

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Newsletter

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March Mass

Readings

March 03
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

March 10
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Eph 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

March 24
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mark 11:1-10
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

March 31
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34, 37-43
Col 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Joseph is sometimes called the "**silent man**" because none of his words are recorded in Scripture

There are 2 feast days celebrating St. Joseph

March 19 celebrates Joseph personally and his role in raising Jesus

May 1 celebrates St. Joseph the Worker, patron of workers throughout the world

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



IMAGE FROM ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH,
MISSISSAUGA

Where does the tradition of St. Joseph's Table come from?

According to legend, centuries ago a famine struck Sicily. The residents of Sicily prayed to St. Joseph, foster-father of Jesus, and asked for his intercession. Their prayers were answered. When the famine ended, a special feast of thanksgiving was held in commemoration of St. Joseph. This celebration became tradition. Wealthy families made preparations and invited the less fortunate over to share in a meal.



IMAGE FROM ST. MARY'S PARISH,
NOBLETON



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St. Joseph is the
patron saint
of Canada

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Financial Report

JANUARY 2024

<u>RECEIPTS:</u>	
Collections	18,175.00
Second Collections	1,255.00
Fund Raisers	37,000.00
Cemeteries Funds	645.00
Other Income	4,461.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$61,536.90
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>	
Salaries & Benefits	21,630.32
Rectory, Church & Offices	12,219.87
Budgeted Committees	245.00
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	7,919.00
Cemeteries Expenses	380.67
Other Expenses	34.24
Diocesan Assessment	2,082.75
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.27
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$46,539.12
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:	\$14,997.78



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SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

SHEPPARD

St. Patrick

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ROOMS
All Shapes,
Colors,
Sizes

Palm Sunday

Today, the crowd cries, saying "Hosanna!" to Jesus. What will they say on Friday before Pontius Pilate?

CatholicLink



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.

MARCH



01	Hunter Henning	21	Corina Jones
02	Marilyn Carter	21	Kyle Koenig
02	Thomas Rosetti	22	Regina Bunting
03	Deborah Pyland	22	Kristopher Kline
05	Anthony Sanders	24	Tristen Saffold
05	Joe Strobe	25	Donna Ernst
10	Bridget Noriega	25	Mary Shannon Fikes
12	Mark Ives	25	Mary Miskell
13	Jackie Lain	26	Catherine Wynn
14	Eleanor Caan	27	Deborah Cochran
14	Robin Campbell	27	Amber Dedman
14	Melissa Raymundo	28	Lem Jackson
15	Lynn Castleberry	29	Mary Allyson Ernst
15	Jodi Raines Dennis	30	Trudy Pascale
19	Katelyn Blanchard	30	Adam Smith
20	Shawn Noriega		
21	Brady Dean		

05 Ronny & Angelique Ford
 27 Douglas & Elizabeth Langlois
 31 James & Wendy Ruggeri



Marriage Prayer

Lord, help us *remember*
 when we *first* met and the
 strong *love* that grew between us.
 Help us work that love into *practical* things
 so *nothing* can divide us.
 We ask for words both *kind* and *loving*,
 and for *hearts* always ready
 to ask for *forgiveness* as well
 as to *forgive*. Dear Lord,
 we put our marriage into
your hands.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court Our Lady of Victory #564
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
January 28, 2024



The regular meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by Vice Regent York. A Hail Mary was prayed for deceased members. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Silent Roll Call of Officers showed Regent Mary Ann Kizer, Treasurer Donna Smith, and Financial Secretary Kathryn Brickey absent. Vice Regent Deb York conducted the meeting. Connie Boutwell sat in the Vice Regent seat. Liz Rinchuso sat in the Treasurer seat. Angelique Ford sat in the Financial Secretary seat. It should be noted that since only 2 officers were present, there was not a quorum. No voting could be conducted.

Minutes of the last meeting, November 23, 2023, and a summary of the joint Altar Society and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party were both read and approved as read.

