29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **10/18/2026** **St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR**

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am ***www.stjosephparisar.org***

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

Mass Intentions

10/19	Monday	**NO MASS**		
10/20	**Tuesday**	**8:00am**	**+Glenn Berry**	Catherine Jones
		7:30pm	**MOPH Novena Prayers & Benediction**	
10/21	Wednesday	**NO MASS**		
10/22	**Thursday**	**NO MASS**		
10/23	Friday	**8:00am**	**+Cameron Friga** (Anniv)	Betty Maddox
10/24	**Saturday**	**6:00pm**	**+Victor & Marietta Schneider**	Family
11/25	Sunday	9:00am	Deceased & Living Parishioners	Father Raj

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 10/19: Sts. John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; 10/20: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest; 10/22: St. John Paul II, Pope; 10/23: St. John of Capistrano, Priest; 10/24: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Ministers for October 24 & 25:

Saturday: 6:00pm

***Eucharist*:** Nick & Kim Neumeier, Mary Sullivan
Servers: Drake & Hensley Rhein, Ella Raper
Music: Randy Edelhuber, Leslie Maddox
***Lector*:** Randy Koch
Gifts: Tom & Paulette Spivey
***Ushers*:** M&J Koehler, B Sullivan, M Schmalz

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Gary & Katie Simmons, Loranne Ezell
Servers: Gabriel & Dominic Perreault, Emmarae White
Music: Shana & Sydney White
Lector: Michelle O'Neal
Gifts: David & Rita Rhineheart
Ushers: E Bauer, M Freeman, J Harrison, S Law

Donuts: Jeff

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Oct 17/18: Second collection to benefit **World Mission Sunday**
Oct 16-19: Fall Break for St. Joseph School
Oct 19: OCIA session at 6:00pm in the Conference Room in the rectory
Oct 20: *Eucharistic Adoration noon - 7:30,followed by MOPH Novena prayers & Benediction*
Oct 21: **IN-PERSON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK**
Oct. 23: PONDER STUDY GROUP will meet in the conference room after 8:00 Mass
Bunco Night! 6:30pm. $5 buy in. Call Mary for details (438-0777)
Oct 25: Charleston Youth Rally for grades 7-1

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary

St. Louis de Montfort, a French priest and prominent figure in the Catholic Church during the 17th century, is renowned for his unwavering dedication to the Holy Rosary. He saw the Rosary as a spiritual weapon against evil and a pathway to deeper contemplation of the mysteries of Christ's life. He said, *"I beg of you to beware of thinking of the Rosary as something of little importance – as do ignorant people and even several great but proud scholars. Far from being insignificant, the rosary is a priceless treasure which is inspired by God."* (Covenant Catholic.org)

The World Mission Sunday collection this weekend celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. This collection is near and dear to Pope Leo's heart. You may read about this collection today on the back of the bulletin ads.

As everyone has heard by now, Pope Leo XIV was admitted to the hospital Tuesday for removal of a "constricted nodule" on his lung, and his right lower lobe was removed. We pray for good health for him, and that he will recover quickly.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Julie Rochester/knee replacement surgery; Katherine Blackford/pregnancy issues; Brian Bearden/testing; Brad/stomach cancer; Jack Hurley/massive heart attack/triple bypass planned; Kevin Schneider/outpatient surgery; Bentley Robinson/seizures; Lecia Schluterman/torn retina surgery (twice); Deacon Brian Lachowsky/postponed knee replacement due to inflammation; Father Raj/safe travel back next week; Vicki Schneider/ER/dehydration; Robbie Redding/possible surgery;

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Rose Pfeiffer, Hilda Elsken, Jo Ann Furstenberg, Jude Rainwater, Laura Rainwater, Reilly Martin & Ryann Jean Devine, and Laticia Rainwater.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Jim & Shirley Kiefer.

LADIES!! MARK THE DATE!! The 49th Annual Christian Ladies Salad Supper is Mon, Nov. 2, 6pm.
Sponsored by Paris First Assembly of God and Midway Assembly of God, the event will be held at 1111 S. Elm Street in Paris. Bring a salad, dish or dessert to share, and bring a friend!

