

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**03/01/2026**

**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**

3/02	Monday	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>+Gary Robinson</b>	Raymond & Dorothy Neumeier
3/03	Tuesday	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>+De'd &amp; Living Members</b>	Logan Co Farmers Mutual Aid
3/04	Wednesday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+Glenn Berry</b>	Larry & Vivian Fox
3/05	Thursday	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>+Jim Maddox</b>	John & Helen Thias
3/06	Friday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+Cecilia Bauer</b>	John Paul & Judy Koch
3/07	Saturday	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>+Mike Ahrns</b>	Ed & Martha Ullrich
3/08	Sunday	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Raj

**Feast Days this Week:** 3/3- St. Katharine Drexel; 3/4-St. Casimir; 3/6-First Fri; 3/7-Sts. Perpetua & Felicity/First Sat  
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**SATURDAY, March 7: 6:00pm**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marcus Rainwater, Tom & Paulette Spivey **Lector:** Debbie Rainwater  
**Servers:** Drake Rhein, Emma & Ella Raper **Gifts:** J Schluterman, S Elsen  
**Ushers:** N&K Neumeie, D Ullrich, R Robberson **Music:** Beth Ullrich & Leslie Maddox

**SUNDAY, March 8: 9:00am**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ray Kiefer, Racine & Mary Beth Nehus **Lector:** Michelle O'Neal  
**Servers:** Noah, Aria & Samson Curtis **Gifts:** Nick Eckart family  
**Ushers:** E Bauer, S Law, J Stanton, B Nehus **Music:** Shana & Sydney White

**DONUTS: Racine Nehus**

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**Feb 28/Mar 1:** Monthly collection to benefit St. Joseph School

**\*March 2:** **MASS AT 11:30AM**

OCIA at 6:00

**March 3:** Adoration noon-7:10pm. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30  
Parish Council meeting at 6pm

**March 4:** Lenten Luncheon at St. Benedict in Subiaco @ 11:30

Confirmation & Religious Education classes at 6pm

**\*March 5:** **MASS AT 11:30** followed by Adoration through 8:00pm. *Reconciliation 7-7:45pm*

**March 6:** Ponder Study Group after 8:00 Mass – ALL ARE INVITED

**\*\*STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN** at 6pm, led by 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students

**Meatless meal to follow in the hall**

**March 7:** Ladies Lenten Retreat with registration beginning at 10am. (More details on page 2)

**March 8:** Mother's Society meeting after 9:00 Mass

Knights of Columbus Council #3083 meet at St. Ignatius at Scranton at 4pm. Rosary at 4:00.

**March 21:** **Confirmation with Bishop Taylor at the 6pm Mass**

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**++ALL Fridays of Lent are days of abstaining from meat, beginning at age 14. ++**

**March is dedicated to St. Joseph**, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the earthly father of Jesus Christ. The month is marked by the **Feast of St. Joseph**, celebrated March 19, which is a significant event during the liturgical season of Lent. This dedication invites believers to reflect on St. Joseph's faith, humility, and selfless love, and to honor his role in the life of Jesus.

**Thursday, March 19, is the feast of our parish patron, St. Joseph.**

**The cornerstone of our church is dated May, 1926, giving us a great joy in this 100 year milestone!**

Father Raj will offer **Mass at 6pm on March 19**, and a **parish potluck will follow** afterwards in the hall.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! Thursday, March 19, is the feast day of our parish patron, St. Joseph.**

\*Everyone is invited to a **drop-in birthday party in the hall for Mary Martin** next Sunday, **March 8, 2-4**. No gifts, please.

**++RICE BOWLS** are at all doors of church. *SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THEM?* Instead of stopping for a cup of coffee or soft drink, **put that money in your Rice Bowl!** If you go out to eat, **put 10% of the total bill in your Rice Bowl!** Want a candy bar or ice cream cone? **Put that money in your Rice Bowl!** Thinking of going to a movie during Lent? **Put that money in your Rice Bowl!** There are so many ways to contribute! **Small acts with great love!**

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Betty Verhalen/on hospice/failing; Debe Varnell/cancer treatments not effective; Cyndi Harter/hip replacement surgery; Martha Lachowsky/cancer/spine surgery; Melanie Neumeier/cancer diagnosis. Beverly Nehus/testing.

