



## A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

We want to share a few ways the Holy Spirit has been moving through this ministry. In 2025, 16 hours of spiritual direction were provided through sponsor donations for souls in need—including parish and school staff, and college young adults discerning their vocation. We have not had to reach out widely for sponsorship this year due to a few spontaneous generous gifts, and we are grateful. Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, referrals, and generous gifts.

## SHORT TERM GOALS

- Make Spiritual Direction accessible for those in need, especially those serving in our parishes and schools, and young adults discerning their vocation.
- Continue to offer small-group charism assessment and discernment sessions for lay people and parish ministry teams.
- Continue to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, as living expressions of our joyful gratitude
- Continue to foster and cultivate a culture of vocations for all three states of life



*After Benediction at St. R*



*Lenten Day of Reflection at St. Joseph in Gluckstadt*

## 2025 IN REVIEW

**Spiritual Direction:** 16 hours of sessions provided in-person & Zoom

**January:** SEARCH for Christian Maturity Retreat (Jackson Diocese)

**March:** Lenten Day of Reflection (Jackson Diocese)

**Spring & Fall:** Discernment Group and accompaniment, including service with the homeless in downtown Jackson in November

**June:** Charism Assessment and Discernment class for young women

**July:** Charism presentation for the NW Mississippi parish ministry team

**August:** Retreat leadership for Pastoral Ministries Workshop "Being Pilgrims of Hope" (Jackson & Biloxi) at Lake Tiak O'Khata

**Fall:** "Unwavering Hope" talk for St. Francis catechists (Fall kick-off)

**Sept-Oct:** Ann facilitated the Sacred Presence Spiritual Direction Program (Diocese of Joliet, IL) via Zoom

**October:** Ann led a mini retreat at St. Peter's - "Gratitude through All Life's Mysteries"

## JEFF'S DIACONATE UPDATE

**February:** Installed as an Acolyte

**Homiletics:** Writing and delivering homilies with Deacon Candidates

**Yearly Retreat:** Joined deacons, candidates, and wives at St. Joseph's Abbey in Covington, Louisiana

**Formation:** Continued coursework and formation in the Permanent Diaconate program

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

**January:** SEARCH for Christian Maturity Retreat, 30+ high schoolers (Jeff & Ann)

**February:** Theology on Tap - Fruits of the Mysteries (Ann)

**March:** OCIA talk on vocations at St. Francis (Jeff & Ann)

**July:** Permanent Diaconate ordination is set for July 18, 2026 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle