

PENTECOST SUNDAY **5/24/2026** **St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR**
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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment www.stjosephparisar.org

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

Mass Intentions

5/25	Monday		NO MASS	
5/26	Tuesday	7:30pm	+James Nehus	Chris & Tammy Schneider
5/27	Wednesday	8:00am	+Ray Wright	Dee Wright
5/28	Thursday		NO MASS	
5/29	Friday	8:00am	+Jim Maddox	Sheila Law
5/30	Saturday	6:00pm	+Judy Culver	Vicki Schneider
5/31	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners	Father Raj

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 5/25 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; 5/26 – St. Philip Neri; 5/27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury; 5/29 – St. Pope Paul VI

Ministers for May 30 & 31:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist: Nick & Kim Neumeier, Mary Sullivan **Lector:** Randy Koch
Servers: Emerson & Ella Komp **Gifts:** Jason & Holly Komp
Music: Randy Edelhuber, Debbie Rainwater **Ushers:** M&J Koehler, D Mauer, B Sullivan

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Rob Cope, Debbie Lowe, Ray Kiefer **Lector:** Susan Cope
Servers: Chloe Cope, Ella Raper, Ivan Bradley **Gifts:** Perreault Family
Music: Leslie & Betty Maddox **Ushers:** E Bauer, M Freeman, J Harrison, S Law
Donuts: Chris

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May 26: Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:30, followed by MOPH Novena prayers and Mass
May 28: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation offered 7:15-7:45pm)

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The title "**Mother of the Church**" recognizes Mary as the spiritual mother of all Christians and members of the Body of Christ, and was formally proclaimed by Pope Paul VI in 1964, and is celebrated globally on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday. **At the Cross:** Jesus extended her motherhood to the entire Christian community from the Cross, and entrusted Mary and the Apostle John to one another, saying, "*Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother.*" **At Pentecost:** Acts 1:14 notes that Mary was in the Upper Room praying with the Apostles, symbolizing her nurturing, maternal presence at the very birth and ongoing mission of the Church.

****With the summer months and family vacation times fast approaching, please contact the church office with dates that you WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE for weekend Mass ministries - as far ahead of time as possible - so that you will not be scheduled. You may leave a message on the church machine or call/text Sharon at 963-3355.**

Father Raj will join Diocesan priests at their Annual Retreat at Subiaco June 1-5, Monday – Friday. However, since he will be spending the nights at the rectory, he **WILL** have morning Masses here at St. Joseph **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 8:00.**

Dc Tom will offer Novena prayers and Benediction at 7:30 Tuesday evening, June 2. Holy Hours on Tuesday & Thursday will be held as usual from noon-8, June 2 & 4. (No Reconciliation)

Father will be leaving for a visit home to India on Monday, June 15, and will return late on July 24. Abbey priests will provide our weekend Masses, but they do not provide weekday Mass coverage. We will still have Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays and Thursdays as usual, with Deacon Tom offering Novena & Benediction on Tuesdays. (Any changes will be announced in advance.)

Father Raj will offer Mass on Monday, June 8, at 8am, followed by our normal Mass schedule the remainder of that week and weekend before he leaves the following Monday, June 15.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Sarah Simmons/cancer diagnosis/chemo; Gary Baker/on vent/St. Vincent's; Deacon Brian Lachowsky/triple bypass surgery; April/had chemo/liver counts highly elevated.

Please pray for the soul of Father Norman McFall who was pastor at Sacred Heart, Charleston, at the time he was diagnosed with ALS. He died Monday as a result of this disease. May he rest in peace.

++Mark June 13 on your calendar!! Gabriel Perreault, a St. Joseph School 6th grader known for his baking skills, will set up his table of baked goods on the Square that day. **GABE IS GENEROUSLY DONATING ALL PROFIT FROM THAT DAY TO OUR CHURCH A/C FUND!** Come out to support our young Steward on June 13!!

 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.

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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.