Reports of Circle of Love Chairperson:

- **Education**—Wendy Ruggeri reported that art teachers at school had been contacted regarding the Education contest. A panel of teachers will judge the entries.
- **Family**—Gretchen Zell reported on the volunteers who assisted at the Enchanted Lights. She also reported on the Pennies for Life collection. Report filed.
- **Leadership**—Trudy Pascale gave a report on numerology. She asked members to think about their favorite number and explained what it says about one's personality and leadership style. She ended her report with a quote from Rosalynn Carter. Report filed.
- **Legislation**—Connie Boutwell reminded members that early voting begins March 5th for the Pine Bluff primaries.
- **Quality of Life**—Angelique Ford reported that 4 get well and 11 Happy New Year cards were sent to the home bound during December and January. 11 Christmas buckets were delivered by Angelique and Kathryn Brickey. Approximately \$335 was collected for purchased of various items for the home bound. Report filed.
- **Spiritual Enhancement**—Betty Peden reported that Catholics have several sources to refer to when questions arise. They include: Holy Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Liturgy of the Hour. She encouraged members to continue communicating with God.
- **Youth/JCDA**—Wendy reported that the Easter Egg Hunt would be March 23, 2024. She reminded members to get individually wrapped candy.

Other Committees:

- **Membership**—Trudy Pascale thanked everyone that helped with the joint Altar Society and Catholic Daughters Christmas Party.

Unfinished Business:

- **Bake Sale**—Vice Regent Deb York reported that \$1,016 has been made at this point on the Bake Sale.
- **Pennies for Life**—Gretchen Zell reported that money for Birthright could be donated for another week. Donations could be turned in at the church office or to her.

New Business:

- The Souper Bowl Scholarship Fundraiser will be February 10 & 11, 2024.
- Desserts for Fish Frys—Gretchen Zell asked members to volunteer to make/buy desserts for the upcoming fish fry's beginning February 16th and ending March 22nd. Susan Lambert and Robin Bryn agreed to head up the desserts at the fish fry's.

State Officer's Report—State Regent Connie Boutwell reported on the State Court Fundraiser. (\$10 raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1000.) State Board is hosting a Fun Day, June 8th, 9:30am-2pm in Gallagher Hall. A reminder was given that Robe Survey must be postmarked by the end of January. Arkansas has a Proposed Bylaws Amendment that is hoped to be presented at National Convention.

Announcements—Give "Pennies for State" to Kathryn Brickey for our Court to keep. Pray for Mollie Boeving's grandson, who is at Arkansas Children's Hospital for testing.

Next meeting is Sunday, February 25, 2024. Vice Regent Deb York lead the members in a closing prayer. She adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.

Submitted By:

Gretchen Zell, Recording Secretary

St. Joseph Catholic Church Pastoral Council

November 8, 2023

Kathryn Brickey called the meeting to order at 6:15. Father Joe Marconi gave the opening prayer. A quorum was present. After a silent roll call, the October minutes approved as emailed. Gail Bryant and Garry Boccarossa were our guests.

Committee/Department Reports:

- Liturgy and Music: Preparing for Memorial Service.
- Community Life (Altar Society, CDA, KC, etc.)
 - Grief Support Group: L. Boccarossa reported that there were no participants for the group. She had a table set up on 10/21/23 without response.
 - CDA: Bake sale on 11/18-19/23 after mass. Memorial mass on 11-15-23, and State meeting on 11/11-12/23. Volunteer meeting for new members is being planned.
- PRE/RICA: would like 1 more teacher. They are doing a food drive for Neighbor to Neighbor.
- Building & Grounds Maintenance: (please see report for follow-up).
 - Still working on lighting above the Alter.
 - Has adjusted the heat.
- Craft sale – need to decide by December to have another craft show in the spring. People have been asking.

Financial Report: Report provided by Gail Bryant.

Unfinished Business:

- Spaghetti supper follow-up: Still have slaw and sauce for sale.
- Loves- donations for children –HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
- During the 5th Sunday pot luck CDA will provide a Halloween carnival. There was a good turn out and participants had fun.
- Dishwasher parts are ordered, still not working. Scott Ladd could not come and Jimmy is working on this.
- PRE bathroom commode is now completed.
- Veteran's quilt: raffle announced. Raffle was held on 11-11-23, Deacon Bud can draw.
- Saracen Dedication: Plaque has been installed and meeting mentioned on 11-8-23. S. Taylor researched and found the bow and arrow with a window the Pine Bluff library. She gave members information pamphlets on Saracen Chief.
- Columbarium: L. Zell and Jimmy reviewed the space, noted the land was good. They are starting work on this. Council should set the price on the land – owned by the church. Also check on city ordinances.
- St. Joseph Cemetery gates need fixing
- Per Lisa Boccarossa the crape myrtle by the education building needs trimming. Fig tree needs pruned – will do in Spring.

