

Parroquia de San José

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, Kentucky 42066 – 270-247-2843

stjosephmayfield.com 6PM Rosary facebook.com/102896194709702/

OFFICE HOURS/HORAS –

Monday/Lunes-Friday/Viernes 8:30AM -12:00PM; 1:00-4:00PM

Reverend Eric D Riley, Parish Priest/Párroco: 270-705-3685 fr.riley@pastoral.org

Mrs Christie Scarbrough, Business Manager/Gerente de Negocios stjosephmayfield@gmail.com

Señora Arabel Arellano, Asociada Pastoral: 270-705-5917; Señora Nancy Romero, Asociada Pastoral 270.564.4607

Señor Alfredo Gonzalez, Director of Evangelization & Plant Manager / Director de Evangelización y Gerente de Edificios

Ms Stephanie Hayden, Director of Music, Director of Music, 270-247-2843 sjpmusicminister@gmail.com

Saint Vincent de Paul Office Hours/Sociedad de San Vicente de Pablo: Friday 1-3:30PM in Parish Center



12 APRIL 2026

APRIL: MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST / MES DE LA SANTÍSIMA EUCARISTÍA

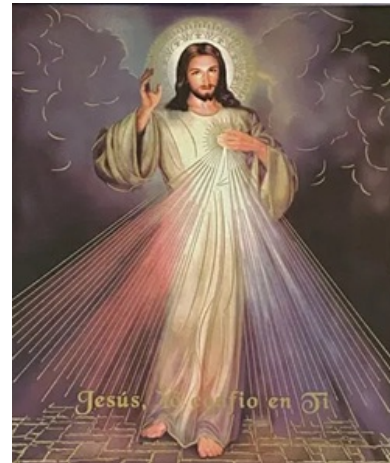
WEEKLY MASSES & IMPORTANT PARISH EVENTS –

MISAS SEMANALES E EVENTOS IMPORTANTES PARROQUIALES

Confessions/Confesiones – Saturday/Sabado 4 PM; Sunday/Domingo 8:30AM; 10:30AM

Adoration/Adoración Fridays 8:30AM–6:00PM

Ministry Schedules –www.stjosephmayfield.com



DATE/FECHA	INTENTION/INTENCIÓN
11 April	4:30PM †John & Helen Riley – Divine Mercy Sunday
12 April	9:00AM †Ethel Wurth – Divine Mercy Sunday
12 Abril	11:00AM Todos los Feligreses Divina Misericordia
15 April	8:00AM †DarryE Jackson
16 April	8:00AM †Sue & Louis Cash
17 April	8:00AM †Sam Willett
17 Abril	6:00PM Rosario y Comunión
18 April	4:30PM †Steve Thompson
19 April	9:00AM †Ethan Barnett – Parish Anniversary – School Mem Dedication
19 Abril	11:00AM Todos los Feligreses

GRACIAS!!!! a TODOS los que prepararon y ministraron durante la Semana Santa y la Pascua las Liturgias, decoraron la Iglesia y participaron en la vida de nuestra Parroquia durante estos Días Santísimos. Bendiciones de Pascua para todos ustedes.

THANK YOU!!!! to ALL who prepared and ministered during the Holy Week and Easter the Liturgies, decorated the Church, and participated in the life of our Parish during these most Holy Days. Easter blessings to you all.

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION & BLESSING— Sunday, 19 April, after the 9AM Mass, the Memorial Committee will dedicate the school memorial and Fr Riley will bless the garden. The Mary & Martha Guild will provide refreshments afterward. Thank you to all who have worked on this memorial over the past few years.

SDVP- Thank you for your generous donations for March 5th Sunday. We will resume our annual awesome yard sale the first weekend of June. Please consider donations while Soring Cleaning—GENTLY USED & CLEAN toys, household items/decor and clothing of all sizes. Call 270-705-4306 for pick up/ deliver on Fridays between 1:00 and 3:30/ or give to any volunteer. Large items, such as furniture can be picked up the week of the sale. Present needs: Peanutbutter/ Crackers/ Spaghetti. Muchas gracias por sus donaciones el quinto domingo de marzo. Tendremos una gran venta el primer fin de semana de junio. Si Ud. tiene donaciones (LÍMPIOS) de juguetes/ artículos o decoraciones de casa/ o ropa , se puede llamar a 270-705-4306/ traerllas los viernes entre 1:00 y 3:30/ o darlas a cualquier voluntario. Vamos a recoger donaciones grandes - como muebles- la semana de la venta. Ahora necesitamos maní de cacahuate/ galletas saladas/ y espaguetis.

