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MAY 16, 2021 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

May 9, 2021

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Offertory—\$6,498.00

Poor Box—\$11.00

**May we have the courage to
defend our faith and share our
witness joyfully with others.**

6:00PM— 51

11:00AM— 85

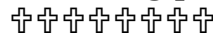
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Blessed Thanks!



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...

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. 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:

<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/outdoor-youth-rally-registration-21.pdf>

Partial scholarships are available by using the following form:

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 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.



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 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 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 May 15 - Mask-wearing will become optional. Communion on the tongue during Mass is still not allowed.

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.



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 May 16 *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

9:30AM Digital P.R.E.

11:00AM † St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Mon May 17

8:00AM †Hazel Turchi (Church)

Tue May 18 St John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*

Wed May 19

4-5PM Confessions Heard (Church)

5:30PM †Ryan Renfro (Church)

6:15PM Pastoral Council Mtg (Office Kitchen)

Thu May 20 St Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8:00AM Int Gail Bryant (Church)

Fri May 21 St Christopher Magallanes, Priest
and Companions, Martyrs

8:00AM †Ryan Renfro (Church)

Sat May 22 St Rita of Casia, Religious

6:00PM † St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

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

7:00PM CDA Bake Sale (Hallway by church)

Sun May 23 *PENTECOST SUNDAY*

9:30AM Digital P.R.E. (Last Class this year)

11:00AM † Ryan Renfro (Church)

12:00PM CDA Bake Sale (Hallway by church)

12:00PM CDA Meeting (G Hall)



*“Whoever
confesses that
Jesus is the Son
of God, God
abides in him,
and he in
God.”*

~1 John 4:15

**How strong is
your faith?**

When you have

**an opportunity to either defend or
clarify a question about our Catholic
faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain
silent so that others don't think you are
weird? Pray for the courage to be
strong in all circumstances and to
joyfully share your witness with others.**

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.

St. Dymphna Support Group Meetings Resume! The St. Dymphna Society will meet on Tuesday, May 25 at the St. John Center. The St. Dymphna Society is a peer support group for people living with mental illness that meets the last Tuesday of each month. Mass is celebrated at 6PM in Morris Hall Chapel, for those who wish to attend, and the meeting follows directly after in O'Connell Lounge. When a priest is not available, we pray the rosary. To learn more, contact Rebecca Cargile at (501) 664-0340 x 355. No reservations needed, and all are welcome! Note: Masks are mandatory for the May meeting, and will be available for attendees.