

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## Newsletter

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### May Mass Readings

**May 05**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48*

*1 Jn 4:7-10*

*John 15:9-17*

**May 12**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

*Acts 1:15-17, 20-26*

*1 Jn 4:11-16*

*John 17:11-19*

**May 19**

**Pentecost Sunday**

*Gn 11:1-9*

*Rom 8:22-27*

*John 7:37-39*

**May 26**

**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

*Dt 4:32-34, 39-40*

*Rom 8:14-17*

*Matt 28:16-20*

The month of **May** is dedicated to

## The Blessed Virgin Mary

During this month, we offer up to Mary an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

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Because of Mary's singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, **to magnify** with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and **to entrust** supplications and praises to her.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2682



### Mary is the perfect "Orans" (pray-er)...

When we pray to her, we are adhering with her to the plan of the Father, who sends his Son to save all men.. **We can pray with and to her.** The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2679



The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary started at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. It became especially popular among Jesuit students that it spread to the whole Church by 1700.

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We ask Mary, our Mother, to help us to pray with a humble heart.

POPE FRANCIS @PONTIFEX, AUGUST 14, 2016



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# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Financial Report

MARCH 2024

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Collections	37,623.00
Second Collections	8,007.00
Fund Raisers	- 0 -
Cemeteries Funds	889.60
Other Income	17,052.53
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$63,572.13</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	22,307.58
Rectory, Church & Offices	45,648.70*
Budgeted Committees	820.00
Contributions/Aid	1,650.00
Scholarships	- 0 -
Second Collections	837.00
Cemeteries Expenses	585.71
Other Expenses	54.78
Diocesan Assessment	2,082.75
Parish Support-Seminarians	377.27
Capital Expenditures	- 0 -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$74,363.79</b>
<b>EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>(\$10,791.66)</b>

\*Church Annual Property & Liability Insurance = \$39,720.00



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# THE HOLY ROSARY

"Say the Rosary every day...  
Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for  
sinners...  
I'm Our Lady of the Rosary.  
Only I will be able to help you.  
...In the end My Immaculate Heart will  
triumph."



Our Lady at Fatima



**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](mailto:stjosephnews14@gmail.com).**

# MAY



03	Noera Jacinto	19	Benny Fratesi
03	Pat Sutliff	19	Joseph Roberts
05	Annette Kline	20	Nicolai Birch
05	Benjamin Pastula	20	Juliet Bogy
05	Zachary Pastula	20	Gail Bryant
08	Emma Lafitte	20	Maria Jackson
08	Tismina Toh	20	Alexander Kline
10	Brenda Alvarez	20	Angelina Manuel
10	Don Stringer	21	Elizabeth Langlois
11	Mike Carter	22	Steve Dennis
11	Jakob Deuerling	22	Raquel Rivera Cruz
12	Robert Birch	23	Chris Giblin
13	Johnalyn Gallinero	23	Cathy Lewis
13	Mary Traywick	24	Mike King
14	Gerald Manual	26	Beatrice Gallinero
15	Jim Merrill	28	Helen Pascale
15	Mike Turchi	29	James Ruggeri
17	Pam Winkler	30	Ann Allen
18	Paul Bennett	31	Cole Dean
18	Judy Wilbert	31	Regin Reginio

09 Gary & Kathryn Brickey  
 17 Ronald & Donna Renfro  
 18 Joe & Pam Thornton  
 26 Tai & Kellie Pham  
 30 Greg & Rebecca Turchi





**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**Court Our Lady of Victory #564**  
**St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**March 24, 2024**



The regular meeting of Court Our Lady of Victory #564 was called to order by Regent Mary Ann Kizer on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 12:35pm in Gallagher Hall. Minutes of the February 25, 2024 minutes were approved as read. There was no local correspondence. State correspondence consisted of an email from State Regent Connie Boutwell regarding a membership survey from National.

### **Reports of Circle of Love Chairmen**

- Family—Thanks were extended to those that donated bake goods for the fish fries. Members were reminded to record volunteer hours.
- Legislation—Connie Boutwell gave dates for early voting and the Pine Bluff run-off election. She also reported on Bishop Broglio's National Invitation to Pray to end abortion and the protection of Women and preborn children from March 25th-June 1<sup>st</sup>. Report filed.
- Quality of Life—Angelique Ford sent out a total of 27 various cards since the last meeting.
- Spiritual Enhancement—Betty Peden noted in order to change the world we need to start with oneself. She encouraged everyone to keep Mass special. Do the stations informally. Pray. Don't recite.
- Youth—Wendy Ruggeri reported that 18 children and 22 adults attended the Easter Egg Hunt.

