FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 4/30/2023 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

			Mass Intentions	
5/01	Monday		NO MASS	
5/02	Tuesday	7:30pm	Spiritual welfare of our country	Donor
5/03	Wednesday	8:00am	+Rosemary Wilson	Margie Phillips
5/04	Thursday		NO MASS	
5/05	Friday	8:00am	+Wanda Cauthron	Celeste Fox
5/06	Saturday	6:00pm	+John Braith	Tom & Paulette Spivey
5/07	Sunday	9:00am	Living and Deceased Parishioners	Father Reginald

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 5/1 – St. Joseph, the Worker; 5/2 – St. Athanasius; 5/3 – Sts. Philip and James; 5/5 (First Friday); 5/6 – (First Saturday)

MINISTERS for May 6 & 7:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist:Nick & Kim Neumeier, Mary SullivanLector:Janet SchlutermanServers:Chance & Aidan Nehus, Emma RaperGifts:Tom & Paulette Spivey

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Rob Cope, Debbie Lowe, Loranne Ezell Lector: Susan Cope

Servers: Chloe Cope, Dominic & Gabriel Perreault Gifts: Jason & Mary Cauthron Family

Music: Shana & Sydney White Ushers: B, T, J, M Naegle

Donuts: Racine Nehus

May 2: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 7:30 followed by Mass

Parish Council meeting at 6:00
May 4: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8pm
May 6/7: Monthly collection for our school
May 7: Crowning of Mary at 9:00 Mass

Mother's Society meeting after Mass

May 13/14: Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign

May 21: 8th grade graduation & Baccalaureate Mass for high school & college graduates

Knights of Columbus meeting May 21, 4pm, at Our Lady of the Assumption, Booneville

On <u>Sunday, May 21</u>, St. Joseph School graduates will be presented with diplomas during the 9:00 Mass. This will also be the *Baccalaureate Mass for our high school and college graduates*. Each should have received a letter this week along with a short bio form. Please return the bio immediately by email or text (addresses were in the letter). A reception in their honor will be held in the hall after Mass that day. If anyone knows of college graduates who either were parishioners or attended St. Joseph School, please contact the office.

Bishop Taylor will ordain Cody Eveld to the Transitional Diaconate at Subiaco Abbey on **May 19**. As you know, we have been praying for Cody since he entered the seminary for the Diocese of Little Rock. He attended St. Joseph School, as did several of his siblings.

Cody will be here at St. Joseph Church to preach for the 7:30pm Tuesday Mass on May 23.

A reception will be held in the hall after Mass that evening. Please make plans to attend to congratulate him and assure him of your continued prayers in his final year before his priestly ordination!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Emma Raper, Danielle O'Bar, Ryleigh Oates, Joyce Koch, Mary Farris, and Liam Maddox.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Gary & Katie Simmons (55 years!)

April 23 Collection: Adult env (47) \$2630. Children: \$3. Loose: \$498. Total: \$3131. Votive candles: \$28.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Prayers for safe deliveries of healthy babies for Kyla & Cory Snyder and Meagan & Kevin Pohlmeier (both babies & moms are healthy); 3year old Mark Kaminiski/possible leukemia/testing

MAY 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

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.

Our 4/5 students will participate in Battle of the Books on Thursday at Immaculate Conception School in North Little Rock. They are excited about this event!

The cafeteria is in need of flour to make it to the end of the year. Any help with this is appreciated!

We hope you've been following St. Joseph School on our Facebook page. Grades 4-8 walked to the solar array, and city employees explained how the system works. They also learned how the early Indians measured the height of a tree. Both events were displayed in pictures on our Facebook page. Check us out!!

St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish at Arkansas Tech is asking for assistance in identifying freshmen who plan to attend in the fall. It is so important to continue to nurture the Catholic Faith that parents and parishes have planted. College is the time where these students become independent; they have many distractions (some bad, some good) that are vying for their attention and their spare time. St. Leo's is THE Catholic Presence on the Arkansas Tech Campus. They work hard to connect students to God through their Catholic faith as well as introducing them to other Catholic students. If your son or daughter is attending Tech in the fall, please call the church office, 963-2131, so that information can be passed along.

Spiritual Direction is now available with Pat Stengel (St. Anthony, Ratcliff), a certified spiritual director trained in multiple spiritualities: Ignatian, Benedictine, and Carmelite. Spiritual direction is for anyone who wants to deepen his/her experience with God, understand the movements of the Holy Spirit and grow closer to Our Lord in prayer. For more information visit http://www.catholicspiritualdirection.org which gives a good description of just what spiritual direction is, or contact Pat at 438-4302 or pstengel57@gmail.com.

The Diocese of Little Rock has an opening for a full-time position Associate Editor for *Arkansas Catholic*. Bachelor's in journalism/communications or equivalent experience plus two years of writing/editing experience required. Competitive pay and benefits including retirement plan. To inquire or apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and portfolio, email Malea Hargett, Editor, *Arkansas Catholic*, at mhargett@dolr.org or call 501-664-0125.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 21: St. Benedict in Subiaco extend an invitation to Murray's Dinner Playhouse matinee of "Murder on the Orient Express." Cost: \$55. Leaving at 9:30am and returning at 5pm. Call Donna Forst @ 438-1564 if interested.

<u>May 30-June 2</u>: Subiaco Abbey welcomes single Catholic men, ages 20-45, to a Come & See Retreat. Are YOU one God is selecting? Come experience ancient monasticism, living in a modern world with the Abbey monks. Subiaco Abbey – Benedictines in Arkansas since 1878l. For information contact brambrose@subi.org

<u>June 18 - 24 or June 25 - July 1</u>: Summer Camp for boys ages 9-13, operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco Abbey. Sign up at www.CampSubiaco.org. Don't delay!

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Last Sunday we heard those on the road to Emmaus implore Jesus to "Stay with us!" They sensed something about Him that they needed. Couples need Jesus' presence in their marriages too.

Have you asked Jesus to "Stay with us. Come into our home."? If not, try it today.

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

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.'" (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from $\sin - to$ change our thoughts, words, and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within -a transformation or conversion of heart. This type of change requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance - and it is not easy. The first step is recognizing that we need God's help.

The good news?? We are not alone in our journey!!

Ask Jesus daily for guidance, and then patiently listen for his response.

Thank you to the diligent teachers of our 2022/2023 Religious Education Program who were completely committed to the students in their care. We appreciate so much the dedication of Judy, Paula, Mary, Kurtis & Sarah. The students closed out the year Wednesday evening with pizza and Bingo. God bless these teachers for the good work they've accomplished.