

**5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**      **2/05/2023**      **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>				
2/06	Monday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
2/07	Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>+Harold Baumgartner</b>	Mary Ann Beshoner
2/08	Wednesday	8:00am	<b>+Candy Etkorn</b>	John Paul & Judy Koch
2/09	Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
2/10	Friday	8:00am	<b>+Randy Anhalt</b>	Janie Calvert
2/11	Saturday	6:00pm	<b>+Mike Ahrns</b>	Ronnie & Joyce Koch
2/12	Sunday	9:00am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Reginald

**Feast Days This Week:** 2/6 -St. Paul Miki & Companions; 2/8 – St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita; 2/10 – St. Scholastica; 2/11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

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**MINISTERS for February 11 & 12**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom, Mary & Anna Sullivan

**Servers:** T, E, E Komp

**Music:** Randy Edlhuber, Leslie Maddox

**Lector:** Joyce Koch

**Gifts:** Nick & Kim Neumeier

**Ushers:** M&J Koehler, S Elsen, J Schluterman

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Deacon Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier, Betty Maddox

**Servers:** Kirsten Schneider, O Stringer, S Cope

**Music:** Jaime Jackson, Reagan Lowery

**Donuts:** Brad Simon

**Lector:** Michelle O'Neal

**Gifts:** Don & Beth Ullrich

**Ushers:** S Law, G Lievsay, B Nehus, D Wright

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February 4/5: Monthly collection for St. Joseph School  
CASA kickoff

February 6: RCIA session 6:30

February 7: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 7:30 followed by Mass  
Parish Council meeting – 6pm

February 8: Religious Education classes 6:30pm

February 9: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00 (Reconciliation 7-7:45)

February 12: Mother's Society meeting after Mass

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**January 29 collection:** Adult env (46) \$2440. Loose: \$539. Children: \$25. Total: \$3004. Candles: \$66.  
Mass Stipends: \$20. Jan. School collection: \$1765. Black & Indian Mission: \$439.

Men who wish to carpool to the **Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference** to Christ the King next Saturday will meet at our church parking lot at 5:30am. Register at [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com). No fee, but donations may be made.

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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Newton Koch, Helen This, Raymond Neumeier, Evelyn Bauer, Barbara Forst, and Vicki Schneider.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Reilly Devine/high fever; Nub Nehus/cancer surgery; Claudia Dersch/heart surgery; Don Berend/pneumonia & covid.

**End-of-year contribution statements** for church donations are available in the vestibule.

**GET YOUR TICKETS!!!!**

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 this week. 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!!!!

*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.***

The ice storm delayed some of our Catholic Schools Week activities. Many of our students dressed as twins or multiples when we returned on Thursday. Mayor Rogers came Friday morning after Mass to sign the Catholic Schools Week Proclamation (pictures on Facebook!) Many of our grandparents accepted the invitation to play Bingo and enjoy refreshments on Friday after lunch. A good time was had by all!!

This week students will have PJ/Movie Day with treats on Tuesday. Students will dress like teachers and teachers will dress like students on Wednesday. First National Bank will provide lunch for students and faculty on Friday.

The observances of **National Marriage Week** (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "*Marriage...one flesh, given and received*" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.

Arkansas Catholic will publish a variety of [recipes for meatless dishes](#) in its February Lenten section. Email your favorites to Malea Hargett at [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org), making sure to include your name and city. Deadline is Feb. 8.

Give your spouse a Valentine gift that will last a lifetime! Spend a weekend away talking about what really matters. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held February 10-12, at Coury House.** A WWME Experience gives you all the tools you need to have not just a good, but a great marriage! Application fee \$200/couple. Discount available with early registration at [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or 501-733-1235.

**Retrouvaille**, a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship, will be February 17-19 at St. John's Center in LR. Catholic in origin, Retrouvaille is for couples of all faiths, and firstly a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Sign up at [helpyourmarriage.org](http://helpyourmarriage.org). For info: 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956

**Hope & Healing for women who have been wounded by abortion is a 12-week online Bible study.** 6-7:15pm, March 1-May 17, via Zoom. This free Project Rachel Ministry opportunity will explore the impact of past abortion decisions on our lives and help us discover what we need to do to heal from these traumatic experiences. We will meet 12 women who, like us, are wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. We will learn how these women faced the same struggles and challenges that we face, and - through their example - gain insight into what we can do to make changes in our own lives to move forward from lingering grief, shame, guilt, fear, and pain, to acceptance, forgiveness, trust, peace, love, and joy. Any woman anywhere can participate from the comfort of her own space, anonymously if desired, with a virtual group of soon-to-be friends. **Call or text our CONFIDENTIAL direct phone line 501-663-0996 for information. Registration is required by February 22.**

### **FEBRUARY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mary Freeman, Evanna Eckart, Catherine Elsken, Hilda Elsken, Patsy Eveld, Lorraine Ezell, Charlotte Fletcher, Barbara Forst, Celeste Fox, Dorothy Gilbert, Elizabeth Gurley, Joan Harrison, Patty Hixson, Michelle Howard, Jaime Jackson, Rene Kiefer, Shirley Kiefer, Jane Koehler

### **INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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Today starts National Marriage Week. Reconnect with your spouse. Take advantage of these short, cold days to spend time together. Talk – or just sit in each other's presence. Pray together. Rekindle your love for each other.

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

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*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people – and it's contagious! Good works encourage more good works! Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we grow in awareness of God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

Thank you to the Stewards who have helped box up books in St. Joseph School library in preparation for the repair work that will begin downstairs soon. Each one showed up at the door and asked how they could help, not wanting recognition, simply wanting to help our school. Thanks also to those who have delivered boxes for this purpose. God bless each of you for your generosity!