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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.*

**Registration for 2026/2027 in now open!!** Get spots reserved for your children NOW!! *EFA scholarships are available for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.* Don't wait!! Tell your friends!! Spread the word!! Paris, AR, is one of the few small towns to still offer a quality Catholic education!! St. Joseph School is ANSAA certified.

St Joseph Catholic School is accepting applications for the Principal position. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic with at least 3 years experience in education. Master's degree is preferred, or at least working toward completion. Send cover letter/résumé with references to Teresa Hall, Superintendent, Diocese of Little Rock, PO Box 7565, LR, AR 72217-7565, by April 1st.

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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**The Mother's Society is hosting a Day Retreat in the hall next Sat, March 7 for ladies of all ages.** Registration begins at 10am. Fr. Cassian will present the first session @ 10:30, to be followed by a potluck lunch. (Bring a dish to share).The second session begins at 12:30, followed by Q&A. Call or text Rita @ 438-2803 for information. No fee.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Tracy Bradley, Aidan Nehus, Chance Nehus, Michelle Naegle, and Brayden Rainwater.

February 22 Collection: Adult env (37): \$1865. Children: \$5. Loose: \$154. Total: \$2024. Candles: \$81. Hall: \$50. February School Collection: \$1237. Diocesan: Central & Eastern Europe: \$491. Ash Wednesday: \$905.

A **BABY CHANGING STATION** is now in place in the cry room, complete with an automatic light, changing pad, wipes, ziplocks, and trash can. There is no need to step outside into the cold or the rain to go to the bathrooms. What a wonderful addition for our parents with little ones!

\*\*A few **"HOUSEKEEPING TIPS."** Before leaving after Mass, please put the Breaking Bread hymnal in the book holder right side up with the cover facing out. Laminated prayer cards are to be put at the end of the pew. If any items have been placed in the books as bookmarks, please remove them and place them in the correct spot. Thanks!

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

St. Benedict CYM is sponsoring a **Fish Dinner** on Friday, March 6, 4:30-8pm in their hall. To-go trays available. Adult: \$12. 10 & under \$6. Silent Auction, 50-50 raffle.

Subiaco Academy Spring Festival: Sat, March 7, 2-8pm in the Green Room of the Athletic Complex. Mass at 4pm in church Games, raffles, food and music, silent auction. Call 934-1001 or email [subiaco@subi.org](mailto:subiaco@subi.org) for raffle information.

Logan County Farmers Mutual Aid Insurance Company's Annual Meeting is Sunday, March 15, at St. Scholastica Parish Hall in New Blaine, beginning at 11:30.

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.

**MARCH BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Judy Koch, Joyce Koch, Marilyn Koch, Charlotte Koenigseder, Holly Komp, Sheila Law, Gloria Lievsay, Debbie Lowe, Kay Lunsford, Betty Maddox, Sandy Maddox, Mary Martin, Donna Mauer, Jessie McGarrah, Keila Melton, Carla Molton, Amy Monday

**INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH**

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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Are you or your spouse carrying a heavy burden, a painful ache in your heart? Pray to Mary to learn how to bear your suffering well, to bear your suffering for a purpose. She knows your pain.

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

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*"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)*

God calls each of us to leave behind our old ways to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we might struggle to leave behind are materialism, selfishness, greed, envy. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful. God call us to be *faithful*."

Thank you to the *faithful* servant who cleaned up the west patio area, getting rid of the many pecan hulls, small branches, and leaves that had gathered from the high winds of the past couple of weeks. It is one of the many small things that might go unnoticed, but are done because of a generous heart. Thank you for the gift of your Time - one leg of the Stewardship Tripod.

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