My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Psalm 63:2b

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11/08/2026 St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am/Thursdays 7-7:45pm

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

Mass Intentions

11/09	Monday	NO MASS		
11/10	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Ronnie Koch	Rosalia Rainwater
11/11	Wednesday	8:00am	+Glenn Berry	Tim & Gina Jones
11/12	Thursday	NO MASS		
11/13	Friday	8:00am	+Will Nehus	Jim & Paula O'Bar
11/14	Saturday	6:00pm	+Mary Catherine Schluterman	Family
11/15	Sunday	9:00am	Deceased & Living Parishioners	Father Raj

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 11/9 – Dedication of the St. John Lateran Basilica; 11/10 – Pope St. Leo the Great; 11/11 – St. Martin of Tours; 11/12 – St. Josephat; 11/13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Ministers for November 14 & 15:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist: Marcus & Debbie Rainwater, Loranne Ezell
Servers: Emmarae White, Lainey Rainwater
Music: Shana & Sydney White
Lector: Vicki Schneider
Gifts: Jerry & Kim Swedeen
Ushers: B Sullivan, D Mauer, M Schmalz, D Schmalz

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Rob Cope, Betty Maddox, Debbie Lowe
Servers: TJ Simon, Emma & Ella Raper
Music: Beth Ullrich & Leslie Maddox
Lector: Stephanie Simon
Gifts: Joey & Jessie McGarrah family
Ushers: J Stanton, D Ullrich, R Robberson, B Simon

Donuts: Sharon

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Nov 9: OCIA session at 6:00pm in the Conference Room in the rectory
Nov 10: *Eucharistic Adoration noon - 7:30 followed by MOPH Novena prayers & Mass*
Nov 11: **VETERANS DAY PROGRAM – 11:00 in the hall – All are invited**
No Religious Education classes this week
Nov 12: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8pm. *Reconciliation 7-7:45pm*
Nov 20: BUNCO Night. 6:30pm in the hall. $5 buy-in. Call Mary for details: 438-0777
Nov 22: Second Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Nov 26: **THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AT 9:00AM**
Nov 28: Vigil Mass at 5:00PM due to the Christmas Parade

NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."
The prayer is attributed to St. Gertrude the Great, a 13th-century Benedictine mystic known for her deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (goodcatholic.com)

The Mother's Society will have their ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the hall on ***Saturday, Nov 21***, after 6:00pm Mass and on ***Sunday, Nov 22***, after 9:00am Mass, remaining open until 3:00pm so that other community members may have an opportunity to shop as well since it coincides with the Merchants' Open House. *It is hoped that many parishioners will participate by donating items so that* a good supply of craft items and homemade goods Please price your item(s) on even dollar amounts. The hall opens Saturday at noon for everyone to bring their items. **Please see attachment to today' bulletin.**

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Allison Rochester (10yrs old)/severe health issue affecting vision/severe pain; Hermina Bridges/cancer; Beverly Nehus/ultrasound; Vincent Pohlmeier/another surgery on growth on tongue; George Zeiler/MRI of spine/bone biopsy scheduled; Brandon Rozell/in hospital; John Allgood/heart attack/stents. Dorothy (Dot) Gilbert/passed out before Mass Sunday (she was checked out at the hospital and all was good.)

Please pray for the soul of John Paul Koch's brother, Mike, who died last Saturday. His funeral was Thursday. Mike was a 1968 graduate of St. Joseph School. We offer our prayers and sympathy to all of Mike's family. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen. Mike's family wants to thank everyone for the prayers, and especially for the delicious meal after the funeral.

The planning for the **Christmas Program for the parish** will get underway this Wed, Nov. 11, at 7PM, lasting 30-45 minutes, with practices held each Wednesday. Shana, Jessie & Sydney are putting this event together, and they need your help! 13-15 children are needed for the program which will be **presented at the parish-wide Christmas party, on Friday, Dec. 18**. For details: Shana (719-800-3440) Jessie (518-1549)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Vicky Zeiler, Nick Neumeier, and Tanner Komp.

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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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.

St. Joseph School students will provide a **Veterans Day program in the hall at 10:00 on November 11**. We thank ALL veterans for their service, especially those of our school & church families. Everyone is invited!!