Our school year ended Friday. Please pray for all faculty, staff, and students throughout the summer. Your support is invaluable to St. Joseph School!!

+++++ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** for children Pre-K3 through 6th grade will be held **July 13-17**.
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This year's theme is **"The Great Journey With Jesus Through the Church Year."** Jessie McGarrah will be heading up the team again this summer, so please let her know as soon as possible if you are able to help. **518-1549**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Jude Simmons, Samson Curtis, Marilyn Koch, Andrew Simon, and Abby Schluterman.

May 17 Coll.: Adult env (33) \$1350. Children: \$13.50. Loose: \$185. Total: \$1548.50. Candles: \$59. Mass: \$10

St. Leo University Parish invites any of our recent high school graduates who are planning to attend Arkansas Tech in Russellville in the fall, to make the Catholic Center your "home away from home." St. Leo is THE Catholic presence on campus. They will be there to help you make your transition to college life as smooth as possible.

The 2026 Arkansas Catholic Charismatic Conference is taking place July 24-26 in Springdale. Online registration by June 12 receives reduced pricing. Enjoy a Spirit-filled weekend of worship, fellowship, and renewal. Accommodations: contact the Holiday Inn at 479-751-8300 and use the code "ACC" when making your reservation.

1)Our annual **River Valley Catholic Youth Camp** is June 19-21. Those currently in 7th grade through 2026 graduates are invited. Enjoy talks, Mass, games, food, and fun, getting to know other Catholic teens from the River Valley. Each camper is asked to contribute \$50 if possible. Contact Holly for additional details. 518-0909. **May 30 registration deadline!!**

2)Registrations are now being accepted for **Search #158**, a retreat to help incoming juniors/seniors and outgoing seniors get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. St. John Center, LR, June 26-28. \$150 fee. Register: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/search-158-june-26-28--2026>

3)Registrations are now being accepted for **Catholic Charities Summer Institute**, C2SI, grades 10-12 to learn about the social justice teachings of our Church. "Hands on" experiences working in the community. 40 hours of community service earned for the week. St. John Center, LR, July 13-17. \$250 fee. *Questions? Trish Gentry tgentry@dolr.org 501-664-0340, ext 418*
ONLINE REGISTRATION:<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c2si-catholic-charities-summer-institute-july-13-17--2026>

Suffering from a past abortion? Join an online small prayer & discussion group (confidential if desired) June 1, 6:30-7:30pm, hosted by Project Rachel of DOLR. Call/text the CONFIDENTIAL helpline, 501-663-0996 for information to receive a link to join the meeting. You are loved and you are not alone!

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

JUNE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE: Mary Sullivan, Katie Simmons, Sarah Simmons, Joan Stanton, Heather Stringer, Kim Swedeen, Nancy Teague, Helen Thias, Martha Ullrich, Beth Ullrich, Lisa Vines, Jo Watts, Sr. Judith Weaver, Tammy Willmann, Deanna Wright, Mary Frances Zeiler, Vicky Zeiler

All believers are encouraged to imitate Mary's virtues of grace, trust, and compassion in our daily lives, particularly during the month of May. *What have you done for your marriage today?*

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different works, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Each of us has been given unique talents to share with others. Time and treasure are similar for everyone - they only differ in amounts. The gifts of our talents are the most personal aspect of our Stewardship.

This week we recognize and honor a woman who has TWICE offered her services to help our school remain open. Several years ago when a principal resigned just one week before the school year opened, Shirley Kiefer stepped up and became interim principal for 3 years. Again last year, when an interim principal was needed, Shirley once more selflessly came out of retirement to keep our school open. Her vision and her love for our school that has been unsurpassed! May Shirley truly now enjoy her retirement, entrusting our school to Mrs. Theresa Hayward. God bless you, Shirley! You have been a lifesaver!!!

- **Memorial Day: Observed on the last Monday in May, is a day of solemn remembrance FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN MILITARY SERVICE defending our country.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.