

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**2/26/2023**

**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**

2/27	Monday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
2/28	Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>+Roman Gack</b>	Family
3/01	Wednesday	8:00am	<b>+Kristi Byerley</b>	Mark Shea
3/02	Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
3/03	Friday	8:00am	<b>+Evelyn Fox Berry</b>	Jim & Connie Fox
3/04	Saturday	6:00pm	<b>+Mary Pfeiffer</b>	Teddy & Marcia Schluterman
3/05	Sunday	9:00am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Reginald

**Feast Days This Week:** 2/27 – St. Gregory of Narek; 3/03 - St. Katharine Drexel (First Friday); 3/04- St. Casimir (First Saturday)

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**MINISTERS for March 4 & 5:**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Kurtis & Sarah Simmons, Holly Komp

**Lector:** Janet Schluterman

**Servers:** A&C Nehus, Emma Raper

**Gifts:** Don & Beth Ullrich

**Music:** Randy Edelhuber/Leslie Maddox

**Ushers:** N&K Neumeier, D Mauer, S Elsen

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Rob Cope, Kenneth & Lisa Vines

**Lector:** Susan Cope

**Servers:** Chloe Cope, Olivia Stringer, Noah Curtis

**Gifts:** Gary & Katie Simmons

**Music:** Jaime Jackson, Reagan Lowery, Addie McGarrah

**Ushers:** E Bauer, S Law, G Lievsay, Bev Nehus

**Donuts:** Sharon Pohlmeier

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February 27: RCIA session 6:30

February 28: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 7:30 followed by Mass

March 1: Religious Education classes 6:30pm

March 2: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation 7-7:45)

First Reconciliation 6pm

March 3: Stations of the Cross at 6pm followed by soup and sandwiches in the hall

March 4 & 5: Monthly collection for our school

March 4: 4<sup>th</sup> Degree KC #3084 meeting at St. Mary's in Altus at 4pm

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**EVENTS TO HELP IN YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

**Word Among Us** booklets with daily Mass readings & meditations for guidance – at each door of church.

**Mass @ 8am Wednesday & Friday, and 7:30pm on Tuesday.**

**Fridays: Stations of the Cross at 6pm followed by a Lenten meal in the hall. BRING YOUR FAMILY!**

“Praying friends are forever friends.” “Food is all the sweeter when shared with friends.”

**Ladies Day Retreat with potluck lunch next Saturday, March 4, 10am-2:30(ish).** (contact [Charlotte@438-2743](mailto:Charlotte@438-2743))

**Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration every Tuesday & Thursday, noon – 8pm.** Stay the length of time you have available. No time is too short or too long.

**Lenten Reconciliation Service** with the opportunity for individual confession on Thursday, March 16, 6pm.

**Lenten Luncheons** begin at 11:30. The meal is free, but donations are accepted to benefit COŞ.

March 1- First Freewill Baptist Church, Paris

March 8- St. Benedict Catholic Church

**March 15th- St. Joseph Catholic Church (MEAL AT ST. BENEDICT HALL, SUBIACO)**

March 22- Paris 1st United Methodist Church March 29- First Baptist Church of Paris

**EASTER LILIES!!** The Mother's Society is offering Easter lilies again this year to be used around the altar. If interested in purchasing one or more, call or text Rita @438-2803.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Tina Jones/person & family issues; Abby Biggs/back surgery; Jennifer Taber Cozens/thyroid testing

**February 19 collection:** Adult env (42) \$2202. Loose: \$397. Children: \$13. Total: \$2612. Candles: \$45. Mass stipends: \$20. Bulletin ad: \$100.

*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.***

Mardi Gras was a wonderful event!!

Thanks to your donations and your support we had a very successful evening.

Since people understand that 100% of the proceeds benefit our school, everyone was extremely generous.

We are grateful to God and to our many St. Joseph School supporters!!

Mrs. Johnson in K/1 has several older girls who want her to teach them how to sew. If anyone has a sewing machine they can use (or have), it would be greatly appreciated. Of course it need not be a new machine.

**RICE BOWLS** were given to each student this week with an explanation of what it means to sacrifice our own wants in order to help those less fortunate.

**RICE BOWLS** are available at each door of church. Feel free to take one for your family – or one for each member of your family!! Instead of stopping for a soft drink or ice cream, drop that amount of money in your Rice Bowl. On the tables next to the Rice Bowls there are small calendars with a prayer or activity for each day of Lent. Also included are meatless recipes from various countries.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Jim Fletcher, Mary Beshoner, Kim Swedeen, Blaine Maddox, Tracy Bradley, Aidan Nehus, Chance Nehus, and Michelle Naegle.

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**CASA** kickoff was the first weekend of this month. There are several ways we can support this drive:

1) There are still a few envelopes in the pews (no postage necessary), or you may use a regular envelope marked CASA, drop it in the collection basket and it will be mailed for you. 2) You may send a check directly to CASA, Diocese of Little Rock, PO Box 7630, Little Rock, AR 72217-9915. You may make a one-time gift or make a monthly pledge. 3) If you prefer paying online, simply go to [DOLR.org](http://DOLR.org), type CASA in the search bar, and it will allow you to make your donation. 4) If you have donated in the past, an envelope has been mailed directly to you.

### **MARCH BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Joyce Koch, Judy Koch, Dorothy Koch, Marilyn Koch, Charlotte Koenigseder, Holly Komp, Sheila Law, Gloria Lievsay, Debbie Lowe, Kay Lunsford, Betty Maddox, Sandy Maddox, Mary Martin, Donna Mauer, Jessie McGarrah, Keila Melton, Carla Molton, Amy Monday

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

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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On Ash Wednesday we heard "You are dust and unto dust you shall return." Take time during Lent to show your spouse the appreciation due them. Ash Wednesday is a reminder that our earthly time together won't last forever.

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

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*"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10)*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we too must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches, and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and to develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is the time to repent and let go of other "gods" we have put before God.

What grace to see EVERY high school Religious Education student at Mass on Ash Wednesday. Thank you, Kurtis, for speaking to their teachers to let them know these teenagers would be missing their first class that day.

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