

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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April Mass Readings

April 07

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

John 15:4-5



St Catherine



of Siena



(1347-1380)

Strange that so much suffering is caused because of the misunderstandings of God's true nature. God's heart is more gentle than the Virgin's first kiss upon the Christ. And God's forgiveness to all, to any thought or act, is more certain than our own being.

Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.

A soul cannot live without loving. It must have something to love, for it was created to love.

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Financial Report
FEBRUARY 2024

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	
Collections	19,821.60
Second Collections	4,638.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	175.00
Other Income	9,094.59
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$33,729.19
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	21,798.34
Rectory, Church & Offices	7,788.12
Budgeted Committees	(97.50)
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	4,648.00
Cemeteries Expenses	380.67
Other Expenses	43.05
Diocesan Assessment	2,082.75
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.27
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$38,670.70
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	(\$4,941.51)



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ROOMS
All Shapes,
Colors,
Sizes

Blessed be the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be
Born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

{ I Peter 1:3 }



Remember, this is our parish newsletter and our way to connect with each other. If you have news you would like to share, please email me at stjosephnews14@gmail.com.

APRIL



01	Mary Cruz	20	Freddie Magnini
01	Margaret Dildy	20	Gordon Reese
03	Sonya Dean	20	Kathy Scoggins
05	Leighton Bennett	23	Tim Boutwell
05	David Smith	23	Raquel Rivera Cruz
08	Rigo Chavez	25	Charlette Bellefeuille
13	Geoffrey Gallinero	27	Rosita Campbell
14	Annabelle Jacinto	27	Kim Kosmitis
16	Glenda Stahr	29	Lena Cash
18	Patrick Saffold	30	Jamie Rinchuso
19	Jason Dean		

- 11 James & Lisa Burns
- 17 Leonard & Gretchen Zell
- 19 Robert & Catherine Lewis
- 21 Joe & Beth Turchi
- 23 Walter & Sharon Theriot
- 24 Chris & Robin Bryan





Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory #564
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
February 25, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 12:15pm. State Regent Kizer led the Opening Prayer of 3 Hail Mary's for all deceased members. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Silent roll call of Officers showed Vice Regent Deb York absent. Trudy Pascale was asked to sit in her place. A quorum was present for the meeting. There was the reception of one new member, Laura Kauffman. Regent Kizer led Laura in the membership pledge. Minutes of the last meeting, 1-28-2024, were read and approved as read.

State and National Correspondence—Trudy Pascale read the national correspondence regarding the National Convention in New Orleans during August.

Reports of Circle of Love Chairmen

- **Education**—Wendy Ruggeri reported that the students that participated in the Education Contest did not follow the criteria guidelines. There were no valid entries. Angelique Ford made a motion that the Court do something for the students that participated in the Education Contest. It was seconded. After much discussion, the motion was voted on and failed.
- **Family**—Gretchen Zell reported that \$565 was collected during the Pennies for Life Collection. A 'thank you' was extended to those that had provided desserts for the Knights' fish fries. It was noted that under the Standing Rules, Courtesies #8, a wedding gift, a crucifix, was purchased for Sarah Caroline Ruggeri Shirey and her husband, Blake. Report filed.
- **Leadership**—Trudy Pascale shared 10 leadership lessons that could be learned from the Ted Lasso TV series. It was noted that Ted exhibits good leadership skills that we can all learn from. Trudy's report ended with a quote from Ted. At the end of her presentation, Trudy presented members with a pink box containing English biscuits. (A Ted trait) Report filed.
- **Legislation**—Gretchen Zell read Connie Boutwell's report. It noted that Bishop Taylor encouraged Catholics NOT to sign the petition for a constitutional amendment on the November ballot allowing abortion through 18 weeks of conception. Several important election dates were also reported. Connie also provided a copy of the Election 2024 Arkansas Voter Guide for members to review and the Arkansas Catholic newspaper (February 17th) with the bishop's statement. Report filed.
- **Spiritual Enhancement**—Betty Peden discussed the Journey Through Life and the decisions/choices that we make. She encouraged members to pray and to trust God. She noted that pray, reading scripture, and adoration are all ways to bring us closer to God.
- **Youth/JCDA**—Wendy Ruggeri reported that the Easter egg hunt would be Saturday, March 23rd at 10am. Wendy moved that there would be prizes for the Easter egg hunt. The motion was seconded. After a discussion, the motion passed that there would be prizes for the Easter egg hunt and ways to distribute the prizes would be determined. It was noted that the Confirmation class would help stuff the Easter eggs for the hunt. It was noted that there were only 2 more PRE classes before Spring Break. Members were given plastic eggs to stuff for the hunt. They were asked to return the filled eggs by the morning of the hunt.

