

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR

Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment www.stjosephparisar.org

Mass Intentions

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 9/21 – St. Matthew; 9/23 – St. Padre Pio; 9/26 – Sts. Cosmas & Damian

Saturday: 6:00pm

Lector: RandyKoch

Gifts: Nick & Kim Neumeier

Ushers: J Komp, B Sullivan, S Elsken, J Schluterman

Lector: Jessie McGarrah

Gifts: Rob & Susan Cope Family

Ushers: E Bauer, M Freeman, M&J Koehler

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Sept. 25: NO SCHOOL

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The Catholic devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows started to develop around the end of the 11th century, in areas around the Mediterranean in particular. In 1233, seven youths in Tuscany founded the Servite Order (also known as the "Servite Friars" or the "Order of the Servants of Mary"). Later in 1239, they took up the sorrows of Mary standing under the Cross as the principal devotion of their order. According to St. Alphonsus Liguori in his book *The Glories of Mary*, Mary appeared to the seven founders that year, presenting them the black "garment of mourning" that they would wear, telling them that they should often meditate upon her sorrows.

The second collection this weekend, Sept. 19 & 20 is for Catechetical Sunday. The collection helps to fund religious education, with half staying in our parish for our own needs, and half helping the diocese's Office of Faith Formation.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) began Monday evening. There were SEVEN in attendance who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Please keep each of them in your daily prayers as they continue to discern throughout the OCIA process. Pray also for those leading the program, that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide them in teaching our Faith. If you know of someone interested in learning about our Faith, please feel free to invite them. Or if you are interested in brushing up on your own Faith, please come.

Sunday, November 8: Junior High Youth Rally at Mount St. Mary's in Little Rock for grades 6-9.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Larry & Gloria Lievsay, Jerry & Kim Swedeen (30 years), Gary & Patsy Eveld, Kurtis & Sarah Simmons, and Sean & Elizabeth Gurlev.

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

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Our mission is to empower students through our Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community Service to become leaders of integrity and compassion.

+++++ Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Tom Schluterman/complications from surgery; Jordan

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Thank you to the man who generously donated his time and his equipment this week to grind out the stumps on the south side of church that were left from the crepe myrtles. Thank you also to the Stewards who generously provided him with gas money for his equipment. They are examples of the last sentence of today's meditation:

“True Stewards give without questioning what they will get in return.”
May God greatly bless them!!
