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MAY 7, 2023 - FIFTH 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 30, 2023**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$3,211.00  
 Poor Box—\$74.00

May we encourage those who are  
 struggling to find direction in  
 their life and help them discern  
 how they might use their gifts.

6:00PM—50  
 11:00AM—106  
 Total—156

*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, especially Ray Yount, Sr., father-in-law of Debbie Yount. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...*

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** –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.

**SEARCH #152 RETREAT** - Registrations are now being accepted for Search #152, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #152 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of June 23-25, 2023. The fee is \$145.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-152.pdf>

Partial scholarships are available by using the following form:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf>

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.

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 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)

12:00PM CDA Bake Sale (Hallway by Parish Offices)

Mon May 8

8:00AM #Janice Turchi (Church)

Tue May 9

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)

Wed May 10 St John of Avila, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church

St Damien de Veuster, Priest

5:30PM #Rex Mathews (Church)

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

6:15PM Pastoral Council Mtg (Office Kitchen)

Thu May 11

8:00AM #Susan Coller (Church)

Fri May 12 Sts Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

St Pancras, Martyr

8:00AM #Becky Simpson (Church)

Sat May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8-9AM Men's Holy Hour (Chapel)

11AM-12PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:00PM #St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Sun May 14 *SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

MOTHER'S DAY

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

11:00AM #Mary Wilbert (Church)

*"The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone."*

*~1 PETER 2:7*

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

Men, don't forget the Holy Hour for Men Saturday, May 13 at 8:00AM in Annunciation Chapel.

## ATTENTION 2023 GRADUATES



### *St. Joseph Parish Annual Graduates' Mass and Luncheon*



**SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023**

*Please wear your cap & gown and line up at the back of church by 10:50AM to process in for Mass.*

**Lunch (for all parish high school or college graduates and their immediate family) following our Mass. RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY!**

*Please call the parish office (534-4701) to make reservations.*

**Reservation deadline is Wednesday, May 17**