### **Unfinished Business**

Pennies for Life—A check for \$565 was sent to Birthright.

### **New Business**

- Financial Review—Wendy Ruggeri reported that the financial review would be conducted following the April 28<sup>th</sup> regular CD Meeting.
- Elect Nominating Committee—Gretchen Zell, Barbara Akins, and Angelique Ford were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. Gretchen will serve as chair of the committee since she was the first person selected.
- Bake Sale—Bake Sale is on the calendar for May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. These dates may conflict with Confirmation. The church office will be consulted.

State Officer's Report—State Regent Connie Boutwell discussed upcoming events. The events included: State Court Fundraiser; Fun Day, June 8<sup>th</sup>; Election of new officers; Proposed Bylaws Amendment at National CDA Convention; and Trivia Night sponsored by Court Mother of Divine Mercy.

### **Announcements**

- Give "Pennies for State" to Kathryn Brickey.
- Barbara Akins provided an information table on CKD (chronic kidney disease).
- Social committee and Calendar of Events were available from Regent Kizer.
- 'Thank You' was extended to Angelique Ford for chairing the March Social. Gretchen Zell will chair the April Social. The Door Prize was won by Liz Rinchuso. 50/50 was won by Donna Smith (\$5).

Closing Prayer, the Vocation Prayer, was led by Regent Kizer. Meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.

Submitted By,  
Gretchen Zell, Recording Secretary



Altar Society Meeting  
April 4, 2024  
Gallagher Hall-St. Joseph Catholic Church

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mary Shannon Fikes with seven members present. Mary Shannon opened the meeting with the 7th day Divine Mercy Prayer. The February 1, 2024 minutes were read and approved with no corrections nor additions. Rena Harrison gave the correspondence report. Thank you notes from Robert Lewis, Gretchen Zell and the family of Rose Mary Sith were read. The card report was given by Pam Thornton. In February there were three sympathies, four get well, and one encouragement cards sent out. There were two get well cards mailed in March.

**Old Business:**

1. Kathryn stated that the four water font liners have been purchased for a total of \$184.12.
2. When Lauren, Kathryn and Rena went to Connect Bank to roll over the matured CD they were told that they had to turn in the CD which they did not have in their possession at the time. Kathryn felt that it was somewhere in a safe place and she would look for it. In the meantime, the CD is continuing to earn interest at the lower rate.

**New Business:**

1. New cassocks needed for altar servers was discussed. Black cassocks with white surplices are in dire need especially in a larger size than what is had presently. Kathryn stated that she would get with Fr. Joe to see which style he would like for us to purchase.
2. Cinchers are badly frayed and need to be replaced. After much discussion, Connie made a motion that we purchase four of the 81" long and six of the 144" long cinchers, flax colored with monk's knots. The cost will be about \$17.50 each. Kathryn seconded the motion. After being put to a vote, the motion passed.
3. Altar Society is the host of the 5th Sunday potluck on June 30, 2024.

**Announcements:**

The next meeting will be held May 2, 2024. The rosary will be prayed for the month of our Blessed Mother.

There was no door prize due to no social committee nor was there a 50/50 drawing. Mary Shannon recited the prayer to spread the joy of Easter then led the group in praying the Hail Mary. Meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Rena Harrison, Secretary



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1153**



Council 1153 of the Knights of Columbus met for their monthly meeting on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Fourteen members were present. Grand Knight Richard Burleigh called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm and welcomed back Knights LJ Jones and Othel Lee who have been unable to attend council meetings for some time. Welcome back Brothers!

Richard provided a report on the Lenten Fish Frys. The last fish fry on March 22<sup>nd</sup> was the most well attended, with 231 tickets sold. Our average attendance was 202 per night. Final numbers on our profit will be presented at next month's meeting. We received good comments from the attendees regarding service, atmosphere, and food quality. Overall, the dinners were a great community event. The Grand Knight expressed his appreciation for all of the hard work by the Knights, their families, and the Catholic Daughters. The Council wishes to thank the St. Joseph's Family and friends for their support for our annual fundraiser.

Treasurer Greg Mattics read a thank you letter from Seminarian Durham Booker. The council sponsors one seminarian each year and provides a monthly stipend to assist them with expenses. Durham will be ordained this summer, and we are proud to have helped him along his journey to the Priesthood.

