



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
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**Reconciliation:** Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment  
**\*\*Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Tuesdays and Thursdays—noon until 8:00pm**

Mass Intentions

4/1	Monday		NO MASS	
4/2	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Bernice Grist	Evelyn Bauer
4/3	Wednesday	8:00am	+Randy Anhalt	Janie Calvert
4/4	Thursday		NO MASS	
4/5	Friday	8:00am	+Frank Beshoner	Jim & Charlotte Fletcher
4/6	Saturday	6:00pm	+Don Koehler	Mike & Jane Koehler
4/7	Sunday	9:00am	+Deceased & Living Parishioners	Father Polycarp

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 4/8-The Annunciation of the Lord; 4/11-St. Stanislaus; 4/13-Pope St. Martin I

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Ministers for April 13 & 14

Saturday: 6:00pm

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom, Tom & Paulette Spivey  
**Servers:** Emerson & Ella Komp  
**Music:** Randy Edelhuber /Debbie Rainwater

**Lector:** Janet Schluterman  
**Gifts:** Kurtis & Sarah Simmons  
**Ushers:** D Mauer, R Robberson, M&J Koehler

Sunday 9:00am – First Communion

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom, Kenneth & Lisa Vines  
**Servers:** Noah & Aria Curtis, Addie McGarrah  
**Music:** Shana White & Music Team

**Lector:** Joseph Mung & Samson Curtis  
**Gifts:** Finn McGarrah, Koreigh Lunsford, Addy Hughes  
**Ushers:** B, T, M, J Naegle

**First Communion Reception:** Sharon Pohlmeier

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- April 6/7: Monthly collection for St. Joseph School
- April 9: Eucharistic Adoration noon to 7:30  
Parish Council meeting at 6:00
- April 10: Religious Education classes at 6:00pm
- April 11: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00pm. Opportunity for Reconciliation 7:00-7:45
- April 14: FIRST COMMUNION AT 9:00 MASS – reception to follow in the hall  
Knights of Columbus #3084 meeting at Booneville. Rosary at 4:00 followed by meeting.
- April 16 – 18: Father will be attending Continuing Education for Clergy in Little Rock – NO MASSES

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**April – The Month of the Holy Eucharist**

April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that *the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.*

*The Mother's Society will not meet in April or May.* The Mother's Society now offers catering for weddings, anniversaries, and special occasions. For pricing and information, please contact Charlotte Koenigseder at 438-2743.

**++ CHOIR PRACTICE!! ALL ARE WELCOME!!** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up. No one is too old! Male & female voices are needed! Contact Shana about dates and times. 719-800-3440.

**March 31 Collection:** Adult env (48) \$2590. Children: \$43.38. Loose: \$552.15. Total: 3185.53. Candles: \$36. Mass stipends: \$20. March school collection: \$999. Diocesan: Catholic Relief Services: \$543. Holy Thursday Seminarian Fund: \$1283. Good Friday Holy Land: \$660.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Finn McGarrah, Marcus Rainwater, Carla Molton, and Rob Cope.  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Danny & Michelle Owens.

**Prayer Chain:** Peggy Ingle/hip replacement surgery

April Bereavement Committee

Theresa Naegle, Kim Neumeier, Dorothy Neumeier, Mary Beth Nehus, Christa Nehus, Beverly Nehus, Paula O'Bar, Danielle O'Bar, Michelle Owens, Sarah Perreault, Margie Phillips, Jessica Philmon, Sharon Pohlmeier, Rita Robberson, Rita Rhineheart, Frances Rhineheart, Laura Rainwater

Intention of the Holy Father for April

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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*We welcome all visitors and invite newcomers to register at the church office where we would enjoy meeting you. If you regularly attend Mass at St. Joseph's and are not yet a registered parishioner but would like to be, please contact the church office at 963-2131*  
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### St. Joseph School

It is the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School to promote a safe, loving environment that creates disciples of Christ and lifelong learners.

#### NO SCHOOL MONDAY! – ENJOY THE ECLIPSE!

First Communion is next Sunday at 9:00 Mass. Please join us!

Thank you to all who attended the Spring Fling. The students were amazing – and very cute!!

Best Choice UPC box is in the cry room for your convenience. You may leave used ink cartridges as well.

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Camp Subiaco, June 16-22 or June 23-29, is for boys ages 9-13. It includes fishing, archery, riflery, go-karts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and much more. The camp is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of the Abbey.

#### Mass for Hope and Healing

To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be held Sunday, April 14, at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock. All interested in praying for victims, their families and friends are invited to attend.

**DECLINE TO SIGN:** If you are asked to sign a petition for the Arkansas Abortion Amendment, please do not sign it! A woman who faces an unintended or challenging pregnancy needs love, support, and real help to care for herself and to carry her unborn child through pregnancy and into life outside the womb. Abortion is not a "need."

**College students are invited to apply for Arkansas Catholic's summer internship** to get firsthand experience in journalism and communication by writing articles, taking photographs, and completing website and video projects. The position is unpaid, but college credit is possible. 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 LR and have a valid driver's license. Call editor Malea Hargett at 501-664-0125, text 501-554-9595 or email mhargett@dolr.org by April 19.

**"Preparing for Pentecost"** April 27, 9am-5pm, hosted by Holy Fire Ministries (AR Catholic Charismatic Renewal) is open to all. Catholics who have experienced God's love, healing, forgiveness, reception of the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, will give their witness as a testament to Jesus' promises. There will be a healing service, individual prayer, and end with Vigil Mass. \$20 fee includes lunch at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Conway.

**Catholic In Recovery**, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments, including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating, codependency, food addictions, gambling addiction, and the impacts on family, as well as general fear, control, and anxiety. This meeting has been active at Sacred Heart Parish in Charleston since Feb 4, 2024, is open to all, and takes place every Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, directly behind the church, offering complete anonymity in a private community room.

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It's important to keep in mind the priorities in your marriage. Don't sweat the small stuff!

What have you done for your marriage today? [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

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*"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." (Acts 4:32)*



All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, your money. These are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything. We are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

This past week we witnessed many parishioners who were "grateful and generous with all of their gifts for the benefit of others," beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing through the Triduum to Easter Sunday. Many of our youth served beautifully and reverently at each of these services. Twelve parishioners of all ages had feet washed, others read portions of the Passion, and still others proclaimed Old Testament readings at the Vigil. Some removed the purple cloths from the statues, some put the small Vigil candles in holders, and others prepared the fire, the water, and the Paschal Candle, all in preparation for the Vigil Mass. Still others provided musical talent and others decorated church for each of these events. Many provided memorial lilies for the sanctuary, and another had special bows made to dress up the lilies by the tabernacle. We have the Mother's Society who once again provided gorgeous Easter banners which help enhance this holy season. Then we have the youth who filled Easter eggs and prepared for the hunt, as well as those who donated the goodies to fill the eggs. Everyone can do something! No donation of time and talent is too small or too large. Everyone is needed! **Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!**

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*Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song.*

Pope John Paul II