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**

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**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

- **April 25, 2021**
  - May our daily actions reflect our goal of good discipleship.

- **Total**
  - 6:00PM—49
  - 11:00AM—80
  - Total—129

**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, Claudia Rainey, 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.

In your prayers, also remember the deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

**EUCHARISTIC 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!

**Glory on the Grounds** youth festival will be held outside at St. John’s Catholic Center in Little Rock on Sunday, June 6th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs for a day filled with music by Steve Angrisano, food trucks for lunch and plenty of fun! At the end of the day we will close with an outdoor Mass. The cost is $25 per person. All youth, Junior High and High School are invited. Registration is through your parish youth ministry program. This event is sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Office. For more information and the registration visit our website at:


Partial scholarships are available by using the following form:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

- Bishop Taylor lifted the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation effective Oct 1.
- **ALL HEALTHY CATHOLICS SHOULD NOW ATTEND SUNDAY MASS.**
- **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** Saturday Vigil-6PM, Sunday Mass-11AM
- **Daily Masses are Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 8AM and Wednesdays at 5:30PM**
- **Everyone over 10 years of age MUST wear a mask at all times.**
- **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](http://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.

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We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and we rejoiced because Christ has risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenged us as we began the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God that is alive and accompanies us always. Let’s do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs. It’s time to start returning your Rice Bowls in the boxes around church. **Deadline to return Rice Bowls is Sunday May 30, 2021.**

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**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 May 2  FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
   9:30AM  Digital P.R.E.
   11:00AM  #Georgia Puddephatt (Church)

Mon May 3  STS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
   8:00AM  #Beryl Theriot (Church)

Tue May 4  
   8:00AM  No Daily Mass

Wed May 5  
   4-5PM  Confessions Heard (Church)
   5:30PM  #Ryan Renfro (Church)

Thu May 6  
   8:00AM  #Bill Bryant (Church)

Fri May 7  
   8:00AM  #Living and Deceased St. Joseph Altar Society Members (Church)

Sat May 8  
   8-9AM  Men’s Holy Hour (Chapel)
   6:00PM  #Janice Turchi (Church)
       (6PM Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook)

Sun May 9  SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
   MOTHERS DAY
   9:30AM  Digital P.R.E.
   11:00AM  #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”  ~1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for an Administrative Assistant in the Chancery Office to provide administrative support for the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs. The job requirements include being Catholic, having administrative support experience and strong computer skills, and the ability to maintain confidentiality. This full-time position offers competitive pay and excellent benefits. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to Paula Lattanzi, HR Specialist, at plattanzi@dolr.org. Inquiries for more information about the position are also welcome.

Men don’t forget the Holy Hour for Men Saturday, May 8 at 8:00AM in Annunciation Chapel.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! #1- Catholic Daughters will have a Bake Sale after Masses on May 22 & 23. Baked goods that any parishioner would like to donate will be accepted. #2- St. Joseph Altar Society will have a Bingo fund raiser in conjunction with their annual picnic Saturday, June 5 after the 6:00PM Mass. Please plan to attend. Additional details on both events are forthcoming.