Holy Communion, the most important thing is to enter into a moment of prayerful thanksgiving and reverence, because Catholics believe we have truly received Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

1 RETURN TO YOUR PLACE QUIETLY

- Walk back with reverence and avoid unnecessary talking or distraction.
- This is a sacred moment of personal encounter with Christ.

2 KNEEL OR SIT IN PRAYER

Spend time in silent adoration and speak to Jesus in your heart. You may:

- Thank Him for coming to you
- Offer your intentions and prayers
- Ask for grace, strength, healing, and guidance
- Tell Him your struggles and desires

3 MAKE A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A simple prayer:

"Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into my heart.
Stay with me, guide me, strengthen me,
and help me live according to Your holy will. Amen."

Many saints say this is one of the most powerful moments of prayer because of your intimate union with Christ.

4 REFLECT ON HIS PRESENCE

- Remain aware that you have received the Body of Christ.
- Avoid letting your mind wander.
- Use the time to deepen your love for God.

5 JOIN REVERENTLY IN THE REMAINING MASS

- Continue participating attentively until the final blessing.
- Do not leave immediately after Communion unless truly necessary.

WHY THIS MOMENT IS SPECIAL

The time after Communion is often called a moment of thanksgiving after receiving the Eucharist, when the soul is united closely with Christ in a unique way.

It is a beautiful time to simply say:

"Jesus, I trust in You." †

- Servants of God -

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