DIocese of OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT – To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597- 2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360_ You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562. *Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, help us to protect our children from all abuse.*

OFICINA DE MEDIO AMBIENTE SEGURO DE LA DIÓCESIS DE OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY - Para denunciar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su Fiscal Local del Commonwealth. Para reportar abuso, actual o pasado, a la diócesis por parte de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre de la Iglesia, llame a Scott Ingram, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (inglés) al 270-852-8380, o Miguel Quintanilla, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (español) al 270-880-8360. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Segura (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información. Para hacer un informe de abuso sexual de un menor de edad o conducta inapropiada relacionada por parte de algún obispo, visite <https://reportbishopabuse.org/es>. *San José, padre adoptivo de Jesús, ayúdanos a proteger a nuestros hijos de todo abuso.*

Mercy and Sin

1846 The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners.113 The angel announced to Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."114 The same is true of the Eucharist, the sacrament of redemption: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."115

1847 "God created us without us: but he did not will to save us without us."116 To receive his mercy, we must admit our faults. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."117

1848 As St. Paul affirms, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more."118 But to do its work grace must uncover sin so as to convert our hearts and bestow on us "righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."119 Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God, by his Word and by his Spirit, casts a living light on sin: Conversion requires convincing of sin; it includes the interior judgment of conscience, and this, being a proof of the action of the Spirit of truth in man's inmost being, becomes at the same time the start of a new grant of grace and love: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Thus in this "convincing concerning sin" we discover a double gift: the gift of the truth of conscience and the gift of the certainty of redemption. the Spirit of truth is the Consoler.120

2447 The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities.241 Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. the corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.242 Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God: He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none and he who has food must do likewise.244 But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, everything is clean for you.245 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?246

CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA

La misericordia y el pecado

1846 El Evangelio es la revelación, en Jesucristo, de la misericordia de Dios con los pecadores (cf Lc 15). El ángel anuncia a José: “Tú le pondrás por nombre Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados” (Mt 1, 21). Y en la institución de la Eucaristía, sacramento de la redención, Jesús dice: “Esta es mi sangre de la alianza, que va a ser derramada por muchos para remisión de los pecados” (Mt 26, 28).

1847 Dios, “que te ha creado sin ti, no te salvará sin ti” (San Agustín, Sermo 169, 11, 13). La acogida de su misericordia exige de nosotros la confesión de nuestras faltas. “Si decimos que no tenemos pecado, nos engañamos y la verdad no está en nosotros. Si reconocemos nuestros pecados, fiel y justo es él para perdonarnos los pecados y purificarnos de toda injusticia” (1 Jn 1,8-9).

1848 Como afirma san Pablo, “donde abundó el pecado, [...] sobreabundó la gracia” (Rm 5, 20). Pero para hacer su obra, la gracia debe descubrir el pecado para convertir nuestro corazón y conferirnos “la justicia para la vida eterna por Jesucristo nuestro Señor” (Rm 5, 20-21). Como un médico que descubre la herida antes de curarla, Dios, mediante su Palabra y su Espíritu, proyecta una luz viva sobre el pecado:

«La conversión exige el reconocimiento del pecado, supone el juicio interior de la propia conciencia, y éste, puesto que es la comprobación de la acción del Espíritu de la verdad en la intimidad del hombre, llega a ser al mismo tiempo el nuevo comienzo de la dádiva de la gracia y del amor: “Recibid el Espíritu Santo”. Así, pues, en este “convencer en lo referente al pecado” descubrimos una «doble dádiva»: el don de la verdad de la conciencia y el don de la certeza de la redención. El Espíritu de la verdad es el Paráclito» (DeV 31).

