

Father Ben Nwosu celebrated Mass for Palm Sunday at 4:00 PM Saturday March 23, 2024. There were 50 in attendance.

Contributions received in March:

<u>Offertory Collection:</u>	\$	5,781
<u>Other:</u>	\$	1,080
<u>Building Fund:</u>	\$	
<u>Monthly Budgeted:</u>	\$	5,083
		+1,778

Monday April 1

Jesus and Coffee meets 10 AM at McCarty Center

April 13

Stewardship Conference
Cana Hall
Jefferson City

April 13

10AM- 3PM
Parish Center
Coin Show

**SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER
DIVINE MERCY
CELEBRATED
APRIL 6, 2024**

3:30 PM - Rosary
3:40-3:55 Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM – Eucharist
***ANDREW KANTNER**

Please pray for our Parishioners residing in Hermitage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center: Sally Fleenor, Franz Hallatschek, and Clif Brooks



APRIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave and Diana Robinson, Kathi Kessinger, Phil Rotert, Mary Berry, Roger Riley, Ed Camp, Jimmie Lee Farmer, Rodney Schaefer, , Father Dan, Alice Wepplo, sister of Margaret Hastings, Teresa Kilkenny, and Mike Stevenson.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN IN HARMS WAY



Matthew Bialek, Alex Eisinger, Logan Eldred, Mark Holm, Michael Greenleaf, David Murphy, Houston Noah, Caitlin Schaefer, Addie Schaefer and Faith Schaefer.

The Easter 2024 issue of “Word Among Us” is available in the basket in Miller Hall. Please pick yours up and consider picking one up for our homebound members.

Bishop McKnight’s April prayer intention for our Local Church

For a greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life.





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**EASTER SUNDAY
CELEBRATED**

MARCH 31ST AT 10:00 AM

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 8:30a.m.– 1:30p.m.

Wed. By Appointment

Pastor: Father Benjamin Nwosu

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:40 – 3:55 p.m.

Rosary: 3:30 p.m. Eucharist: 4:00 p.m.

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**ST BERNADETTE CHURCH IS A CENTER OF
CHARITY WHERE WE PRAY, GROW, LOVE,
AND LEARN TO LIVE LIKE JESUS CHRIST**

“At Easter, God finally reveals His glory. He takes away the last veil and astonishes us as never before. We discover, in fact, that God’s glory is all love: pure love, mad and unthinkable, beyond every limit and measure...True glory is the glory of love, because it is the only one that gives life to the world. Certainly, this glory is the opposite of worldly glory, which comes when one is admired, praised, or acclaimed. The glory of God, on the other hand, is paradoxical: no applause, no audience. At the center there is not the ego, but the other.

Pope Francis



Don't sign your rights and freedom away by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.

This petition goes too far for Missouri!

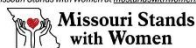
This extreme initiative petition could:

- Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb.
- Allow abortion clinics in your neighborhood – even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

Don't be fooled! Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe" —or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice" —or say anything to get you to sign. **Don't believe them!**

DECLINE TO SIGN any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to **DECLINE TO SIGN**. **The future of Missouri is counting on you!**

For more information on Decline to Sign, contact Missouri Stands with Women at missouristandswithwomen.org.



The Church loves you and cares about you. Pregnant? Help is available. Contact Optionline.org or call or text 800-712-4327. Experienced abortion? (for women and men) SupportAfterAbortion.com. Call or text 844-289-HOPE (4673).

*St. Bernadette
Pray for us!*

SCAN ME!

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE APRIL 13 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE?

Please read this article from *The Catholic Missourian* where Lisa McArdle, one of the presenters shares how families are the foundation of stewardship.

Register Here

Please register by April 9
Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast & lunch

<https://diojeffcity.org/stewardship-conference/>

DIocese of Jefferson City
Stewardship GROWING OUR FAITH

Joyous Easter!

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! Through his Resurrection, the gates of heaven were opened so one day we will rise with Christ in eternal life. Share the joy of Easter all year long, giving God thanks by the way you live and respond to him each day.



Reflection for John 20:1-9

It's not easy to believe in the Resurrection. The disciples had to experience the dark night of the soul after Good Friday. Together with the trauma of the Lord's violent death, they suffered because of the silence of so many unknown elements. We can understand their anguish if we compare it to what we feel when we are waiting for a friend who doesn't show up. Your friend is supposed to go on a trip with you, but he doesn't show up when it's time to leave. What could have happened? Your soul gets worried, and all sorts of images pass before your eyes. That's what the disciples were feeling.

The resurrected Jesus appears to Peter, to Mary Magdalene, and to Thomas, precisely to these three because they were doubting. They were more dead inside than alive. And he appears to the disciples of Emmaus because they had already lost hope. To all of them he brings new reasons to live.

The Lord's Resurrection changed the world. Death was defeated when he accepted death; pain and suffering were conquered when he freely chose to suffer; sin was destroyed when he bore it on his shoulders. This is true, even though death, suffering and sin still continue to this day. But they are no longer able to defeat us because of Christ our Lord. That's why we have to be people of hope. We have to persevere in hope that has been tested in love and in death.

Every Sunday is a little Easter that becomes a reality in the holy Eucharist. St. Paul invites us to "look for the things above, and not those of the world." This is the Bread come down from heaven containing all sweetness and mercy.

Make a practical resolution this Easter weekend: spend time reading the Gospel narrative of everything that took place after the Resurrection. It will fill you with joy and peace. And how much do we need these after hearing all the bad news in the media about catastrophes, death and abuse. Let's fill our souls with the good news that Jesus has conquered sin, death and the grave, and promises us a life of unending joy with him and all the angels and saints in heaven.

2024 Women's Ministry Spring Pilgrimage

Join us for a day of prayer and reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary with Catholic speaker Jill Simons

Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
St. Mary Parish — Shelbina, MO

Register online at diojeffcity.org/springpilgrimage