



**In thanksgiving for my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary:**

I can not begin to thank you enough for the outpouring of love you have shown to me and my family this past weekend. For me to be with my family and to see so many people that the Lord has brought into my life these past 25 years was overwhelming. As I said at the closing of the Mass to me it was like a little glimpse into heaven.

I do want to thank the Parish Life Commission for all their labors of love. When I first thought about making preparations for my 25th anniversary to my surprise found out the Parish Life Commission had been planning for months. Especially I will be forever grateful to Brandi Covington, Terri Files and Marilyn Moix.

I would like to thank Craig Strause for all his work on the sound system and being the MC. For all the cooks, Steve and Joe Claflin and friends, Ron Gatto, Noel Berumen and family with Oscar and Elba Rojo, the Christian Ladies, Jeff Crowder; For the drinks Lum Wilhite, Jackie Kordsmeier and her crew; for the cookies Monica Lieblong and her Family & Consumer Science class; For the decorations Justin Hoadley and Events Rental; For all the preparations of setting and cleaning up, The Knights of Columbus, the St. Joseph's Students, Deacon Richard Papini and the CCM students; For the wonderful entertainment by the Hispanic Dancers and for the Davanzo Family, and for Sharpe and Angela Dunaway.

I am grateful for the outpouring of gifts and prayers. I will be counting my blessings for a long time. Being a Priest is a wonderful life and I give thanks to Jesus for calling me to the Holy Priesthood. I am always humbled by the gift of being a Priest and being able to celebrate the Mass for you the Church of St. Joseph's.

I do take this time to Thank God for my Vocation and all the people the Lord has placed into my life these past 25 years. I am very blessed. Please continue to pray for me and all my brother priest as we serve you the Church in the Diocese of Little Rock.