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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 or stjosephchurch2131@gmail.com
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~OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH! FROM CONCEPTION UNTIL NATURAL DEATH~

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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.

Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 1, 10:30-1:30

St. Joseph School PTO invites EVERYONE to this annual event in the hall. Stop by to eat before Cemetery Visitations. Carry-outs will be available. There will also be a raffle of several nice gift baskets. Come enjoy a delicious meal and support our wonderful school at the same time! *100% of proceeds benefit our school*

FALL PICTURE DAY IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20. SMILE PRETTY!

Follow our activities on our Facebook page: St. Joseph School Paris AR

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Oct. 11 Coll: Adult env (29) $2292. Children: $19. Loose: $221. Total: $3322. Candles: $72. Masses: $20.

Last week's quilts went to 1) **Raymond Sharum**. Ray has been a parishioner here at St. Joseph for many years. He is a great inspiration to everyone for his faithfulness in attending Mass. Ray has most likely repaired shoes for most of us parishioners! He and Mary Katherine sent their girls to St. Joseph School.
2) **Brandon Rozell.** Brandon was seriously injured in a car wreck in August 2025. He still suffers from his injuries. He has been very appreciative of the many prayers offered for him by our parish.
David Ritch wants to thank everyone for the many prayers that have been offered for him since his leukemia diagnosis, and how grateful he is for his prayer quilt. David is feeling better, and if all goes well he will have a bone marrow transplant in December or January. Please continue to pray!

The Faith &Health Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church ,LR, **invites all caregivers to its annual retreat** on Sat, Nov 7, 8am-3pm. $20. Limited scholarships available. To register: Debbie Meiklejohn at 501-666-5073.

AREA CEMETERY VISITATION DATES & TIMES

Sunday, October 25

Sts. Peter & Paul – Morrison Bluff: 1:00pm **St. Ignatius – Scranton: 2:00pm**
St. Meinrad – Prairie View: 3:00pm **St. Scholastica – Shoal Creek: 4:00pm**

Sunday, November 1 (Daylight Savings Time ends!!)

St. Anthony – Ratcliff: 10:30am **Sacred Heart – Charleston: 11:30am**
St. Mary – Altus: Noon **St. Benedict – Subiaco: 1:00pm** ***St. Joseph – Paris: 3:00pm***

Project Rachel *Virtual* Healing Ministry for anyone suffering from the trauma of abortion: Nov.2, 6:30-7:30pm. From the security of your own home - anonymously if desired. CONFIDENTIAL! 501-663-0996

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of person with mental illnesses.

OCTOBER BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE: *Theresa Naegle, Kim Neumeier, Dorothy Neumeier, Mary Beth Nehus, Danielle O'Bar, Paula O'Bar, Michelle Owens, Sarah Perreault, Margie Phillips, Jessica Philmon, Sharon Pohlmeier, Laura Rainwater, Rita Rhineheart, Frances Rhineheart, Rita Robberson*

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In Genesis 1:27 we read: "God created man in his image; male and female He created them."
How do I and my spouse support each other as man and woman?
What have you done for your marriage today? ***www.foryourmarriage.org***

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"Then they handed him a Roman coin. He said to them, 'Whose image is this, and who inscription?' They replied, 'Caesar's.' At that He said to them, 'Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'" (Matthew 22:19-21)

What do I give to Caesar, and what do I give to God? Have I truly considered how much time I spend each week helping in my Church and my community? Do I use my talents for the good of my Church? Have I ever taken time to figure out what percentage of my income goes to the Church and other charitable causes?

A group of parish women recently spent several hours over several days cleaning and sanitizing the hall after the exterminator visit. Cabinets were wiped out and dishes were organized, including all pots, pans, trays, etc. Tables were wiped down. Closets were emptied and neatly reorganized. Even the ice machine was drained and cleaned! We are grateful for all the time and talent that went into this process. We are grateful to these women who do so much for our parish. They exemplify what today's meditation is talking about. Their example gives each of us reason to reflect on how often and how generously we

contribute our own Time, Talent, and Treasure to our parish.

What do **I** *give to Caesar and what do* **I** *give to God each week?*

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~ ~CHOOSE LIFE!! ~~