

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**5/10/2026**

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

[www.stjosephparisar.org](http://www.stjosephparisar.org)

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

**Mass Intentions**

5/11	Monday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
5/12	Tuesday	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>+David Adams</b>	PHS Class of 1973
5/13	Wednesday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+Roy Lee Berry</b>	Mary Martin
5/14	Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
5/15	Friday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+Gary Robinson</b>	Celeste Fox
5/16	Saturday	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>+Jim Fletcher</b>	Ray Kiefer
5/17	Sunday	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Raj

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 5/12 – St. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras; 5/13 – Our Lady of Fatima; 5/14 – St. Matthias; 5/15 – St. Isidore

**Ministers for May 16 & 17:**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Marcus Rainwater, Holly Komp, Mary Sullivan

**Lector:** Joseph Shunkey

**Servers:** Ella Komp, Lainey Rainwater

**Gifts:** Nick & Kim Neumeier

**Music:** Randy Edelhuber, Debbie Rainwater

**Ushers:** J Komp, M Schmalz, B Sullivan, D Mauer

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom, Kenneth & Lisa Vines

**Lector:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

**Servers:** TJ Simon, Dominic & Gabe Perreault

**Gifts:** High School Seniors

**Music:** Beth Ullrich & Leslie Maddox

**Ushers:** D Wright, P Cooper, B&S Simon

**Donuts: Sharon - GRADUATION BRUNCH POTLUCK** (Please bring a dish or two to share with our many guests)

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- May 10:** MOTHER’S DAY (No Mother’s Society meeting in May)
- May 12:** *Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:30, followed by MOPH Novena prayers and Mass*
- May 13:** St. Joseph School Spring Fling. All are invited!
- May 14:** *Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation offered 7:15-7:45pm)*
- May 16/17:** Catholic Communications Campaign collection
- May 17:** **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation & Baccalaureate Mass with brunch potluck reception to follow**  
Knights of Columbus meet at Sacred Heart, Charleston. Rosary at 4:00 followed by meeting.

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**Honoring Mary during May began as early as the 13th century, when specific days in May were devoted to Mary.** Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus in Rome is credited with dedicating May to the devotion of Mary, to help prevent immorality and redirect students’ attention to Mary. This spread from Rome to other Jesuit colleges and finally throughout the whole Church. In 1815, Pope Pius VII encouraged May devotions by granting an indulgence to those who honored Mary with special prayers during May. In 1859, Pope Pius IX made the indulgence plenary. In 1945, Pope Pius XII made the observance of Mary in May official. (Cross Catholic Outreach)

Father Raj thanks EVERYONE who helped make his birthday celebration such a wonderful event! So many people came to celebrate! So much delicious food! So many wonderful desserts! Such thoughtful cards and gifts! Father expressed at Mass the appreciation and love he felt when he walked in to the hall. He is very grateful for the love and support he receives from St. Joseph parishioners. What a blessing Father is to us!!

**8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony** is next **Sunday during 9:00 Mass.**, along with **Baccalaureate Mass**, celebrating our area high school/college graduates. A **brunch potluck** honoring all graduates will be held after Mass. **Please bring a dish or two to share since we expect many guests.** If you know of someone who is graduating from college this year, please call or text Sharon at 963-3355 so they can be invited.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for children Pre-K3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be held **July 13-17.**

This year’s theme is **“The Great Journey With Jesus Through the Church Year.”** Jessie McGarrh will be heading up the team again this summer, so please let her know as soon as possible if you are able to help. **518-1549. Need volunteer hours??** 7<sup>th</sup> graders and older are encouraged to help.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Lucas Rainwater, Silas Eckart, Jennifer Grisham, and Austin Maddox. *Laverne Heilos will be 97 on Sat, May 16!! To send a card: Mercy Crest, #38, 1300 Strozier Lane, Barling 72923*  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Shane & Carla Molton.

The USCCB mission for the **Catholic Communications Campaign Collection** is **to encounter the mercy of Christ and to accompany His people with joy.** When a Diocese collects funds for the CCC, 50% of the proceeds remain within those dioceses for communications projects and initiatives: website enhancement, studio equipment for audio/video recording, social media strategy and implementation, news/event coverage, and much more.