2447. As obras de misericórdia são as açõs caridosas pelas quais vamos em ajuda do nosso próximo, nas suas necessidades corporais e espirituais (204). Instruir, aconselhar, consolar, confortar, são obras de misericórdia espirituais, como perdoar e suportar com paciência. As obras de misericórdia corporais consistem nomeadamente em dar de comer a quem tem fome, albergar quem não tem tecto, vestir os nus, visitar os doentes e os presos, sepultar os mortos (205). Entre estes gestos, a esmola dada aos pobres (206) é um dos principais testemunhos da caridade fraterna e também uma prática de justiça que agrada a Deus (207):

«Quem tem duas túnicas reparta com quem não tem nenhuma, e quem tem mantimentos, faça o mesmo» (Lc 3, 11). «Dai antes de esmola do que possuis, e tudo para vós ficará limpo» (Lc 11, 41). «Se um irmão ou uma irmã estiverem nus e precisarem do alimento quotidiano, e um de vós lhe disser: "Ide em paz; tratai de vos aquecer e de matar a fome", mas não lhes der o que é necessário para o corpo, de que lhes aproveitará?» (Tg 2, 15-16) (208).



Saint Joseph Catholic Church



Dear Parish Family:

I write this pastoral letter to you with a heavy heart as we enter into the most solemn days of Holy Week, looking forward to the lifting of spirits in the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Today, Passion Sunday, I was moved by the beautiful bilingual parish presentation and participation in the Stations of the Cross / Viacrucis. Around 60 of our parishioners have been working for months preparing to present this spiritual opportunity for us. It was a great spiritual blessing to me to begin Holy Week with this meditation.

You may recall that at the weekend Masses, as pastor, I encouraged us all to make the most of Holy Week by attending the Sacred Triduum Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, mentioning how I have been disappointed for some time with the attendance at these most Solemn Days (and, even Christmas) in our parish.

After returning home from the Stations I received the following signed email from a parishioner who wishes to hold a position of leadership in the parish:

“Several people were talking after mass today, will Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday be in English/Latin only or Trilingual? It wasn’t published in the bulletin. Many, many of us love attending Holy week, but we think our church is empty is due to the language. So we lean towards attending other parishes in the area. Thank you for the clarity. We know we are blessed to have you as our shepherd.”

Since “several” were talking about the topic, I want to address it from my perspective as the parish priest of Saint Joseph.

When I first received the email I was extremely angry, which then quickly led to sadness. Which then led to pity. I must admit, as I write this pastoral letter at 6:30pm on Passion Sunday, I am still vacillating between the three; but I am writing this pastoral letter because I think the topic needs to be addressed once and for all.

Before I get into the English/Spanish aspect of the issue, I want to address the Latin language issue. We are Roman (Latin Rite) Catholics. Latin is the official language of the Roman Rite. The Second Vatican Council [in force for the whole Catholic Church since 1963] Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy *Sacrosanctum Concilium* states in Article 36, §1: "Particular law remaining in force, the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites." Paragraph 54 states: “In Masses which are celebrated with the people, a suitable place may be allotted to their mother tongue. This is to apply in the first place to the readings and "the common prayer," but also, as local conditions may warrant, to those parts which pertain to the people, according to the norm laid down in Art. 36 of this Constitution. Nevertheless steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass [i.e. *Gloria, Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei, Agnus Dei*] which pertain to them.” It is for these reasons that we use the Latin language.

With regard to our particular circumstances at Saint Joseph Parish, I wish to address the following with regard to the diverse languages spoken in our parish.

Since the mid-1990's Saint Joseph Parish began to experience an influx of Spanish speaking Catholics into our parish. For several years they attended Mass in English just as did others in our parish in the past who came here from France, Germany, Vietnam and other countries with different languages.

As more immigrants came, Father Ray Clark began to offer Sacraments as best as he could with limited ability in Spanish privately. Eventually, he began having a Mass from time to time for a small group of Hispanics on Sunday. That community began to grow as more Hispanics moved into the area, the vast majority of whom did not know any English with regard to the celebration of the Mass. They might have known enough English to work at a restaurant, on a construction crew, in agriculture, but their understanding the English

language was limited to their work environment for the most part. When they prayed, they prayed from their souls in their native tongue just like we do in English. Father Clark did his best to meet their needs as a spiritual father. Following Fr Clark, Fr Tom Buckman came over from St John Parish in Paducah to assist Fr Tony Jones with the needs of the quickly and ever-growing Hispanic community at Saint Joseph. During this time, I (Eric Riley) heard on the other side of the Diocese how unwelcoming many at Saint Joseph Parish were toward the immigrants in our midst. I was ashamed of my home parish, but, having grown up here, I understood that change is difficult for us all and that it is difficult to welcome “strangers” into this community. After Fr Jones was replaced by Fr McKulcik, Fr Ken did all within his power to be a good pastor and spiritual father to this community as diverse as it had become with many new faces and languages in the parish and with trying to financially maintain a school that kept the parish budget teetering on bankruptcy. While he never complained openly, he suffered silently because of the bigotry, prejudice and fear within the parish community with regard to the “strangers” in our midst. Most of whom were no longer “strangers” but had begun to raise their families in this parish.

