

16th 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					
7/20	Monday		NO MASS		
7/21	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Charles & Rita Lorenzo		Phillip Lorenzo family
7/22	Wednesday	8:00am	Intentions of Bishop Erik Pohlmeier		Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier
7/23	Thursday		NO MASS		
7/25	Saturday	6:00pm	+Victor & Marietta Schneider		Family
7/26	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners		Father Raj

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 7/20: St. Apollinaris; 7/21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi; 7/22: St Mary Magdalene; 7/23: St. Bridget; 7/24: St. Sharbel Makhluf; 7/25: St. James, the Apostle

Ministers for July 25 & 26:

Saturday: 6:00pm	
Eucharist: Marcus & Debbie Rainwater, M Sullivan	Lector: Janet Schluterman
Servers: Ella Komp, Lainey Rainwater	Gifts: Jerry & Kim Swedeen
Music: Randy Edelhuber, Beth Ullrich	Ushers: D Ullrich, J&H Komp, R Robberson,
<u>Sunday 9:00am</u>	
Eucharist: R Kiefer, B Maddox, L Ezell	Lector: Karen Binz
Servers: O Stringer, Emmarae White, TJ Simon	Gifts: Perreault Family
Music: Shana & Sydney White	Ushers: J&C Koenigseder, J Stanton, J Thias

Donuts: Sharon

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July 19:	Ladies Ice Cream Social at 2:00 in the hall.	Ladies, bring all of your girls!!
July 21:	Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:30, followed by MOPH Novena prayers & Mass	
July 23:	Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation 7:00-7:45pm)	
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6 Reasons to Cultivate a Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus

- 1) It restores our sensitivity to sin, much of which is tolerated and normalized in today's culture.

2) It moves our hearts to gratitude for the gift of Jesus' sacrifice, and beyond that, His mercy for all mankind.

3) It is the greatest symbol of Divine Love, so it nurtures in us greater love and generosity of spirit.

4) Through the Precious Blood we atone for sin and obtain many graces.

5) It is a protective force beyond any power seeking to endanger us, and is the greatest spiritual weapon of all time

6) It was shed for our redemption and the forgiveness of our sins. It is our justification and the source of our hope.
- (The Catholic Company)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Brad Simon, Dorothy Gilbert, Betty Maddox, Sandy Maddox, PatsyEveld, Haden Rainwater, Theresa Niang, Karen Binz, Peter Viktora, Dustin Schluterman, and Rhonda Rhein.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bishop Erik Pohlmeier on July 22, the 4th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, FL. Congratulations to him also on July 25, the 28th anniversary of his priestly ordination for the Diocese of Little Rock. In addition, his birthday is July 20!
If anyone would like to send a card, his address is: (written on 4 lines)
Most Reverend Erik T. Pohlmeier, Bishop of St. Augustine, 11625 Old St Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32258

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Prayers for Alec, a young man with many issues; Celeste Fox/heart issues.

July 12 Collection: Adult env (37) \$2560. Children: \$12. Loose: \$184. Total: \$2756. Candles: \$28 Hall: \$60
Mass Stipend: \$10.

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JULY: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

JULY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE: Patty Adams, Regina Ahrns, Leigh Ann Askins, Evelyn Bauer, Kay Benz, Mary Beshoner, Barbara Beshoner, Karen Binz, Tracy Bradley, Beverly Bradley, Laura Bujarski, Mary Cauthron, Paula Cooper, Susan Cope, Mary Cope, Audrey Curtis, Jordan Devine, Patty Dunn

!!The Parish Council & St. Joseph School are beginning plans for our Annual Pre-Labor Day Bazaar!!
This event will be on Saturday, September 5. As you know, there is much to be done ahead of time as well as on the evening itself, so be sure to offer your time! Start watching sales for grocery items, Bingo prizes, Grab-Bag items, and trinkets for the Fish Pond!! Clean out closets and sheds for the Rummage Sale!! September 5 will be here before we know it!

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.

Invite your friends to check out St. Joseph School for their children!!

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QUILTS were signed last weekend for 1) **Eric Larson**: Eric is the Inside Guard for our local Knights of Columbus council. He resides at Paris Health & Rehab, and is one of our weekly recipients of the Eucharist.
2) **Kathy Giersberg**: Kathy moved to the Charleston area several years ago. She has been attending Mass with us at St. Joseph since that time, but her eyesight no longer permits her to drive. She lives at her home at Charleston.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK. JULY 19 - 25.

The theme for 2026 “**Designed by God. Guided by Love. Open to Life.**” emphasizes the importance of NFP in fostering a loving & responsible approach to family planning within the context of marriage. The dates highlight the July 25 anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. To learn more about NFP or register for a course in the Diocese of Little Rock, go to Natural Family Planning. Or you may contact nfp@usccb.org.

The 2026 **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. It costs only \$18, which includes shipping. Send your check to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217 or order online at arkansas-catholic.org/product-category/directory/. Directories will be shipped in October.

Yesterday is over, and today is a new day.
Live in the present with your spouse. Let go of yesterday’s mistakes.

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

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when fully grown it is the largest of plants. (Matthew 13:31-32)

We should never be discouraged by a seeming lack of resources. Our smallest gifts and acts of kindness, when joined to God, have a great and lasting impact.

There were many “*small gifts and acts of kindness*” shown during Vacation Bible School this week. There were many adult helpers, and many teens who showed up to help. Children were taught songs, escorted from activity to activity, building to building, always under watchful guidance. Under Jessie’s direction, this event happens smoothly because of the wonderful volunteers. We are grateful to each of you who made this week possible!
