

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8/23/2026

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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment

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

Mass Intentions				
8/24	Monday		NO MASS	
8/25	Tuesday	7:30pm	+Mildred Furstenberg	David & Linda Bender
8/26	Wednesday	8:00am	+Cecilia Bauer	Tom & Paulette Spivey
8/27	Thursday		NO MASS	
8/28	Friday	8:00am	+Michael A. Friga (Anniv)	Betty Maddox
8/29	Saturday	6:00pm	+Randy Anhalt	Janie Calvert
8/30	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 8/24 - St. Bartholomew; 8/25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasan; 8/27 – St. Monica; 8/28 – St. Augustine; 8/29 – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Ministers for August 29 & 30:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist: Marcus Rainwater, Holly Komp, Mary Sullivan

Servers: Ella Komp, Lainey Rainwater

Music: Randy Edelhuber, Debbie Rainwater

Lector: Randy Koch

Gifts: Tom & Paulette Spivey

Ushers: B Sullivan, J Komp, M Schmalz, D Schmalz

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Rob Cope, Ed & Martha Ullrich

Servers: Chloe Cope, Ivan Bradley, Ella Raper

Music: Beth Ullrich, Leslie Maddox

Lector: Susan Cope

Gifts: Sean & Elizabeth Gurley Family

Ushers: D&R Rhineheart, J&C Koenigseder

Donuts: Lisa (in the school hallway)

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- Aug 25:

Aug 27:

Aug 28:

Sept 1:

Sept 3/4:

Sept 5:

Sept 5/6:

Sept 6:

*Sept 9:

Sept 13:

*Sept 14:
- Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:30, followed by MOPH Novena prayers & Mass

Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation 7:00-7:45pm)

Ponder Study Group after 8am Mass (All are invited)

++Bazaar stands will be built beginning around 6pm++

Rummage Sale 7:00-7:00

Rummage Sale 7am-noon

MASS AT 5PM. Bazaar 6-10pm

Second collection benefits St. Joseph School

Commissioning of all St. Joseph School teachers & parish catechists during 9:00 Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN FOR GRADES 2-12 at 6pm in the Sister’s House

Mother Society Mass at 9:00. Parish-wide potluck at 5:30pm in the hall (See below)

KC#3084 meets at Booneville. Rosary at 4:00 followed by meeting

OCIA sessions begin at 6:00pm in the Conference Room in the rectory
- THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1) Venerated, Not Adored: Catholics honor Mary’s physical heart because it connects to her person and her deep love for God. The Faithful adore only God!

2)The Two Hearts: The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents divine love. The Immaculate Heart of Mary represents the perfect human response to that love.
- BAZAAR TICKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT!! Please contact the church office if: 1) you did not receive yours, 2) your need more tickets, 3) you know of someone outside our parish who would like some.

**YOU WILL FIND EXTRA TICKETS ON THE TABLES AT EACH DOOR OF CHURCH.
- +SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, Sept. 13, new Mother’s/Altar Society members will be inducted during 9:00 Mass.

All ladies attending St. Joseph Church are welcome to join the group - Catholic or not Catholic, married or single. If you have question or are interested in joining, please contact Rita at 438-2803. That evening, Sept. 13, we will have a Potluck Meal in the hall at 5:30 in celebration of Our Lady of Sorrows - Mother’s Society patron. (Sep 15)

In addition, we want to celebrate with Father Raj before he begins his journey home to India the following Wed, Sept 16th. It is hoped that many will join us as we wish Father Raj well before he goes home for 5 weeks.
- This week on Tuesday and Wednesday, “American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story” will be shown at 7:00pm at the Malco Fort Smith Cinema, 1200 S Waldron RD. The documentary tells the true story of Blessed Stanley’s life, an Oklahoma farm boy who became the first US born priest & martyr. Our own Bishop Taylor served as the episcopal delegate for the cause for canonization during 2007/2008. The film is presented by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Buy your tickets now at <https://bit.ly/rotherdoc>. For information, visit www.rotherdoc.com.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Mike Koehler and Jordan Devine.
- 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

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Our mission is to empower students through our Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, and Community Service to become leaders of integrity and compassion.

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Larry & Gloria Lievsay express their appreciation for the delicious meal that was delivered to them this week following Larry's hospital stay. They are grateful for the prayer support they have received during this time.

Please pray for the soul of George Kern, former St. Joseph School graduate and parishioner who died last week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

3) Rosalia Rainwater is a lifelong member of St. Joseph Church, and was a 1964 graduate of St. Joseph School. Her siblings, AND her mom and dad, all attended St. Joseph School, as did Rosalia's four children. She has designed several of the floral arrangements we use here at Mass. **4) Sr. Hildegard Varga** is a consecrated virgin and was consecrated to God by the diocesan bishop according to the approved liturgical rite. She dedicated to the service of the Church (canon 604). Sr. Hildegard volunteers her time at COS and also the Logan County Museum. She lives at Subiaco. Please pray for her, as she recently broke her wrist and had surgery.

Aug 16 Collection: Adult env (24) \$1250. Children: \$4. Loose: \$68. Total: \$1322. Candles: \$59. Masses: \$20.

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST: Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

The answers the disciples gave to Jesus' question varied because they recognized some of the attributes of individual prophets in Jesus. Peter saw what the Messiah was supposed to be because Jesus reflected who the Messiah was. A Steward reflects generosity, notices the needs around him/her, and acts on it.

10-12 Country Store items, 3-5 Bingo Prizes, 3-5 Grab-Bags, 5-10 Stuffed Animals, any size

2-4 Baked Items, MANY Fish Pond Trinkets, (put these items in Sisters House)_____

Rummage Sale Drop-Off ends August 30 (438-2792 for pick up.)

STANDS WILL BE BUILT ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 6PM.