We are very pleased to welcome two new Knights to our council since our last meeting: Mr. William Hogan and Mr. Christopher Calvert. Welcome gentlemen and we look forward to your contributions to our Order.

Under the Good of the Order, prayers were offered for Liz Rinchuso and Dennis Austin. Larry Miller asked us to pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Travis Chisom, former Director of Special Olympics and a true friend to the community. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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 Catholic Church**  
**Pastoral Council**  
**February 21, 2024**

Kathryn Brickey called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Father Joe Marconi gave the opening prayer. Absent: no one. A quorum was present. After a silent roll call, the January minutes approved with corrections upon review. Gail Bryant and Garry Boccarossa was our guests.

**Committee/Department Reports:**

- A. Community Life (Altar Society, CDA, KC, etc.)
  - a) Grief Support Group: L. Boccarossa reported that information on the group was available during church and that they have three participants. Will start on 4/2024.
  - b) KC: Fish fry doing well, started on 2/16/24 and ending on 3-22-24.
- B. PRE/RICA: would like 1 more teachers.
  - a) First Communion 3/27/24.
  - b) RICA will be coming to church on Easter Vigil.
- C. Building & Grounds Maintenance: (please see report for follow-up).
  - a) Still working on lighting above the altar.
  - b) Dishwasher parts are ordered.
- D. Craft sale – need to decide by December to have another craft show in the fall.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Dishwasher parts are installed.
- 2. Sanctuary lighting done 1/17/24. Looking at heat in the pews at about 60 degrees.
- 3. Columbarium: Leonard Zell gave a fantastic presentation and architectural drawing with options for the land and design. Father Joe liked the plan the council agreed. Will pursue further.
- 4. Saracen plaque will be installed in early spring- March or April. There will be a commencement ceremony set up by Sandra Taylor.

**New Business:**

- 1. Reviewed the participants of Stations of the Cross.
- 2. Two trees need removed on the school pay area need removed. Rivera will remove for \$3,400
- 3. St. Joseph Cemetery gates need fixing.
- 4. Per Lisa Boccarossa the crape myrtle by the education building needs trimming. Fig tree needs pruned – will do in Spring.
- 5. Susan and Kathryn reported on the flowers around the statue. Need to find water source and what type of flowers to use. Lowes has roses for \$14.99. Will ask Jimmy for water faucet ideas and Susan, along with Kathryn will look at flowers.
- 6. Carpet in the rectory, Susan states needs clean. Cooter Failla to see how much it will cost to clean and notify Jimmy of the cost and possibility to get carpet cleaned.
- 7. Tim to look into doing a dinner or special event to have Jimmy Akin speak at our church. He will look at costs.

**Pastors' Report:** Reviewed the Columbarium for the church this could be worth \$200,000 if sold.

**Dates to remember:** St Joseph Feast Day, this will occur on 3-17-24 and cake will be served after mass.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. Meeting concluded with prayer lead by Father Joe.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deb York - Secretary

# St. Joseph Stained Glass Saints

Submitted by: Sandra Taylor



#16 Jesus as the Lamb of God

The title **Lamb of God** (in Latin **Agnus Dei**) appears in the Gospel of John, with the exclamation of John the Baptist: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" in John 1:29 when he sees Jesus. John the Baptist's other proclamation in John 1:34: "I have borne witness that this is the Son of God" and the descent of the Holy Spirit as a dove in John 1:32 reinforce each other to establish the divine element of the Person of Christ. The proclamation "who takes away the sin of the world" begins the unfolding of the salvation theme of the redemptive and sacrificial death of Jesus followed by his resurrection which is built upon in other proclamations such as "this is indeed the Savior of the world" uttered by the Samaritans in John 4:42. In Christian teachings, *Lamb of God* refers to Jesus Christ in his role of the perfect sacrificial offering. These teachings emphasize that Jesus chose to suffer in Calvary as a sign of his full obedience to the will of his Father.





## HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, MOTHER OF MERCY,  
OUR LIFE, OUR SWEETNESS AND OUR HOPE.

TO THEE DO WE CRY,

POOR BANISHED CHILDREN OF EVE.

TO THEE DO WE SEND UP OUR SIGHS, MOURNING  
AND WEEPING IN THIS VALLEY OF TEARS.

TURN THEN, MOST GRACIOUS ADVOCATE,

THINE EYES OF MERCY TOWARD US,

AND AFTER THIS OUR EXILE, SHOW UNTO US

THE BLESSED FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS

O CLEMENT, O LOVING,

O SWEET VIRGIN MARY.



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