When I arrived in 2011, I still received many complaints about “the Hispanics” in “our” parish, and was confronted several times about making sure not to “overdo” the “Spanish stuff”.

After settling into the parish, I became much more comfortable, thanks to the warm welcome of the English and Spanish speaking members of the parish, in ministering in both languages. Initially, I tried to celebrate Sacraments and Masses separately in the language of each culture. However, as time moved forward, and as Church law changed with regard to how often, when, and where I can celebrate Mass and the Sacraments, and with the dwindling of our English-only-speaking community due to age, death, rejection of the Catholic Faith, people from neighboring parishes returning to the parish of their childhood, and persons who left because they didn’t like my personality, leadership style, or for whatever reason, it became more opportune for me, and the parish, to celebrate some Masses, Sacraments and prayer services together in bilingual or trilingual settings

Over time, I heard less and less complaints about the issues of bilingual (English/Spanish) and trilingual (English/Spanish/Latin) celebrations. While I knew that there were some for whom this is a sacrifice (as it is for me at times), I have been at peace that we are doing the best we can to worship God as one family at Saint Joseph Parish, no longer us and them, but more of a we.

As the spiritual father of this parish, that old wound of us and them was ripped open for me today, and I was reminded Jesus being stripped of His garments in the passion, and how the open wounds began to bleed again as flesh was torn from his back with his clothing.

I do not think that those who are still discussing not attending Mass and services at Saint Joseph during Holy Week if it’s trilingual are inherently bad people. There are many reasons, psychological and otherwise, why one might not wish to worship God in a trilingual Mass or service. Some of which are: *Xenoglossophobia*, also known as foreign language anxiety, is a specific anxiety reaction characterized by feelings of unease, worry, and nervousness experienced when learning or using a second or foreign language; OR *Xenophobia*, is the fear or hatred of people who are perceived as being different from oneself. But there is also the possibility that it is a deeper spiritual issue such as *Prejudice*, irrational suspicion or hatred of a particular social group, such as a race or the adherents of a religion; OR *Bigotry*, intolerance of opinions which conflict with one’s own, as in politics or morals; *Hatred*, intense animosity or dislike. For psychological problems of these natures I would encourage counseling. For the spiritual problems of this nature, I would encourage repentancem confession and conversion. For all of these difficulties, I would encourage for us to remember that Jesus came to gather God’s family together into One. Satan’s attack is to divide the family of God into us and them.

On a practical note: our parish of Saint Joseph currently is made up of 3/4 Hispanics (some of whom speak other native languages and do not understand Spanish well) and 1/4 Anglo/Other. About 70% of our Hispanics are at least bilingual (English and Spanish) if not trilingual to some degree. About 24% of our parish speaks English only. About 30% of our Hispanics speak only Spanish, or understand and practice the Faith only in Spanish. In the past we pastors were concerned about making sure that the Hispanics could understand what’s happening at Church and practice their faith fully, consciously and actively. Now, I am concerned for the minority English speakers to not be overrun with Spanish. I have and continue to strive to be fair to those who are in the minority within our community, and I will continue to strive not to leave anyone behind. But, if fewer English-speakers participate, then it is only reasonable that more Spanish will be used. I do my best to ensure that we use 50/50, so that no one is overburdened with the majority’s language.

Whenever I celebrate bilingual or trilingual Masses, Sacraments and prayer services it is because we are a diverse family, and I want to make sure that we can all celebrate together our worship of the Almighty God Who calls us together.

As Jesus prayed this Holy Week in His priestly prayer to His Father immediately before the soldiers came and arrested Him:

“And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.” *John 17:11*

May our dear Lord draw us together as a family, lest we be divided by Satan.

A Blessed Easter Season to you all!
In the love of Jesus Christ, I am,
Eric D Riley, Parish Priest

ERIC D RILEY, PARISH PRIEST
702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
Office Phone: 270.247.2843 eric.riley@pastoral.org
Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus and Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pray for us.