Other Committees

Membership—Deb Pyland suggested that a membership drive be held in September.

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CONTINUED MINUTES



Unfinished Business

- Pennies for Life—A check was mailed to Birthright for \$565.
- Souper Bowl Scholarship Fund Raiser—It was reported that on Saturday night there were 15 carry outs and 21 dine in. Sunday, there were 15 carry outs and 18 dine in. Money collected was \$830.
- Cakes for Fish Frys—Gretchen reminded members that desserts were needed for the KofC fish frys.
- Easter Eggs—Confirmation Class would help fill Easter eggs for the hunt.

New Business

- **Elect National Convention Voting Delegates**-2; Alternates-4. The following members were nominated to serve as voting delegates at the CDA National Convention: 1.) The newly elected Court Regent; 2.) Kathryn Brickey. The following members were nominated to serve as alternate delegates: 1.) Gretchen Zell; 2.) Mary Ann Kizer; 3.) Laura Kauffman, 4.) Emma Lafitte. The motion was made and seconded that the above names would serve as voting delegates and alternates, respectively. The motion passed.
- **Stations of the Cross**—Our Court is responsible for assisting at the Stations of the Cross on March 8th at 6pm. The following members volunteered to assist: Laura Kauffman—cross, Donna Smith—candle, Mary Ann Kizer—candle.

State Officer's Report—Gretchen Zell read the report from State Regent Connie Boutwell. The report explained the upcoming fundraiser sponsored by the Arkansas State Court. A donation of \$10 gives an individual a chance to win \$1000. The drawing will be held October 31, 2024. Report filed.

Announcements

- Give "Pennies for State" to Kathryn Brickey for our Court to keep.
- Cleaning of the Church will be March 9th at 9:30am.
- Easter Egg Hunt is March 23, 2024 at 10:00am.
- Thank you to Kathryn Brickey and Gretchen Zell for doing the February Social for Deb York.
- Angeliqye Ford is the March Social Chair.

Attendance and Door Prize Drawing—Laura Kauffman won the 50/50 chance (\$7.50) which she donated to the North America College Fund (Betty Peden). Judy Erstine won the door prize, a plant and a Walmart gift card. Regent Kizer led the closing prayer, the Vocation Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Submitted By:
Gretchen Zell, Recording Secretary



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1153

Council 1153 of the Knights of Columbus met for their monthly meeting on Monday, March 4th. Fourteen members were present. Grand Knight Richard Burleigh called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm and the Our Father was prayed.

Richard provided an update on the expenses and income from the first three Lenten fish fries. Total ticket sales are slightly down from the same period last year, but word has spread throughout the community about the fish fry and the quality of the food served. 50/50 drawing has been successful as well, with two winners donating their share of the raffle back to the council. The Grand Knight thanked the members for all of their hard work at each fish fry and was pleased with the number of workers at each event. The council has offered a free dinner to any new member of the Knights of Columbus that completes the online enrollment at the fish fry. So far, no takers-but some individuals have expressed interest in joining. We were also touched to receive a donation from a former parishioner who could no longer attend the fish fries but wished to support the Knights.

Richard also discussed the upcoming nominations for officers and committee chairs. After reading the roles and responsibilities of each position, each of the existing officers were asked to consider if they wished to remain in their current position. Formal nominations will be held at the May meeting.

The Grand Knight also shared the funeral arrangements for former Grand Knight David Jackson. His family and the repose of his soul were remembered in our prayers at the end of the meeting.

Financial Secretary Leonard Zell provided an update on due payments and status of membership. Following updating of the status of several members, the membership roster will be around 34 members. Recruitment efforts were discussed and life member Eddie Rinchuso volunteered to pay the first-year dues for any new members.

Holy Week: -three KC members were needed for the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Adam Smith, Mike Turchi, and Larry Miller volunteered. Deputy Grand Knight Adam Smith read a letter from the diocese Director of Vocations regarding the Holy Thursday collections for the diocese seminarians. We have been asked to read the letter at the masses before Palm Sunday to remind the parishioners of the collection. Adam will discuss with Father Joe.

