

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9/13/2026 St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR
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****Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** –Tuesdays and Thursdays – noon until 8:00pm

<u>Mass Intentions</u>				
9/14	Monday		NO MASS	
9/15	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Leo T. & Irene Neumeier	Mary Ann Beshoner
9/16	Wednesday	8:00am	+James Etzkorn	Evelyn Bauer
		7:30pm	MOPH Novena & Benediction	
9/17	Thursday		NO MASS	
9/18	Friday		NO MASS	
9/19	Saturday	6:00pm	+Ronnie Koch	Rosalia Rainwater
9/20	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Subiaco Abbey Priest

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 9/14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; 9/15 – Our Lady of Sorrows; 9/16 – Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian; 9/17 – St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard of Bingen; 9/19 – St. Januarius

Ministers for Sept. 19 & 20:

Saturday: 6:00pm
Eucharist: Nick & Kim Neumeier, Betty Maddox *Lector:* Vicki Schneider
Servers: Lainey Rainwater, Emma & Ella Raper *Gifts:* Marcus & Debbie Rainwater
Music: Randy Edlhuber, Leslie Maddox *Ushers:* J&H Komp, D Mauer, R Robberson

Sunday 9:00am
Eucharist: Ray Kiefer, Racine & Mary Nehus *Lector:* Stephanie Simon
Servers: Addie McGarrah, TJ Simon, Emmarae White *Gifts:* David & Rita Rhineheart
Music: Shana & Sydney White *Ushers:* T White, B Simon, D Wright, P Cooper

Donuts: Chris

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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
KC#3084 meets at Booneville. Rosary at 4:00 followed by meeting

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

Sept 15: *Eucharistic Adoration noon - 7:30, followed by MOPH Novena prayers & Benediction*

Sept 16: **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES @ 6pm**

Sept 17: *Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00*

Sept 18: Ponder Study Group after 8am Mass (All are invited)

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The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion and awaken in my heart a tender sorrow for your sufferings, as well as a sincere hatred of my sins. In being released from wishing for the passing joys of this earth, may I long only for the true joy of heaven. From this day forward may all my thoughts and all my actions be directed toward this one most desirable object: Honor, glory, and love to our Divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and Immaculate Mother of God. Amen

AIR CONDITION UPDATE!!

The chiller is on the way!!! If all goes well it might be installed by Masses next weekend!

****Father Raj will leave for India this Wednesday after celebrating our 8:00am school Mass.**

Everyone is invited a **potluck today, Sunday, at 5:30pm in the hall**. Please bring a dish or two to share as we celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows, the Mother’s Society patron. We also want to wish Father well as he leaves Wednesday to go home to visit his family. **ALL ARE INVITED!!**

++Our 8:00am Masses on Tuesday & Thursday mornings with Father Polycarp begin next week until Father Raj returns.

The second collection next weekend, Sept. 19 & 20 is for Catechetical Sunday. It is a celebration to recognize and thank those who give generously of their time and gifts in the work of education of the Catholic faith. The collection taken up on this weekend 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.

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.

We greatly enjoyed having Grandparents with us for lunch on Friday. Father Raj and Father Polycarp stood in for those whose grandparents who were not able to attend. Special thanks to Jennifer for preparing a delicious lunch for everyone!

PIE SALE forms went home with our students this week. Contact any student to make a purchase!

Did you see the adventures of the “Stuffed Animal Sleepover” sponsored by the Student Council??
Follow our activities on our Facebook page: St. Joseph School Paris AR

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Sept. 6 Collection: Adult env (34) \$2,867. Children: \$2. Loose: \$74. Total: \$2943. Candles: \$58. Masses: \$130.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Gary Simmons/shoulder surgery; John Paul Koch/cancerous spot found; Vicky Bynum/cancer surgery/chemo. **Please continue to pray for the soul of Deacon Bob Cowie & for his family.**
PRAISE GOD FOR THE RAIN!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Anna Elder, Bill Elsken, Caleb Molton, Ray Kiefer, and Rene Cauthron.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier.

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

Since all marriages are unique we should avoid comparing our own to those of other couples we know.
We should appreciate our spouse for who he/she is.

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

“None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:7-8)

Paul’s message is very clear – we belong to God alone. Therefore, all that a Steward does is done for the Lord. Whenever we “assist” others we are God’s own messenger, bringing His presence to those we serve.
No act of kindness is too small, if done for love of God.

Today’s reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans is very often read at funerals. This week a funeral was held for one of our faithful parishioners who had served the Church as a Deacon for 40 years, with many any of those years served here at St. Joseph Church. Our parish was able to “assist” Bob’s family to the very end – offering words of comfort and prayers to his six living children who had all attended St. Joseph School. They were amazed at the meal that was prepared for them after the funeral – a huge variety of home-cooked dishes. They will forever be grateful for this act of kindness and support.
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PLEASE PRAY FOR SAFE TRAVEL TO INDIA FOR FATHER
RAJ.

