

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment

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****Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** –Tuesdays and Thursdays – noon until 8:00pm

Mass Intentions				
8/03	Monday		NO MASS	
8/04	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Judy Culver	Vicki Schneider
8/05	Wednesday	8:00am	+Jim Maddox	Ed & Martha Ullrich
8/06	Thursday		NO MASS	
8/07	Friday	8:00am	+Leo & Irene Neumeier	Mary Ann Beshoner
8/08	Saturday	6:00pm	+Jim Fletcher	Charlotte Fletcher
8/09	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 8/4 – St. John Vianney; 8/5 – Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica; 8/6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord; 8/7 – St. Sixtus II, Pope; St. Cajetan (First Friday); 8/8 – St. Dominic

Ministers for August 8 & 9:

Saturday: 6:00pm
Eucharist: Deacon Tom, Holly Komp, Mary Sullivan
Servers: L Rainwater, E&E Komp
Music: Randy Edelhofer, Debbie Rainwater

Lector: Randy Koch
Gifts: Don & Beth Ulrich
Ushers: B Sullivan, J Komp, M&J Koehler

Sunday 9:00am
Eucharist: Deacon Tom, Kenneth & Lisa Vines
Servers: D&G Perreault, Emmarae White
Music: Shana & Sydney White

Lector: Larry Perreault
Gifts: David & Rita Rhineheart
Ushers: J&C Koenigseder, R&MB Nehus

Donuts: Chris

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- Aug1/2:** Second Collection: Monthly collection for our school
- Aug 4:** *Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:30, followed by MOPH Novena prayers & Mass*
Parish Council meeting at 6:00
- Aug 6:** *Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation 7:00-7:45pm)*
- Aug 7:** Ponder Study Group after 8am Mass (All are invited)
- Aug 9:** Mother’s Society meeting after 9:00 Mass
Knights of Columbus Council 3084 meets at St. Mary, Altus. Rosary at 4:00 followed by meeting
- Aug 12:** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
- Aug 14:** First School Mass of the 2026/2027 school year
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THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The Immaculate Heart represents Mary’s interior life, her love for God and humanity, her virtue, and her purity of heart. The devotion to the Immaculate Heart was emphasized in the 20th century through the apparitions of Mary in Fatima, Portugal, where she requested prayers and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Rod Monday, Charlotte Fletcher, Bruce Cooper, and Teresa Schneider.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Larry & Sarah Perreault and Rod & Amy Monday.

July 26 Collection: Adult env (33) \$2270. Children: \$2. Loose: \$190. Total: \$2462. Candles: \$41. Mass: \$10.
July School Collection: \$841. Diocesan (Peter’s Pence): \$617.

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST: Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new way to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

AUGUST BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE: Mary Freeman, Evanna Eckart, Hilda Elsen, Patsy Eveld, Lorraine Ezell, Charlotte Fletcher, Barbara Forst, Celeste Fox, Dorothy Gilbert, Elizabeth Gurley, Joan Harrison, Patty Hixson, Rene Kiefer, Shirley Kiefer, Jane Koehler

PRAYER QUILTS will be tacked each Wednesday until Aug 19, starting at 5pm. A pause will be taken after August 19, due to the Bazaar, quickly followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. *If anyone learns of a need for another quilt during that time, contact Rita (438-2803).* THANK YOU to all who have participated in this project thus far!! This weekend’s quilts will go to 1) David Menkhoff who recently moved to Paris H&R. As a hermit, he is called to live a life of prayer for the salvation of the world. Bishop Taylor received David’s vows and plan of life in 2013. 2) Susie Koenigseder is mom to parishioners Sarah Simmons, Jay Koenigseder & Kathy Schluterman. She attended high school at St. Scholastica Academy. Susie lives in Subiaco, and frequently attends Mass here at St. Joseph with her kids. 3) Patricia McHenry resides at Paris H&R, and was an intricate quilt maker which included tedious bead work before she developed muscular dystrophy. She is from MA, but now is one of our weekly residents visited by our Eucharistic ministers. 4) Eleanor Sais is also a resident at Paris H&R. She moved to Paris some time ago, is a weekly recipient of the Eucharist, and attends the monthly Mass held at the center.