Leonard Zell presented plans recently given to the Parish Council for a columbarium for the internment of the ashes of parishioners in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The need for the columbarium has developed over the years due to the limited remaining burial plots in the cemetery as well as the move by many families towards cremation. The proposed location may require the movement of a cross and monument to the unborn that were donated by the Knights of Columbus to provide room for the columbarium and to improve visibility of the items. The council agreed to allow for the relocation of the cross and monument within the cemetery, but wished for the cost of the movement to be included in the overall cost of the project.

The Grand Knight proposed to move the meeting times of the Council to 6:00 pm rather than 5:30 pm to accommodate members who lived or worked outside of Jefferson County. The Fourth Degree Council meeting would begin promptly at 6:00 pm and the normal Council meetings would begin immediately after the 4th degree adjourned. The membership voted in favor of this change and those working in the Little Rock area expressed their gratitude.

Under the Good of the Order, the Grand Knight asked to remember the soul of David Jackson and his family in our prayers. Prayers were also offered for David Smith's recovery from surgery, and for Graham Kelter, Eddie Rinchuso's nephew. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm and the council closed with the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

All Catholic men are encouraged to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Our order serves our community, our parish, and our Church and provides fellowship and goodwill.

Respectfully,
David Henning - Recorder

St. Joseph Stained Glass Saints

Submitted by: Sandra Taylor



#15 St. Theresa

In her quest for sanctity, she believed that it was not necessary to accomplish heroic acts, or "*great deeds*", in order to attain holiness and to express her love of God. She wrote, "*Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love.*" For me, prayer is a movement of the heart; it is a simple glance toward Heaven; it is a cry of gratitude and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus. . . . I have not the courage to look through books for beautiful prayers.... I do like a child who does not know how to read; I say very simply to God what I want to say, and He always understands me."

10 April Activities for Catholic Families



- 1. **Bring back the Alleluia!** Once the season of Easter begins, put up a decorative Alleluia in your home. This could be as simple as it written on a piece of paper or as elaborate as large, wooden decorative letters.
- 2. **Enjoy a special ice cream treat for Divine Mercy Sunday** (Sunday after Easter). This fun sundae activity is sure to be a hit with kids.
<http://www.catholicicing.com/celebrate-divine-mercy-sunday/>
- 3. **Work on the free Divine Mercy coloring page near Divine Mercy Sunday** (Sunday after Easter). <https://www.reallifeathome.com/divine-mercy-coloring-page/>
- 4. **Either give your kids some extra computer time or enjoy a no Internet day** (you pick which would be best for your family). Saint Isidore of Seville (April 4th) is the patron saint of the Internet.
- 5. **Plan a trip to a farm (or zoo).** In the Spring, new life abounds on the farm. Arrange a trip to see some baby animals and talk about new life.
- 6. **Be a Good Steward of the planet God created for us.** Explore ways to help the environment through your actions at home. Pick one project or lifestyle change to do as a family.
- 7. **Pray for those preparing for First Communion.** Your family may have a friend or relative receiving Jesus for the first time soon. Spend extra time praying for them, and maybe even let them know that you're doing so!
- 8. **Plant a backyard garden.** This is a perfect time to plan a summer garden or start cooler weather crops. Even a small garden can help children feel close to God through His Creation. If gardening really isn't your thing, considering growing a small indoor plant. (Here are Mary Garden ideas, if you want to make one:
<https://www.reallifeathome.com/how-to-start-a-mary-garden-in-7-easy-steps/>
- 9. **Do a drawing activity (with a video lesson) on how to draw a dragon** in honor of Saint George's feast day (April 23). <https://www.artforkidshub.com/how-to-draw-a-dragon/>
- 10. **Pick your favorite verses from the Gospel of Saint Mark to share or memorize** for his feast day (April 25).

Spirit of Life

Bring your hope and happiness
into the lives of young people.

Guide them as they search for meaning
and purpose in their lives.

Take special care of those who struggle
with issues of self-worth, rejection, and despair.

Safeguard them from danger,
and bring peace to their minds and hearts.

May your grace enfold all young people of the world
and draw them closer to you.

Amen.

Prayer for Young People

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