

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**3/22/2026**

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**Reconciliation:** Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment

[www.stjosephparisar.org](http://www.stjosephparisar.org)

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

**Mass Intentions**

3/23	Monday	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>+John &amp; Wilma Baltz</b>	Mary Beshoner
3/24	Tuesday	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>+Cecilia Bauer</b>	Dorothy & Donna Forst
3/25	Wednesday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+ Jim Maddox</b>	Joyce Koch
3/26	Thursday	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>+Jeanette Frederick</b>	John Paul & Judy Koch
3/27	Friday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>+Barbara Kearney</b>	Betty Maddox
3/28	Saturday	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>+Ronnie Koch</b>	Mike & Jane Koehler
3/29	Sunday	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Raj

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** 3/23 – St. Turibius; 3/25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

**Ministers for March 28 & 29:**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Tom & Paulette Spivey, Lorraine Ezell

**Lector:** Randy Koch

**Servers:** Drake Rhein, Emmarae White, Ella Komp

**Gifts:** Mike & Jane Koehler

**Music:** Shana & Sydney White

**Ushers:** N&K Neumeier, J&H Komp

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Joey McGarrah, Ed & Martha Ullrich

**Lector:** Jessie McGarrah

**Servers:** Chloe Cope, Addie McGarrah & Theresa Niang

**Gifts:** Brad & Stephanie Simon

**Music:** Beth Ullrich, Elizabeth Gurley

**Ushers:** D Ullrich, J Thias, J&C Koenigseder

**Donuts: Dee Wright**

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**\*\*March 21: CONFIRMATION with Bishop Taylor during 6pm Mass followed by meal in the hall**

**\*March 23: MASS AT 11:30am** OCIA at 6pm (last session)

**March 24:** Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:10. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30

**March 25:** FINAL Lenten Luncheon@11:30 at First United Methodist (205 N Elm)  
Religious Ed classes at 6pm – ALL NEWLY CONFIRMED RETURN TO RELIGIOUS ED  
(Grades 8 & 9/upstairs on the left (Grades 10-12) upstairs on the right)

**March 26:** FINAL 11:30am Mass. Eucharistic Adoration until after the Reconciliation Service

**March 26: LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT 5:30-pm for as long as needed**

**March 27:** Ponder Study Group after 8:00 Mass – All are invited

**FINAL Stations of the Cross at 6pm followed by a meatless meal**

**March 29: PALM SUNDAY**

**March 30: Chrism Mass at St. Andrew Cathedral in Little Rock at 5pm. (no 11:30 Mass here)**

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**March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the earthly father of Jesus Christ.**

(CLIP & SAVE ST. JOSEPH TERROR OF DEMONS PRAYER. SEE BOTTOM OF REVERSE SIDE)

**Congratulations to our 13 young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!!**

Noah (Benedict) Curtis; Emily (Maria Goretti) Lian; Addison (Teresa of Calcutta) McGarrah;  
Chloe (Madeleine) Moore; Aidan (Francis of Assisi) Nehus; Chance (Paul) Nehus; Drake (Sebastian) Rhein;  
Theresa (Theresa, the Little Flower) Niang; Sophia (Sebastian) Schneider; Aurora (Dymphna) Romero;  
Kollyn (Hubertus) Schluterman; Liam (Michael the Archangel) Maddox; Emily (Cecilia) Helton.

**Please join them for a meal and celebration in the hall following Mass this evening.**

**\*\*THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 27, IS OUR FINAL 2026 STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND MEATLESS MEAL.**

Everyone is encouraged to come pray the Stations, and bring a dish to share. No particular group will be in charge of the meal this week. If you are not able to provide a dish, please come anyway! There is always plenty!

