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**MARCH 26, 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

***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**

**March 19, 2023**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$6,431.00  
 Poor Box—\$34.31  
 Catholic Relief  
 Services Collection—\$365.00

**May we open our hearts to  
 see God’s active presence  
 in our daily lives and  
 become “partakers of  
 the divine nature.”**

6:00PM—53  
 11:00AM—104  
**Total—157**

***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: *Gino Aureli, Breckin Birge, Tim Boutwell, Irene Christian, Lee Cole, Anna Crawford, Janie Culpepper, Judy Ellison, John Golden, Karen Gossett, Julie Dial Habelmann, Denise Haber, Shirley Hartwick, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Scott***

***McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Thomas Oster, Betty Petrus, Claudia Rainey, Margie Ross, Laurie Stanfield, Claude Wilbern, Judy Wilbert, and Mary Winkley.* 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...***

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Adoration Chapel is now open. Please contact Mark or Mary Ives (870-489-4404) if you would like to spend a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.**

**VOLUNTEER AT JUNKTIQUE - Support Catholic High by volunteering for the annual Junktique sale and get early shopping perks. You can sign up at <https://signup.com/go/rRFHfve>. Daily shifts through April 1 are available. Junktique will be held from 8AM to 2PM, Saturday, April 1. All proceeds will be used for physical improvements to the school and for keeping tuition affordable.**

**ARKANSAS’ ONLY PRO-LIFE CAMP JOSHUA 2023 - July 28-30th! If you know a teen who has an interest in making a difference for life, Camp Joshua is the place where they will spend a weekend learning how to be an advocate for the issues of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide and embryonic stem cell research while enjoying Cross Heirs Lodge, eating great food, and meeting new friends from around the state who share their love for life! Cost per student is \$100. Registration is now open. To register or for more information visit [www.campjoshuaar.com](http://www.campjoshuaar.com) Scholarships are available. Sponsored by Arkansas Right to Life 501-663-4237 [artl@artl.org](mailto:artl@artl.org)**

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is requesting canned goods and any 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.**

**Father Joe will say Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church, Plum Bayou Thursday, March 30 at 6:00PM. Please make plans to attend.**

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

**ASSOCIATE EDITOR FOR ARKANSAS CATHOLIC - The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for an Associate Editor for *Arkansas Catholic*. Requirements include a bachelor's degree in journalism/ communications or equivalent experience and two years of writing and editing experience. This is a full-time position at St. John Catholic Center in Little Rock with competitive pay and benefits including retirement plan. To inquire or apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and portfolio, email Malea Hargett, Editor, *Arkansas Catholic*, at [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org) or call (501) 664-0125.**

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**Every Tuesday afternoon, you will get an email with a link to access the latest edition.**

**RETREAT - "*The Lord's Supper: A Eucharistic Revival*" will be hosted by John Michael Talbot at Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery June 2-4 and June 16-18. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through his Real Presence in the Eucharist. John Michael is supporting the National Eucharistic Revival happening today to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States. (During this retreat - guided by his new book, *The Lord's Supper ~ A Eucharistic Revival*, John Michael will accompany you through the Mass into a life-changing appreciation of Jesus Christ fully present in every Eucharist.) It is a true Eucharistic revival and you are invited! For complete details and to register visit:**

**<https://troubadourforthelord.net/store/ols/categories/little-portion-retreats-with-john-michael-talbot>**

# *This week in our parish*

Sun Mar 26 *FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

9:30AM No P.R.E. Today (Spring Break)

11:00AM *#Bill Wilbert* (Church)

12:00PM Catholic Daughters Mtg (G Hall)

Mon Mar 27

8:00AM *#Tommy Belvedresi* (Church)

Tue Mar 28

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed Mar 29

5:30PM *Int Shannon Bass* (Church)

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

Thu Mar 30

8:00AM *#Mike Bombardier* (Church)

6:00PM *Mass at St Mary Church, Plum Bayou*  
*Int Deacon Brad Brown*

Fri Mar 31

*Day of Abstinence* 

8:00AM *#Tommy Belvedresi* (Church)

5-7PM Lenten Fish Fry (G Hall)

6:00PM Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sat Apr 1

9:00AM *FIRST SATURDAY MASS*

*#BJ & Earline Petrus* (Church)

10:00AM Easter Egg Hunt (G Hall)

10:30AM -12:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT (RM 230)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

6:00PM *#St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Apr 2 *PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION*  
*OF THE LORD*

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

11:00AM *#Bill Wilbert* (Church)

*“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’*

*~John 11:40*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

Don't forget Mass at St. Mary's, Plum Bayou, Thursday, March 30 at 6:00PM AND First Saturday Mass at 9:00AM, April 1<sup>st</sup> in the church.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation or memorial for the upkeep and maintenance of our three cemeteries, St. Joseph - Pine Bluff, St. Peter - New Gascony, and St. Patrick - Sulphur Springs. With your help we can keep them looking as beautiful as possible.

Due to Holy Week, the St. Joseph Altar Society meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 5:30PM in Gallagher Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

Catholic Charities of Arkansas is hosting a four-day Faith Community Course. It is open to licensed, registered nurses who want to practice holistic health for individuals and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. Parishes that want to start a faith community nursing ministry are encouraged to send at least one representative to the training. The course will be held April 21-22 and May 5-6 in the Biltz Room in St. John Center's Morris Hall in Little Rock. The course is free. For more information, contact Sister Iliana Aponte, DC, at (501) 664-0340 or [iaponte@dolr.org](mailto:iaponte@dolr.org).

Register at <https://www.dolr.org/events/faith-community-nursing-course>.