

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02/15/2026

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am/Thursdays 7:00-7:45pm

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

Mass Intentions

Table with 4 columns: Date, Day, Time, Intention. Rows include 2/16 Monday (NO MASS), 2/17 Tuesday (7:30pm +Mildred Furstenberg), 2/18 Wednesday (8:00am +Jim Maddox), 2/18 Wednesday (6:00pm +Mike Ahrns), 2/19 Thursday (11:30am +David Adams), 2/20 Friday (8:00am +Gary Robinson), 2/21 Saturday (6:00pm +Victor & Marietta Schneider), 2/22 Sunday (9:00am Living & Deceased Parishioners).

Feast Days this Week: 2/17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; 2/18 – ASH WEDNESDAY; 2/21 – St. Peter Damian

++ASH WEDNESDAY: 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ASHES DISTRIBUTION: Betty Maddox, Shirley Kiefer, Lorraine Ezell
SERVERS: Gabriel Perreault, Addie & Finn McGarrah GIFTS: Ellie Devine, Emilynn Eckart, Joseph Khual
LECTORS: Joseph Mung, Ivan Bradley, Emmarae White USHERS: J Thias, DWright, J Stanton, E Bauer
MUSIC: Leslie Maddox, Ella Raper, Jagger Hatcher, John Gurley

++ASH WEDNESDAY: 6:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ASHES DISTRIBUTION: Marcus Rainwater, Nick & Kim Neumeier
LECTOR: Vicki Schneider GIFTS: Chris & Tammy Schneider MUSIC: Shana & Sydney White
SERVERS: Lainey Rainwater, Ella & Emerson Komp USHERS: J & H Komp, S Elsen, J Schluterman

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SATURDAY, February 21: 6:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Marcus Rainwater, Tom & Paulette Spivey Lector: Randy Koch
Servers: Lainey Rainwater, Ella & Emerson Komp Gifts: Kurtis & Sarah Simmons
Ushers: J&H Komp, Mark Schmalz, Donna Mauer Music: Randy & Debbie

SUNDAY, February 22: 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: R Cope, Ray Kiefer, Betty Maddox Lector: Susan Cope
Servers: Chloe Cope, Olivia Stringer, Ivan Bradley Gifts: McGarrah family
Ushers: Dee Wright, J&C Koenigseder, J Thias Music: B Ullrich & E Gurley

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- Feb. 14/15: Second collection is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
Feb 16: OCIA at 6:00
Feb. 17: Adoration noon-7:10pm. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30
Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Collection is for Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Personnel
NO CONFIRMATION OR RELIGIOUS ED CLASS. ALL STUDENTS ATTEND ASH WED. MASS
Feb. 19: \*\*MASS AT 11:30 followed by Adoration through 8:00pm. Reconciliation 7-7:45pm
Feb. 20: \*\*STATIONS OF THE CROSS in church at 6pm, followed by a meatless meal in the hall

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February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family.

This month emphasizes the sacred bond and hidden life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Throughout February, Catholics are encouraged to engage in specific prayers and reflections to deepen their devotion to the Holy Family.

Father Raj is offering several opportunities for our spiritual enrichment during Lent.

- +FIRST, Father will offer Masses on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30am throughout Lent. This gives an opportunity to those who can come over work lunch breaks, or those who cannot come for 8:00am Mass.
+SECOND, we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in church at 6pm, followed by a Meatless Meal in the hall. The Stewardship Committee coordinates meals among various groups and individuals.
+THIRD, there will be a Lenten Penance Service and the opportunity for individual confessions on Thursday, March 26, beginning at 5:30pm, going as late as needed. It is hoped that we will have several extra priests.
+FOURTH, Eucharistic Adoration will continue on Tuesdays/Thursdays from noon-8:00pm. This is an opportunity for those who are not on the regularly scheduled list to spend time in Adoration during Lent.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast AND Abstinence for those of ages 18 – 59. The law of Fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones. The law of Abstinence requires meatless meals. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstaining from meat, beginning at age 14.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Olivia Stringer.