New Business:

- Craft fair – possibly in December.
- Taking pictures at the church. Non-Catholic couples cannot take pictures or have receptions.
- Tim discussed having Jimmy Akin giving a lecture about Catholicism next year.

Pastors' Report:

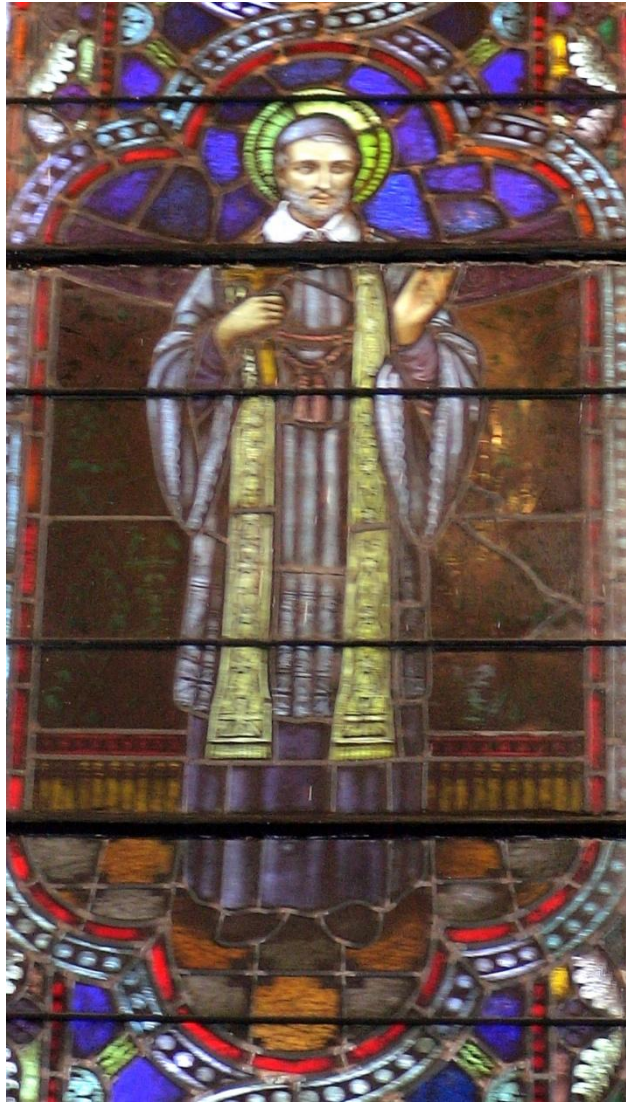
Hope Empowerment has cleaning issues. If not corrected then will not renew next year. Will let them know immediately. Follow-up required.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 1815. Meeting concluded with prayer lead by Father Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb York, Secretary

St. Joseph Stained Glass Saints

Submitted by: Sandra Taylor



#13 St. Alphonsus Liguori

In 1723, after a long process of discernment, he abandoned his legal career and, despite his father's strong opposition began his seminary studies in preparation for the priesthood in the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. He was ordained a priest on December 21, 1726, at the age of 30. He lived his first years as a priest with the homeless and marginalized youth of Naples. He founded the *Evening Chapels* which were managed by the young people themselves. These chapels were centers of prayer and piety, preaching, community, social activities, and education. At the time of his death, there were 72 of these chapels with over 10,000 active participants. His sermons were very effective at converting those who were alienated from their faith. The saint suffered from scruples much of his adult life, and felt guilt about the most minor issues relating to sin.

a guide to HOLY WEEK

By Melinda McPherson

Palm Sunday



People of Jerusalem welcome Jesus as king as he triumphantly enters the city



Crowd waves palms and lays cloaks on the ground before him



Jesus rides in on a donkey to fulfill Old Testament prophecies



The liturgy begins with blessing of palms, an extra reading about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and a procession while the congregation waves palms to play the part of the crowds



Take the palms and place them in your home or workplace as a witness to faith in Jesus' Paschal Victory

Put yourself in the shoes of the people who first welcomed Christ as king, but in a matter of days, called for his crucifixion

What Happened That Day



What You'll See at Church



How to Live Out the Day



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Though chronologically three days, the **PASCHAL TRIDUUM** is one liturgical day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery

Holy Thursday



Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his Apostles



Jesus institutes the Eucharist and constitutes the Apostles as priests



Displaying great humility, Jesus washes the feet of his Apostles



Gives *mandatum*, command to love one another as he has loved them



During the agony in the garden, he accepts God's will, then is arrested



At the end of Mass the altar is stripped and all decorations are covered or removed. Even the tabernacle is emptied and all consecrated hosts are moved to an Altar of Repose to mimic the absence and loss felt by the disciples during Jesus' agony and death.

