

**3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      01/22/2023      St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR**  
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**Reconciliation:** Sunday 8:15-8:45am Sunday; Thursday 7:00-7:45pm; by appointment

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

<u>Mass Intentions</u>				
1/23	Monday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
1/24	Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>In Thanksgiving</b>	John Paul & Judy Koch
1/25	Wednesday	8:00am	<b>+Jay Moore</b>	Carl & Debbie Stehle
1/26	Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
1/27	Friday	8:00am	<b>+Jerry Martin</b>	Martin Family
1/28	Saturday	6:00pm	<b>+Tommy Melton</b>	Brent & Debbie Lowe
1/29	Sunday	9:00am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Reginald

**Feast Days This Week:** 1/23 – St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope; 1/24 – St. Francis de Sales; 1/25 – Conversion of St. Paul; 1/26 – Sts. Timothy & Titus; 1/27 – St. Angela Merici; 1/28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

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**MINISTERS for January 28 & 29:**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Kurtis & Sarah Simmons, Mary Sullivan      **Lector:** Joyce Koch  
**Servers:** Drake Rhein,      **Gifts:** Tom & Paulette Spivey  
**Music:** Jaime Jackson, Reagan Lowery      **Ushers:** D Mauer, J Schluterman, S Elskan, R Robberson

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Ray Kiefer, Ed & Martha Ullrich      **Lector:** Noah Curtis  
**Servers:** Luke Rainwater, Emily Simon, Kanaan Nehus      **Gifts:** St. Joseph School Children  
**Music:** St. Joseph School      **Ushers:** B&S Simon, J&T Bradley  
**Donuts:** Dee Wright

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- January 22: Eucharistic Procession, Mass for Life and March for Life in Little Rock
- January 23: RCIA session 6:30
- January 24: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 7:30 followed by Mass
- January 25: Religious Education classes 6:30pm
- January 26: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00 (Reconciliation 7-7:45)
- Jan. 28/29: Black & Indian Missions collection
- Jan. 29-Feb. 3: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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**January 15 collection:** Adult env (42) \$2210. Loose: \$484.20. Children: \$14. Total: \$2708.20. Candles: \$48. Mass Stipends: \$70. Hall rental: \$50

Quite a few women from St. Joseph are attending the **Women of Hope Retreat**, 7:45-3:00, on Sat, Feb. 4, at Christ the King in LR. If you want to meet and carpool, **please be at the church parking lot at 5:45 a.m.** **IMPORTANT:** St. Joseph Mother's Society, will pay the \$60 fee for SJMS members. Please notify Paula O'Bar, 438-4110, by January 24 if you are attending. For those who are not members of SJMS, please go to [WomenofhopeAR.org](http://WomenofhopeAR.org) for schedule and registration. There will also be an opportunity for Reconciliation, Adoration, Praise & Worship on Friday evening, 5:30-7:30, for those are able to go early. Feel free to call the church office (963-2131) or the school office (963-2119) if you have questions.

Men who are attending the **Arkansas Catholic Men’s Conference** on the following Saturday, Feb 11, at CTK, 7:30-2:45, will meet at our church parking lot at 5:30 for those who wish to carpool. Register at [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com). No fee, but donations may be made.

The 138th annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection will be taken up next weekend. This collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$31,000 in grant funding from this collection last year.

**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**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

*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*

**St. Joseph School**

***It is the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School to promote a safe, loving environment that creates disciples of Christ and lifelong learners.***

St. Joseph School is gearing up for Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 3. "Faith. Excellence. Service." is this year's theme. The week will begin with students singing and performing ministries next Sunday at 9:00 Mass. Many fun activities are planned throughout that week.

***Congratulations to our First Semester Honor Roll students!***

Congratulations also to 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Theresa Niang, who was inadvertently left off the A/B Honor Roll last week.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS who have helped box up books in the library this week. Mrs. Kiefer has gotten a lot accomplished with the help of Theresa Daniels, David & Rita Rhineheart, & Jen Jacobs. God bless you!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Amy Monday, Kaitlyn Naegle, Layla Bradley, Larry Schmalz, and Barbara Beshoner.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Jim Fletcher/in hospital; Gary Eveld/checkup at MD Anderson/safe travel; Cristelyn Johnson/heart issues.

We continue to pray for the souls of Trenton Barger and Paul Fox who both died last week in Scranton. Paul was the nephew and cousin of many St. Joseph parishioners.

The **Safe Environment curriculum** (Circle of Grace) will be presented to our Religious Education students over the next couple of weeks. Each lesson is age appropriate. If you wish your child to "opt out" please contact the church office Monday.

St. Joseph School PTO is sponsoring **Mardi Gras and Casino Night** on Saturday, February 18, at FNB Community Center. 100% of the proceeds will be used for the benefit of our school. One of the events offered that evening is a **"Wine Grab"**, so *bottles of wine valued at \$10 & up are needed*. There will also be a **"Gift Card Raffle"** basket, so *gift cards of any kind and any value are needed*. You may drop these items off at the school office any time before Feb 8. Items and/or monetary donations for the **Silent and Live Auctions** are also needed. Tickets to attend this event may be purchased through the school office for \$50 per ticket, which includes dinner, beverages, casino games, live music & dancing, and the auctions. A fun evening is promised!!!!

**End-of-year contribution statements** are available in the vestibule of church. Statements will include any donations that have been made to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Why not give your spouse a Valentine gift that will last a lifetime? Spend a weekend away with your spouse talking about what really matters. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held February 10-12 at Subiaco's Coury House.** A WWME Experience gives you all the tools you need to have the best marriage ever! Application fee \$200/couple. Discount available with early registration at **WWME.org** or 501-733-1235.

**As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live.** Pope Saint John Paul II

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*"Marriage is a lifelong partnership of the whole of life."* (USCCB Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan)

Partnership here means sharing in life together, helping each other, journeying together toward heaven.

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

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*"He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."* (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are each expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude we should give God our **first** and **best** of everything: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish.

As the Eucharistic Procession and Mass for Life are celebrated in Little Rock this Sunday, we give thanks for all who have tirelessly worked since 1973 (50 years!) to proclaim the Catholic Church's belief in the sanctity of life from the moment of conception until natural death – and every stage in between!! These Stewards deserve our thanks and our prayers of support.