

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 01/18/2026 St. Joseph Catholic Church  
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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am/Thursdays 7:00-7:45pm  
\*\*Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament –Tuesdays and Thursdays – noon until 8:00pm

Mass Intentions				
1/19	Monday		NO MASS	
1/20	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Jim Maddox	Harold & Alice Schluterman
1/21	Wednesday	8:00am	+Bill Baltz	Raymond Sharum
1/22	Thursday		NO MASS	
1/23	Friday	8:00am	+Mary Ann Gronwald	Ed & Martha Ullrich
1/24	Saturday	6:00pm	+Victor & Marietta Schneider	Family
1/25	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj
Feast Days this Week: 1/20 – St. Fabian, St Sebastian; 1/21 – St. Agnes; 1/23 – St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope; 1/24 – St. Francis De Sale. Thurs., Jan. 22, is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children				

SATURDAY, January 24: 6:00pm  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kurtis & Sarah Simmons, Mary Sullivan Lector: Vicki Schneider  
Servers: Drake Rhein, Emmarae White Gifts: Jerry & Kim Swedeen  
Ushers: S Elsen, J Schluterman, B Sullivan, D Mauer Music: Shana & Sydney White  
SUNDAY, January 25: 9:00am  
Eucharistic Ministers: Joey McGarrah, Racine & Mary Nehus Lector: Jessie McGarrah  
Servers: Dominic Perreault, Addie & Finn McGarrah Gifts: Brad & Stephanie Simon family  
Ushers: E Bauer, B Nehus, J Stanton, S Law Music: Beth Ullrich, Perreault family  
DONUTS: Racine Nehus

Jan. 19: ML King Day – NO SCHOOL  
OCIA at 6pm  
Jan. 20: Adoration noon-7:10pm. Benediction@7:10 followed by Novena prayers. Mass at 7:30  
Jan. 21: Confirmation classes & Religious Ed classes resume at 6pm in the Sister’s house  
Jan. 22: Adoration noon – 8:00pm. Reconciliation 7:00-7:45pm  
Jan. 23: Bunco Night! 6:30pm. \$5 buy in. Call Mary for details (438-0777).  
Jan 24/25: Collection for Black and Indian Missions

THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
The Angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph and told him the Child’s name should be Jesus, with means “God Saves.” According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1, eight days after His birth, and the same day He was given His sacred Name. For Catholics, Jesus’ sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram “IHS” (sometimes called a Christogram) which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

PARENTS OF TEENS! Feb. 1 is the deadline to sign up for the summer Steubenville Conference July 10-12, in Springfield, MO. Current 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend. The fee is \$150, with the CYM covering the remainder of the expenses. A non-refundable \$50 fee is due Feb. 26. The Steubenville Conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet other teens who are seeking to live out their Catholic Faith. Parents, encourage your kids to go!!

COMING UP SOON! “Women of Hope” A Day of Retreat for women, will be held at CTK in Little Rock, Sat, Jan 31, 8am-3pm. Fill your soul with Jesus, the Author of Hope, as we journey through the Gospels. \$75 fee. Info & Register: womenofhope.org

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! The Mother’s Society will host their annual Lenten Day Retreat on Saturday, March 7. Father Cassian Elkins will be the speaker again this year. Details to follow soon.  
Are you 20-40 years old?? St. Anthony Church in Ratcliff is hosting a Lenten Book Study, using Fr. Jacques Philippe’s book “Finding and Maintaining Peace.” The plan is to meet 7 times, concluding before Holy Week, and they invite all in the area to attend. Please respond to Preston Stengel TODAY, Sunday, Jan. 18, at 438-3701.

Submitted to Prayer Chain: Christine Berry/colon cancer; Father Larry Donohoo/surgery/blood clot/shingles; Lisa Ezell/stroke/in hospital; Naomi Tran/18 months/severe respiratory illness.  
PRAISE REPORTS!! Newborns Emmett Vines and CC Wheelis have both come home from the hospital!

