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**APRIL 30, 2023 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*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 23, 2023**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$3,141.00  
 Poor Box—\$76.00

**As we struggle to live a faith-filled life, may we recognize we are not alone. Jesus is there to help guide us.**

8:00PM—52  
 11:00AM—103  
**Total—155**

***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.

**St Joseph Altar Society will meet Thursday, May 4 at 5:00PM in Gallagher Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.**

**Please return your Rice Bowls at your earliest convenience. They may be placed in the boxes around the church or brought to the parish office. Deadline to turn in Rice Bowls is Wednesday, May 31.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have a bake sale following Mass on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7. Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, and casseroles will be available to purchase. Please make plans to stop by their tables and see what delicious items they offer.

**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, May 25 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*, [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org) or call (501) 664-0125.**

**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)**

**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 Apr 30 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

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

11:00AM †*Marc Stringer* (Church)

12:00PM 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Lunch (G Hall)

Mon May 1 St Joseph the Worker

8:00AM *Int Bill Bridgforth* (Church)

5:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting (KC Hall)

Tue May 2 ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR  
OF THE CHURCH

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed May 3 STS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

5:30PM †*Beatrice "Bea" Rinchuso* (Church)

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

Thu May 4

8:00AM †*James Eberhart* (Church)

5:30PM Altar Society Meeting (G Hall)

Fri May 5

8:00AM *Int Dc Bud and Gail Bryant* (Church)

Sat May 6

9:00AM First Saturday Mass

†*Mary Reed* (Church)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:00PM †*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun May 7 *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

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

11:00AM †*Tom and Louise Stringer* (Church)

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" ~Acts 2:38*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Don't forget the First Saturday Mass at 9:00AM on May 6 in the church. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### ***IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!***

**Effective Saturday, May 6**

**our Vigil Mass time will be changed to 5:00PM.**

**(Good Shepherd Church, Fordyce Mass will change from 4:00PM Saturday to 1:30PM Sunday, allowing us to make this change.)**

**COME ONE - COME ALL!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY POTLUCK - APRIL 30 - GALLAGHER HALL**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 11AM MASS**

*Please bring a side dish or salad.*

*Everything else will be provided!*