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**MARCH 9, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

***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**

**March 2, 2025**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**

Offertory—\$4,327.60  
 Poor Box—\$44.00  
 Ash Wednesday  
 Collection—\$795.00

**May we give God the “first fruits”  
 of our gifts – our first and best time  
 in prayer, charitable works in  
 ministry participation, and  
 financial support of our parish  
 mission and community outreach.**

5:00PM—54  
 11:00AM—107  
**Total—161**  
**Ash Wed Total—135**

***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: *Eileen Badovick, Shannon Fikes Bass, Anna Batzos, Breckin Birge, Sgt Aaron John Blanchard, Tim Boutwell, Michael Calvert, Mike Cash (Rison), Bob Castleberry, Janie Culpepper, Ronny Ford, Karen Gossett, Julie Dial Habelmann, Donald Haber, Suzanne Haber, Carol Hastings, Anna Marie Jacks, Ron Kelley, Mary Ann Kizer, Mary Ann Kulbeth, Pat Lucas, Scott McGeorge, Bill Miskell, Mary Ellen Miskell, Melissa Ann O’Neill, Betty Petrus, Dewayne Petrus, Robert & Therese Riddle, Eddie Rinchuso, Margie Ross, Heather Smith, Don Walters, Mary Winkley, and Joseph Wynn.* 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 Jim Merrill.  
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...***

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION –Please contact Angelique Ford (870-489-0563) if you would like to spend a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.**

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

**PHOTO CONTEST - Any Arkansas photographer, 18 or older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic church or institution for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2026 Diocese of Little Rock directory. Arkansas Catholic sponsors the annual cover photo contest. The contest entry deadline is March 17. Complete rules and how to enter are available at <https://arkansas-catholic.org/photo-contest>. For more information, contact Debbie Kelly at [dkelly@dolr.org](mailto:dkelly@dolr.org) or (501) 664-0125.**

**NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR** is asking St. Joseph parishioners to contribute non-perishable foods for their pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able as the need is great.

**JUNKTIQUE 2025 IS ALMOST HERE!** Get ready for Catholic High's Junktique sale, happening on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Little Rock. We're accepting donations of new and gently used items on March 3-7 and March 10-13, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Here's how you can make a difference:

- Donate your items. (Books, mattresses and box TVs are not accepted). Large item pick-up in Little Rock can be scheduled by calling (501) 664-3939 or emailing [chsjunktique@lrchs.org](mailto:chsjunktique@lrchs.org).
- Volunteer and enjoy early shopping privileges. Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/sFzUUuR>
- Shop the sale and find great deals while supporting CHS. Thank you for helping us make this event a success!

**SUMMER INTERN** - College students are invited to apply for Arkansas Catholic's summer internship. The intern would get firsthand experience in journalism and communications. This would include writing articles, taking photographs and completing website and video projects. This position is unpaid, but college credit is possible. Qualified applicants must be Catholic, at least 18 years old and working on a degree and seeking a career in communications. Interns must be able to work at least 10-15 hours a week at St. John Center in Little Rock and have a valid driver's license. To apply, call editor Malea Hargett at (501) 664-0125, text (501) 554-9595 or email [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org). The deadline is April 21.

**MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some adventure to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or for decades, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put fresh air into your relationship. The next weekend is March 21-23, at Subiaco Coury House, Subiaco, AR. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** Visit <http://www.arkansaswwme.org>.



CatholicArkansas  
SharingAppeal

**CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL (CASA) 2025**  
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 Mar 9 *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

2:00AM Daylight Saving Time Begins  
9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
11:00AM †St Joseph Parishioners (Church)

Mon Mar 10

8:00AM †Arthur Martin (Church)

Tue Mar 11

8:00AM *No Daily Mass*  
9:30AM Scripture Study (Ed Bldg)  
10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Mar 12

5:30PM †Sheri Flannery (Church)  
6:15PM Pastoral Council (Office Kitchen)

Thu Mar 13

8:00AM †Matthew Nguyen (Church)

Fri Mar 14

8:00AM *Int Eucharistic Ministers* (Church)  
5-7:00PM K of C Fish Fry (G Hall)  
6:00PM Stations of the Cross ( Church)

Sat Mar 15

10:30AM O.C.I.A. Class (Ed Bldg)  
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)  
5:00PM *Int Lauren Bryant* (Church)

Sun Mar 16 *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT*

9:30-10:40AM P.R.E. (K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
11:00AM † St Joseph Parishioners (Church)  
12:00PM St Joseph Day Reception (Hallway)

*“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” ~Deuteronomy 26:10*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren’t owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God’s gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

The Pastoral Council will provide cake, donuts, coffee, and punch in the hallway behind church after Mass March 16<sup>th</sup> in honor of St. Joseph Day. Please come and enjoy the treats to honor our church’s patron saint.

There will be an Altar Server Training Class for those wishing to participate in the Mass on Saturday, March 22 at 1:00PM in the church. The class is for those who are in the third grade or higher. Adults who want to serve are also welcome to this class. Please contact Deacon Garry (870-692-8658) or the parish office to let us know who will attend.

There are many dates in 2025, starting with April 5, open for Mass Intentions. You can have a Mass said for persons living or deceased, Catholic or non-Catholic for \$10.00 per Mass. Please contact the parish office for additional information or to schedule a Mass Intention. *Note: A Mass stipend is a donation given by the laity to a priest for celebrating a Mass for a particular intention.*