Mary Martin would like to thank everyone who came out for her birthday party last Sunday. She appreciates so much all the cards and good wishes that came her way.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Eddie Sims/heart attack/stents put in place; Bill Schwartz/quadruple bypass;  
Brandon Rozell/in hospital; Brandon Thompson/continued complications from appendectomy;  
Larry Lievsay/stroke; Pat Stengel/private request

**PRAISE REPORT – 5 people who have been on our Prayer Chain all returned home this week from the hospital!!**

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE AND PRIVATE CONFESSIONS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 5:30pm-?? MULTIPLE PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
(Eucharistic Adoration will close when confessions are finished.)**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Dee Wright, Judy Koch, Dorothy Neumeier, and Bruce Rainwater.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Joey & Jessie McGarrah, and Kyle & Meigan Lunsford.

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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.*

**SPRING BREAK: March 20-29**

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

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to parishioner Brad Simon who was sworn in as Arkansas State Senator on Wednesday! Our prayers are with you as you take on this responsibility.

**HOLY WEEK CHOIR PRACTICE WILL BEGIN SOON. All are welcome!!** Call Shana for dates/times. 719-800-3440.

The Mother's Society has 9 Easter lilies left for sale. Contact Rita @ 438-2803 if you wish to purchase one. For those who have reserved and not yet paid, please feel free to place your payment in the church collection along with name in memory/honor of by March 31. (*April Mother's Society meeting will be on the third Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>*) Ladies of the parish -- the church pews will be cleaned in preparation for Easter on Saturday, March 28, starting at 9:00 a.m. Cleaning product will be provided. Bring a dusting/cleaning cloth and join us!

**March 15 Collection:** Adult env (41) \$8,025. Children: \$16.75. Loose: \$200. Total: \$8,241.75. Candles: \$50.70. Mass stipend: \$20. Hall Rental: \$50.

All women are invited to attend a **Magnificat Meal next Sat, March 28**, 11am -2pm at St. Joseph Church Spiritan Center, 1115 College Ave, Conway. Kathleen Beckman will speak on "Armor of God." \$20 for adults, \$15 for under 21, free for clergy and religious. Registration deadline is March 23. Limited seating is available. No tickets sold at the door. Call Donna: 501-733-1789.

**Want to know what authentic, non-confrontational, joyful evangelization looks and sounds like?** Make sure to attend the upcoming Basic Evangelization Training with St. Paul Street Evangelization on **Sat, April 18**, beginning with Mass at 9am at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana Street, LR. This non-profit, grassroots organization has mobilized thousands of ordinary Catholics to get out on the streets and help God save souls. \$10 fee includes breakfast, lunch, and workshop materials. To register visit [www.stpaulse.com/littlerock](http://www.stpaulse.com/littlerock).

*The DOLR Minister for Religious is hosting a **Women's Religious Vocations "Come and See" Retreat April 17/18** at St. John Center, LR, - a discernment event for single Catholic women ages 17-35 who are seeking answers about life as religious sisters. No fee. Meals provided. No pressure. A variety of sessions, presentations, discussions, Q&A, To register, visit <https://www.dolr.org/events/2026-womens-religious-discernment-retreat-little-rock>.*

**MARCH BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Judy Koch, Joyce Koch, Marilyn Koch, Charlotte Koenigseder, Holly Komp, Sheila Law, Gloria Lievsay, Debbie Lowe, Jay 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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**Lenten Check-In: There are many demands in life, and sometimes we feel we have nothing left to offer.**

**Do I give my best to God and to my spouse, or do they get the leftovers?**

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

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"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'" (John 11:40)

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass, pray, participate in parish events. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we *really* believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given by God, we really *do* see that He is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives. We become "Partakers of the divine nature!"

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!** Our parish Youth Group will again be providing an **Easter Egg Hunt** after the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, April 5. Anyone wishing to *help provide candy, stickers, coins, or other goodies* may leave items on a shelf in the cry room any time between now and April 1. Let's take this opportunity to support our youth by demonstrating and putting our "grateful and generous lifestyle" into practice!!

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**Clip & Save:**

**The St. Joseph Terror of Demons**

St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast your solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions, and protect us with your mighty staff. You fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs; now, with the power of God,

smite the demons as they flee from you. Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, families, and the dying. By God grace, no demon dares approach while you are near, so we beg of you, always be near to us.