The family of Ronnie Koch wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation shown to our family during this difficult time. Thank you for the Masses, donations, prayers, the funeral meal, and all of the other acts of kindness. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated.

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.

Casino Night is coming up soon!!

Our PTO invites you to “Glow All In for a Great Cause” at our Neon-Themed Casino Night Fundraiser **Saturday, Feb 7, 6:30-11pm at Union Bank Center**. Subiaco Jazz Band! Music. Dancing. Fun! Fellowship! Casino-style gaming by our KCs! Silent & live auctions! Food and drink! Must be 21 or older to attend. Neon attire is encouraged. Call 963-2119 for info or tickets. \$60 per person. \$600 per table (seats 8)

**Our school is in need of an electronic keyboard**, preferably with weighted keys, that could be used in the hall for special events. (It would be stored in the school.) If you or someone you know has one to donate, or to offer at a discounted price, please contact the school office at 963-2119.

A Best Choice UPC box is in the cry room for your convenience. You may leave empty ink cartridges as well.  
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**ASH WEDNESDAY IS ONE MONTH FROM TODAY, FEBRUARY 18!! Watch upcoming bulletins for Lenten events that will be offered within our parish.**

**The Annual Diocesan CASA Appeal kicks off the weekend of February 7/8.** Begin now to prayerfully consider your gift for 2026. St. Joseph School is once again the recipient of a \$9,217.00 which will help pay for new math books (over \$17,000.00 is the total cost!). The maximum grant is \$10,000 which our school has received for the past several years. We are very grateful to God for the generosity our school has received from this Appeal.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to John Thias, Heather Stringer, Emily Lian, Sarah Baumgartner, & Amy Monday.

Several people have donated **rosaries** to be given away. If you are interested in having one, please contact the office.

There are several nice dishes left in the hall from the last funeral dinner that have not been claimed.

The **Arkansas Catholic Men’s Conference** will be held Sat, Feb. 7, at CTK in LR, featuring guest speakers Dr. Karlo Broussard and Mary Bielski. Posters are on display in church. Info & registration at *arcatholicmen.com*

Br. Joseph Heath, OSB, will offer a **LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION** on Tues, Feb 24, with the theme “ASK: Ask, Seek, Knock” based on the Gospel of Matthew 7:7-8. The day begins with check-in and refreshments at 9:00am, followed by conferences, reflection time, reconciliation, adoration, Midday Prayer with the monks, lunch and 2:00 Mass. Questions? 934-1290. You can register directly for the retreat at <https://subi.secure.retreat.guru/.../tentative-lenten.../>

JANUARY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Patty Adams, Regina Ahrns, Leigh Ann Askins, Evelyn Bauer, Kay Benz, Mary Beshoner, Barbara Beshoner, Karen Binz, Tracy Bradley, Beverly Bradley, Laura Bujarski, Mary Cauthron, Paula Cooper, Susan Cope, Mary Cope, Audrey Curtis, Jordan Devine, Patty Dunn

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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What makes a happy marriage? Many things, of course, but one thing is particular is being able to laugh when things go wrong. Is there a blunder in your past that you can now look back on and laugh?

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

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“Now the Lord has spoken who formed us as his servant from the womb.”  
(Isaiah 49:5)

*God has given each of us different gifts.* In order for God’s plan to work, each of us has to do what God is calling us to do. God has a different plan for each of us! So...It doesn’t help to compare ourselves to others. We can’t let envy and jealousy enter our lives. I should be thankful for the gifts God has given **ME** by living the life necessary to become the saint that He is calling me to be!

“*God has given each of us different gifts.*” Monday morning was busy in church, putting on finishing touches from the Christmas decorations being taken down on Sunday. **(Thanks to those who helped with that task!)** Stewards were working to get wax out of the carpet, getting flowers ready for Ordinary Time, replacing the decorative votive candles, even clipping off the ends of the carpet threads on the steps around the altar that run if they get pulled. It takes many hands doing tedious little jobs that go unnoticed, but each is important to the life of the parish and the church. “*God has given each of us different gifts.*”

**How can I help??                      What gifts did God give ME??**

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