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APRIL 11, 2021 - 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 4, 2021

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$15,555.00
 Poor Box—\$15.50
 Holy Thursday—\$1040.00
 Good Friday—\$1750.00

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.

8:00PM— 65
 11:00AM—156
Total—221
 Holy Thursday— 65
 Good Friday— 52

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, Gloria Aureli, Gia Blanchard, Brandie Castleberry, Sybil Cope, Mary Davis, Shelley Dedman, Theresa Failla, Jim Gross, Julie Dial Habelmann, Shirley Hartwick, Carol Hastings, Gene Hastings, Scott Howell, Anna Marie Jacks, David Jackson, Mary Ann Kizer, Mike Lambert, Anthony Mayer, Scott McGeorge, Mary Ellen Miskell, Franklin Murray, Thomas Oster, Judy Reese, Rose Mary Smith, Vince Smith, and Laurie Stanfield.* 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.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is requesting canned goods and any other non-perishable food items for their pantry. They are experiencing a tremendous increase in those from Jefferson County needing assistance with food. Thank you!

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way prepare for Holy Week and Easter, from cleaning, helping decorate, donating for Easter lilies, and preparing the church and grounds, to participating in the liturgy. Without you, our Holy Week and Easter would not have been as beautiful!

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



Please remember, during this temporary time of changes to our parish Mass and activities schedules, that we must still pay our bills. Your continued Stewardship is very important. Please place in the box in church or mail to the parish office. A BIG thanks to those sending in their Stewardship.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

- Bishop Taylor lifted the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation effective October 1. **ALL HEALTHY CATHOLICS SHOULD NOW ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.**
- **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** Saturday Vigil-6PM, Sunday Mass-11AM
- Daily Masses will be Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 8AM and Wednesdays at 5:30PM (*Wednesday Masses no longer count as Sunday Obligation.*)
- Everyone over 10 years of age **MUST** wear a mask at all times.
- Only sit in designated areas - 6 feet apart, unless a family group.
- *If you wish to come pray during the week (outside of normal Mass times), please contact the parish office (534-4701) for entrance into the church or chapel.*
- Confessions will be heard from 4-5PM on Wednesdays and anytime by request (behind the screen **ONLY**).

Our Facebook page is *St. Joseph Catholic Church-Pine Bluff, AR*. Our 6PM Saturday Masses will be live streamed there. Additional information available, also.

Our website is www.stjosephpinebluff.org where you can get the latest bulletin and other important parish information.

NEW CHANGES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY!

- Holy water has been returned to fonts and hymnals to pews;
- Processional and Recessional resumed;
- All doors to church unlocked (**ONLY** west door will have hand sanitizers);
- Eucharistic Ministers may help distribute the Eucharist - **ONLY IF** they have been vaccinated.

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 - No more social distancing; however,
MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED until May 12.**



Catholic Arkansas
Sharing Appeal

CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2021

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.

This week in our parish

Sun Apr 11 *SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

9:30AM Digital P.R.E.

11:00AM *#Ryan Renfro* (Church)

3:00PM Divine Mercy Caplet (Church)

Mon Apr 12

8:00AM *#Beryl Theriot* (Church)

Tue April 13 St Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

Wed April 14

4-5PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:30PM *#Ryan Renfro* (Church)

6:15PM Pastoral Council Mtg (Kitchen)

Thu Apr 15

8:00AM *#Bill Bryant* (Church)

Fri Apr 16

8:00AM *#Ralph Kongenske* (Church)

Sat Apr 17

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

*(6PM Mass will be live-streamed
on Facebook)*

Sun Apr 18 *THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER*

9:30AM Digital P.R.E.

11:00AM *#Ryan Renfro* (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.

Vital Message of Divine Mercy

A — Ask for God’s Mercy. God wants us to fervently approach Him in prayer, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. God completely understands us and accepts us as we are.

B — Be merciful. God desires for us to receive the fullness of His mercy and allow it flow through us to our loved ones, our workplace, our society. To be merciful is not just an option of the Divine Mercy Devotion; it’s a requirement! Luke 6:36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,"

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. Simply because if we do not desire, we will be closed to receiving.

The main message is this: God loves us all—no matter how badly we have led our lives. God wants us to recognize His mercy - which is greater than our sins.