

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/06/2026

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

Mass Intentions				
9/07	Monday		NO MASS	
9/08	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Mildred Furstenberg	Mike & Jane Koehler
9/09	Wednesday	8:00am	Glenn Berry	Catherine Jones
9/10	Thursday	10:30	Leo Tolbert (Paris Health & Rehab)	Rose Tolbert
9/11	Friday	8:00am	+Jim Maddox	Dee Wright Family
9/12	Saturday	6:00pm	+Jim Fletcher	Kevin & Theresa Schneider
9/13	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 9/8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 9/9 – St. Peter Claver;
9/12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Ministers for Sept. 12 & 13:

Saturday: 6:00pm
Eucharist: Deacon Tom, Marcus Rainwater, Holly Komp
Servers: Lainey Rainwater, Ella Komp
Music: Randy Edelhofer, Debbie Rainwater

Lector: Randy Koch
Gifts: Nick & Kim Neumeier
Ushers: J Komp, D Mauer, J Schluerman, S Elsken

Sunday 9:00am
Eucharist: Deacon Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier, Betty Maddox
Servers: Noah, Aria and Samson Curtis
Music: Beth Ullrich, Elizabeth Gurley

Lector: Jeff O’Neal
Gifts: Mother’s Society members
Ushers: D Ullrich, J Thias, R Nehus, D Rhineheart

Donuts: Jeff

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Sept 5/6: Second collection benefits St. Joseph School

Sept 7: **Bazaar stands will be torn down**
NO SCHOOL

Sept 8: *Eucharistic Adoration noon - 7:30, followed by MOPH Novena prayers & Mass*

SEPT 9: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN FOR GRADES 2-12 at 6pm in the Sister’s House**

Sept 10: *Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation 7:00-7:45pm)*

Sept 11: Ponder Study Group after 8am Mass (All are invited)

Sept 13: Commissioning of all St. Joseph School teachers & parish catechists during 9:00 Mass
Mother Society members inducted during 9:00 Mass
Parish-wide potluck at 5:30pm in the hall (See below)
KC#3084 meets at Booneville. Rosary at 4:00 followed by meeting

***Sept 14:** *OCLIA sessions begin at 6:00pm in the Conference Room in the rectory*

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The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows
The Seven Sorrows are key events in the life of the Virgin Mary
that focus on her profound grief and suffering alongside Jesus Christ.

- **The Prophecy of Simeon:** Simeon tells Mary that a sword of sorrow will pierce her soul.
- **The Flight into Egypt:** Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt to save infant Jesus from King Herod.
- **The Loss of Jesus in the Temple:** Mary and Joseph search for Jesus for three agonizing days.
- **Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary:** Mary sees Jesus carrying His heavy cross to His crucifixion.
- **The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus:** Mary stands at the foot of the cross and watches her Son die.
- **Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross:** Mary receives the lifeless body of Jesus in her arms.
- **The Burial of Jesus:** Mary places her Son into the tomb and is left in deep solitude. (Franciscan Media)

Father Raj will go home to India on Wednesday, September 16, after celebrating our 8:00am Mass.
++Father Polycarp has generously agreed to celebrate 8:00am Masses on Tuesday & Thursday mornings here at St. Joseph until Father Raj returns.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, Sept. 13, we will have a POTLUCK MEAL in the hall at 5:30
in celebration of Our Lady of Sorrows – the Mother’s Society patron.
***In addition, we want to celebrate with Father Raj before he begins his journey home to India the following Wed, Sept 16th.** It is hoped that many will join us as we wish Father Raj well before he goes home for 5 weeks.

Aug 30 Collection: Adult env (27) \$2185. Children: \$3. Loose: \$85. Total: \$2273. Candles: \$72.75.
August School Collection: \$1098. Diocesan: Home Missions: \$248. Assumption: \$345.

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.

Follow us on Facebook to see what’s happening!!! St. Joseph School Paris AR

SEE YOU AT THE BAZAAR!!

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

We are very grateful to our local Knights of Columbus organization for their generous donation!!

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Hopefully the air conditioner in the church will be installed during September. There is not a definite date yet.

Submitted to the Prayer Chain: *FOR A BENEFICIAL RAIN!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Alice Schluterman, Brooke Rainwater, Cody Rainwater, & Raymond Sharum.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Harold & Leigh Ann Askins and Jeff & Michelle O’Neal.

The monks of Subiaco Abbey are looking for additional volunteers to help with the peanut brittle production this season to help with things such as filling the skillets, breaking the brittle, and packaging. We do NOT cook every day, usually shifts last 3.5 hours, mornings or afternoons. If you can donate a few hours to help with this project, please contact the Abbey Products office at 479-262-8137 or email abbeyproducts@subi.org.

Project Rachel Virtual Healing Resource: A small confidential, non-judgmental meeting for anyone who has been affected by the trauma of abortion. Sept 14, 6:30-7:30pm. Call/text CONFIDENTIALLY 501-663-0996.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Event: "God Chose You for Me" is designed to help you and your spouse grow closer to each other and to God. Strengthen your marriage and deepen your faith! You will experience: a new way to Pray, a new way to Connect, a new way to encounter God's Love! Sept. 26, 9:00-4:00 St. John's Center, 2500 N. Tyler, Little Rock 72207. \$100. 501-831-0931 or 501-831-0932 Email: Michael.Anne.Mancino@wwme.org

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER: Let us pray for just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

Want to change your spouse?? Change yourself instead!!
Sometimes a change in yourself contributes to a change in the other.

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

“The commandments are summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Romans 13:9)

The challenge of a Steward is summed up in this simple question -
“What have I done for my neighbor?”

Last week a funeral was held for the sibling of one of our parishioners who is no longer able to drive. Rather than trying to find someone else to take her to her brother’s funeral, two Stewards from St. Joseph parish drove her to the funeral themselves, and made sure she was safely returned home afterwards.
God knows exactly “what they have done for their neighbor.”

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY!!

(Another reminder that Bazaar stands will be torn down around 8am.)