No final blessing as the liturgical day continues



Make a pilgrimage to visit seven churches in your area

Spend an hour in adoration

Good Friday



While Jesus was being questioned, Peter denies him three times



Pilate has Jesus scourged and a crown of thorns put on his head



Jesus carries his own cross to Calvary, where he is crucified



With the words, "It is finished," Jesus dies and darkness descends



Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb



This is the only day of the year where no Masses are celebrated, and no sacraments are performed, unless it's an emergency

Candles are only lit during the liturgy when the Eucharist is present and during the Veneration of the Cross



Fasting and abstinence from meat

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Maintain silence during the hours Jesus was on the cross

Easter Sunday



Jesus rises, conquering death, and opening the path to new life!



Empty tomb is found first by the holy women, then by Peter and John



Jesus appears to multiple groups of disciples, they see and believe



Take part in a festive gathering with family and friends to honor this day as the highest of feasts

Start by blessing the table and home with holy water from the Easter Mass

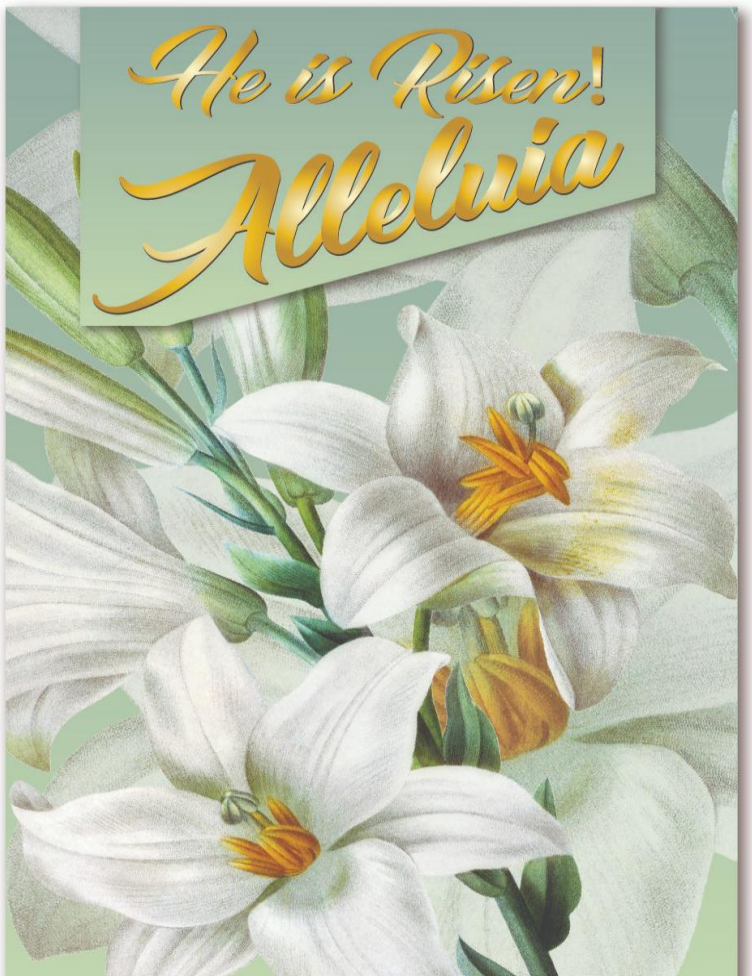
Keep the celebration going during the Octave of Easter for eight days, and the Easter season for 50 days until Pentecost



Catechumens receive sacraments of initiation, and the whole congregation renews baptismal vows

We sing Alleluia again for the first time since the beginning of Lent

The new Paschal candle is carried into the church and the congregations' candles are lit from it



A Prayer for Easter

Jesus, our Risen Savior, all glory and praise to You, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow and fullness of love to our hearts.

On this Resurrection Day, we ask You to renew our hearts, minds and bodies with the new joy of this Easter Season. Guide us to keep focused on Your Holy Word that is all encompassing and pure.

Allow us to be a reflection of Your peace and enlightenment to this world which so desperately needs Your eternal presence.

*He is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Amen.

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