Our school received an incredible gift of love this week through a remarkable act of kindness by the Bradley VeRoy Foundation. ALL student lunches here at St. Joseph School will be fully covered for the remainder of this school year! What a gift to our school families! And what a beautiful way to honor Brad's memory! His legacy of love and kindness will continue to touch the lives of our children and our families. A life remembered, love continued, and blessings shared.

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

Nov. 1 Collection: Adult env (36) $2572. Children: $17. Loose: $234. Total: $2823. Candles: $66.

HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET will be held at **Sacred Heart in Charleston,** Nov. 14 (10:00-6:00) and Nov.15 (8:00-1:00), along with the sponsorship of St. Anthony in Ratcliff. There will be handmade articles by local artisans.100% of the proceeds will benefit the Poor Clare Nuns in Comayagua, Honduras.

ONE CHURCH, established in 2018 to foster the missionary spirit among all parishes in our diocese, supports a small or rural church that needs a one-time boost to thrive. This year's partner is Holy Rosary School in Stuttgart, which is adding a modular building to make more classrooms for 3, 4, & 5 year olds who are on their waiting list. Checks should be made out to DOLR-One Church, and can be sent to Catholic Charities of AR, 2500 N Tyler St, LR, 72207, marked "Holy Rosary School". Or you may donate at dolr.org/one-church.

First Baptist Church, 311 Main St., invites all ladies of local churches to their "Autumn Awakening" on November 16 at 6pm. Enjoy food, fellowship & guest speaker. A nursery will be provided. RSVP to Tara and 847-0141.

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

NOVEMBER BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE: Debbie Rainwater, Rosalia Rainwater, Tosha Reed, Rhonda Rhein, Kecia Schluterman, Tracy Schluterman, Sandy Schluterman, Marcia Schluterman, Alice Schluterman, Janet Schluterman, Tammy Schneider, Teresa Schneider, Vicki Schneider, Stephanie Simon, Karrie Sims, Paulette Spivey

November is the Month of the Faith Departed. Visit a cemetery as a family to pray for all who are buried there.

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



"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (MT 5:7)

How often have we heard someone say, "I will do it when I have more time, money, etc." Our Time, Talent & Treasure are precious gifts from God - He expects us to use these free gifts. Jesus exhorts us to be prepared - so when the Lord returns we will not be caught off guard, like in today's parable.

Not only are parishioners here at St. Joseph dedicated in their TIME, as noted in last week's Stewardship Corner, they are also dedicated in providing their TREASURE. Donors provided the new statue of Mary, as well as the new shrubs in the beds. The Mother's Society asked for assistance in purchasing winter greenery for the beds in front of our church. Within 24 hours, donations had poured in - enough to cover the costs! We thank God for their generosity. These Stewards didn't wait. They were not caught off guard.

THE DIFFERENCE



Memorial Day is a holiday dedicated to remembering & honoring military personnel who **died while serving** in the U.S. Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or from service-related injuries. It originated after the Civil War in 1868 as "Decoration Day," when Americans decorated the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers and flags, and has evolved to honor all who have died in military service over the years. (History+1)



VETERANS DAY, on the other hand, is intended to **thank and honor ALL military veterans**, living or deceased, who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces, whether in wartime or peace. **Veterans Day emphasizes appreciation for the contributions and sacrifices of ALL WHO HAVE WORN THE UNIFORM,** not just those who died. (Veterans Affairs+2)

We want to honor our own **Jeff O'Neal** who will serve as Grand Marshal of the Veterans Day Parade in Paris. Jeff began his military career when he was 18, graduating from West Point in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science, and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant of Field Artillery in the US Army. He served both in combat and peacetime in the US, Asia/Pacific region, and the Middle East for over 25years, retiring as Colonel in 2015, having served over 29 years of service. Jeff's permanent unit awards include the Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2 awards), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, and Army Superior Unit Award (2 awards.) He is also an inductee in the Ancient Order of St. Barbara, reserved for an elite few whose long-term dedication to the Field Artillery has embodied the spirit, dignity and sense of sacrifice and commitment epitomized by Saint Barbara.