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*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.*

Our teachers greatly appreciate all the treats and special lunches that were provided this week! Delicious!!

**We invite everyone to attend our annual Spring Fling & Kindergarten Graduation Wed. at 6pm!**

**St. Joseph School is pleased to announce the hiring of our new principal! Theresa Hayward** is excited to become our new administrator. She is a University of Arkansas graduate, with her Master's Degree from Harding University, and her Educational Leadership Degree from Arkansas State University. From teaching young ones in PRE to her current position in Greenwood Middle School, her experience and credentials are a great fit for our school. A mother of two sons, the youngest of whom is an entering freshman at Subiaco Academy, she can't wait to meet our families.

We also welcome **Mrs. Sherry Harms** as next year's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Harms is a veteran teacher who grew up in the Subiaco area, and she and her husband Fred have returned to the Paris area. Much of her prior teaching has been at the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade level.

Please help these two ladies feel welcome as they become part of our St. Joseph School family!

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May 8 was the first anniversary of Pope Leo XIV's election as the 267th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church. He was elected on the fourth ballot. Please pray for our Holy Father every day.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Dc Brian Lachowsky/heart cath; Martha Lachowsky/MD Anderson; Personal request for trust in Jesus for a health issue; 6 month old/brain bleed/cracked skull, cracked orbital socket

**May 3 Collection:** Adult env (43) \$3765.50. Children: \$5. Loose: \$148. Total: \$3918.50. Candles: \$71. Mass: \$30

**THREE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH:**

1)Our annual **River Valley Catholic Youth Camp** is June 19-21. Those currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 2026 graduates are invited. Enjoy talks, Mass, games, food, and fun, getting to know other Catholic teens from the River Valley. Each camper is asked to contribute \$50 if possible. You may contact Holly for additional details. 518-0909.

2)Registrations are now being accepted for **Search #158**, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. It is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors, and will be held at St. John Center, LR, June 26-28. \$150 fee.  
PAPER REGISTRATION: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-158-form.pdf>  
ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/search-158-june-26-28--2026>

3)Registrations are now being accepted for **Catholic Charities Summer Institute**, C2SI, open to youth in grades 10-12 who are interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. Each morning you will put into action worthwhile "hands on" experiences by working in the community. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week. St. John Center, LR, July 13-17. \$250 fee. *Questions? Trish Gentry [tgentry@dolr.org](mailto:tgentry@dolr.org) 501-664-0340, ext 418*  
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PAPER REGISTRATION:<https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/c2si-registration-form-26.pdf>

**MAY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE:** Debbie Rainwater, Rosalia Rainwater, Tosha Reed, Rhonda Rhein, Kecia Schluterman, Tracy Schluterman, Sandy Schluterman, Marcia Schluterman, Alice Schluterman, Janet Schluterman, Tammy Schneider, Teresa Schneider, Vicki Schneider, Stephanie Simon, Karrie Sims, Paulette Spivey

**INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY:** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food & to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Anyone suffering from a past abortion is invited to join an online small prayer & discussion group (confidential if desired) June 1, 6:30-7:30pm, hosted by Project Rachel of DOLR. Call/text the CONFIDENTIAL helpline, 501-663-0996 for info to receive a link to join the meeting. You are loved and you are not alone!

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**Only Jesus loves us more than our mother does. Pray for her and give thanks for her today and every day.**

*What have you done for your marriage today? [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)*

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*"Sanctify Christ as Lord of your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1 PT 3:15)*

*Actions speak louder than words.* Let your Stewardship be your reply. Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, nor even a series of actions, but in a way of living.

Have you noticed that any time you or your child has a runny nose there are always tissues at each door?? Have you noticed that if you have a tickle in your throat and need a sip of water that there are always cups and water in the back of church?? This doesn't just happen! We have a parish Steward who quietly provides these items as an opportunity to serve and to give back to the Church.

*Actions speak louder than words!*

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