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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.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joseph Mung, Jagger Hatcher, and Madison Stanley who placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively at our School Spelling Bee. They traveled to Booneville to the Regional Bee where Joseph took first place, and Jagger placed third. Joseph now progresses the State Spelling Bee. **We're proud of all three!**

Students, teachers, and parents alike enjoyed their trip to St. Mary in Altus this week. Amy Post Sexton provided a wonderful tour and explanation of the history of this beautiful church. Deacon Brian Lachowsky led students in Mother of Perpetual Help Novena prayers, and then blessed medals that our school provided for each child. Following the celebration students and adults were treated to a snack of "sausage pancakes on a stick" which were greatly enjoyed by all – including Father Raj! This joyous event was scheduled for Catholic Schools Week, but of course had to be postponed. We are grateful to our generous parents who provided transportation. God is good!!

A Best Choice UPC box is in the cry room for your convenience. You may leave empty ink cartridges as well.

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We want to thank everyone for the calls and texts, for the cards and emails since Tom's recent surgery. We are especially grateful for the many prayers offered, for meals delivered, and for the constant support during his difficult recovery. Words can't express our gratitude. We love our parish family!! *Deacon Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier*

The Mother's Society has **Easter Lilies** for sale @ \$25 each. This year lilies are limited to one per family and may be in honor of/in memory of multiple people, allowing more families to participate. Call/Text Rita: 438-2803

February 1 Collection: Adult env (34) \$3090. Children: \$5. Loose: \$201. Total: \$3296. Candles: \$81. Hall Rent: \$50  
Donation: \$25. Donation: \$1500.

February 8 Collection: Adult env (40): \$2845. Children: \$9.25. Loose: \$149. Total: \$3003.25. Candles: \$18.  
Hall rental: \$100. Mass Stipends: \$50.

Br. Joseph Heath, OSB, will offer a **LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION** on Tues, Feb 24, beginning with check-in & refreshments at 9:00am, followed by conferences, reflection time, reconciliation, adoration, Midday Prayer with the monks, lunch & 2:00 Mass. Questions? 934-1290. You can register directly for the retreat at <https://subi.secure.retreat.guru/.../tentative-lenten.../>

Subiaco Academy Spring Festival: Sat, March 7, 2-8pm in the Green Room of the Athletic Complex. Mass at 4pm in church Games for adults and children, food, musical entertainment (including the Jazz Band), area crafters and vendors! Silent auction. Raffle prizes: \$5,000 cash, Hot Springs getaway, and other items. 934-1001 or email [subiaco@subi.org](mailto:subiaco@subi.org) for raffle information.

Any Arkansas photographer, 18 & older, can enter their photo of a local Catholic Church or institution by March 18 for a chance to be featured on the cover of the 2027 DOLR directory. For info, contact Debbie Kelly at [dkelly@dolr.org](mailto:dkelly@dolr.org). or 501-664-0125. Rules/entry info are available at <https://arkansas-catholic.org/photo-contest>. Sponsored by *Arkansas Catholic*.

**FEBRUARY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mary Freeman, Evanna Eckart, Catherine Elsen, Hilda Elsen, Patsy Eveld, Lorraine Ezell, Charlotte Fletcher, Barbara Forst, Celeste Fox, Dorothy Gilbert, Elizabeth Gurley, Joan Harrison, Patty Hixson, Michelle Howard, Jaime Jackson, Rene Kiefer, Shirley Kiefer, Jane Koehler

**INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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**Last week was National Marriage Week. Take time to reconnect with your spouse, especially on these colder, shorter days. Talk, or just enjoy being in each other's presence. Praying together keeps your love strong!**

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

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*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)*

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, which they used to elevate themselves above everyone else. **Jesus is very clear.** The love we have in our hearts for God and others is what will help get us to heaven. Simply following rules to the letter – but with no love – does not put us on the path to heaven. We do well to remember one of Mother Teresa's most famous quotes: *"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."*

This week we salute all the men who helped clear enormous piles of snow and ice from the doorways of church, the sidewalks, the west ramp, the hall steps and ramp, and even the entire parking lot!! What wonderful examples of Stewardship! Out in the bitter cold and wind, shoveling snow, chipping ice, doing whatever it took for parishioners to be able to make it safely into church. These are men who don't count the cost, who don't put themselves above others, who don't live by the letter of the law. **They serve out of love!!**

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