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

Our mission is to empower students through our Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community Service to become leaders of integrity and compassion.

SCHOOL STARTS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, at 8:00am!!

- August 5-11: Teacher Professional Days
- August 9: Back to School Swim Party for students & families. 4-6pm
- August 10: Back to School Night. 6-7pm

Enjoy these last days of summer break!!

Logan County Health Units are sponsoring a **Back to School Immunization Clinic** this Tuesday, August 4, 9:30-5:00. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments are preferred. No child will be refused. 479-880-3106. Paula.Beaty@arkansas.gov
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Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Drewry home burned/total loss; Joe Don Koenigseder/carotid artery surgery; PLEASE PRAY FOR A BENEFICIAL RAIN!

Colton Neumeier will have his artwork set up in the parish hall for sale during Bunco on August 14, after Mass on August 15, and during coffee & donuts on August 16. He will have pieces in sizes 2X3 up to 30X40. Colton can take orders for either “Legacy in Blue” or “Razor’s Resolve” jewelry boxes. He has two vases with corresponding pieces for sale as well. He has coasters for sale, and a folding table. Prices range from \$6 - \$240, and all items will be tagged. He will hold a raffle for a metal print of an Eagle painting, with the drawing being held on August 16. To see Colton’s items before the showing go to www.cocoblindcreations.com

The U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a nationwide call to prayer and action July 27 over the rising abortion rate and the increased availability of an abortion-inducing drug. Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of OK City, president of the USCCB, and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas of Toledo, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, wrote in a joint announcement of the call to prayer and action: *“Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks.”*

The feature-length documentary **American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story** tells the true story of Blessed Stanley Rother, an Oklahoma farm boy who became the first U.S. born priest and martyr. Narrated by Martin Sheen, it will show at the Malco Fort Smith Cinema, 1200 S Waldron Road, on **August 25 &26, 7:00 pm**. Our own Bishop Taylor served as the episcopal delegate for the cause for canonization during 2007 – 2008.

The 2027 **Diocese of Little Rock Directory** is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car for finding Mass times at another parish or to contact a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese by phone or email. \$18 includes shipping. Send your check to Directory, AR Catholic, PO Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217 or order online at arkansas-catholic.org/product-category/directory/.

“Day of Prayer and Healing”- Sat, Aug 29, is a one-day retreat for anyone who seeks healing from a past abortion. The 9:00-5:00 retreat, sponsored by Project Rachel, is non-judgmental, and helps participants find hope and healing. Call/text our **confidential helpline** at 501-663-0993 or email projectrachel@dolr.org to register. *Inquiries are strictly confidential, and the exact location of the retreat will be revealed ONLY to registered participants.* Project Rachel in Arkansas is a ministry of the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Little Rock.

Remaining positive is crucial for fruitful communication.
Encourage each other often, and let kindness override criticism.

What have you done for your marriage today? www.foryourmarriage.org

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over - twelve wicker baskets full.” (Matthew 14: 19-20)

As we follow Jesus, we find that there will always be more than enough. Scarcity becomes plenty, **little becomes much**. We often feel our time, money, or talent is too small to matter. True stewardship begins when we place our small offering into Jesus' hands instead of holding back out of fear or pride.

Now that our parish has reached and surpassed our A/C fundraiser goal, it’s time to turn our attention to our Annual Pre-Labor Day Bazaar. All parishioners are encouraged to help in some way, whether it be donating an item to a raffle, providing items needed for the various stands, helping build the stands, working

the rummage sale, buying tickets – No amount given is too small or too large.
When we all participate “*little becomes much.*”
