

EASTER SUNDAY	3/31/2024	St. Joseph Catholic Church, Paris, AR
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Reconciliation: Sundays 8:15-8:45am, Thursdays 7-7:45pm, or by appointment

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

Mass Intentions

4/1	Monday			
4/2	Tuesday	7:30pm	Novena Prayers & Benediction	
4/3	Wednesday			
4/4	Thursday		NO 8:00am MASSES ALL WEEK	
4/5	Friday			
4/6	Saturday	6:00pm	+Mike Ahrns	Mary Ann Beshoner
4/7	Sunday	9:00am	+Deceased & Living Parishioners	Father Polycarp

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Ministers for April 6 & 7

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist: Kurtis & Sarah Simmons, Mary Sullivan

Servers: Drake Rhein, Lainey Rainwater

Music: Randy Edelhuber/Leslie Maddox

Lector: Joseph Shunkey

Gifts: Jerry & Kim Swedeen

Ushers: B&M Sullivan, N&K Neumeier

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Jim & Paula O'Bar, Betty Maddox

Servers: Chloe Cope, Emily Simon, Dominic Perreault

Music: Shana White/Leslie Maddox/St. Joseph Students

Lector: St. Joseph Students

Gifts: St. Joseph Students

Ushers: G&K Simmons, R&MB Nehus

Donuts: No donuts

April 1: Classes resume at St. Joseph School

April 1-5: No weekday Masses

April 2: Eucharistic Adoration noon to 7:30

April 3: Religious Education classes at 6:00pm

April 4: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00pm. (No reconciliation this week)

April 6/7: Monthly collection for St. Joseph School

April 9: Parish Council meeting at 6:00

April 14: **FIRST COMMUNION AT 9:00 MASS** – reception to follow in the hall

Knights of Columbus #3084 meeting at Booneville. Rosary at 4:00 followed by meeting.

April 16 – 18: Father will be attending Continuing Education for Clergy in Little Rock – **NO MASSES**

Parents of children 5th grade and under, please bring your children to the hall for our regular gathering after 9:00 Mass as the Easter Egg Hunt is being readied. There will be a photo-op for the children inside the hall, and there will be an announcement when the egg hunt is ready. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun!

We wish Father Polycarp a restful, enjoyable week off during this Octave of Easter.

Congratulations to Kanaan Nehus who was confirmed on March 10 with the Academy students. Come, Holy Spirit!

++ CHOIR PRACTICE!! ALL ARE WELCOME!! 2nd grade and up. No one is too old! Male & female voices are needed! Contact Shana about dates and times. 719-800-3440.

Rice Bowls may be returned at any time. They may be dropped off at the school office or put in the cry room.

Submitted to the **PRAYER CHAIN:** Geraldine Schluterman/in hospital

Please pray for the souls of Les Boyle and Clifford Pels. Both are brothers-in-law of Tom & Sharon Pohlmeier.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

March 24 Collection: Adult env (41) \$3289. Children: \$10. Loose: \$462. Total: \$3761. Candles: \$31.

April Bereavement Committee

Theresa Naegle, Kim Neumeier, Dorothy Neumeier, Mary Beth Nehus, Christa Nehus, Beverly Nehus, Paula O'Bar, Danielle O'Bar, Michelle Owens, Sarah Perreault, Margie Phillips, Jessica Philmon, Sharon Pohlmeier, Rita Robberson, Rita Rhineheart, Frances Rhineheart, Laura Rainwater

Intention of the Holy Father for April

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

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

It is the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School to promote a safe, loving environment that creates disciples of Christ and lifelong learners.

St. Joseph Faculty, Staff & Students invite everyone to their Spring Fling rendition of “Hee Haw” in the hall beginning at 6:30 on Wednesday, April 3!!! Be ready for a good time!!

Best Choice UPC box is in the cry room for your convenience. You may leave used ink cartridges as well.

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The Mother’s Society is now offering catering for weddings, anniversaries, and special occasions. For pricing and information, please contact Charlotte Koenigseder at 438-2743.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Ryleigh Oates, Joyce Koch, Emilyynn Eckart, Mary Farris, and Liam Maddox.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (none this week)

DECLINE TO SIGN: If you are asked to sign a petition for the Arkansas Abortion Amendment, please do not sign it! A woman who faces an unintended or challenging pregnancy needs love, support, and real help to care for herself and to carry her unborn child through pregnancy and into life outside the womb. Abortion is not a “need.”

College students are invited to apply for Arkansas Catholic's summer internship. The intern would get firsthand experience in journalism and communication. This would include writing articles, taking photographs and completing website and video projects. This position is unpaid, but college credit is possible. Qualified applicants must be Catholic, at least 18 years old and working on a degree and seeking a career in communications. Interns must be able to work at least 10-15 hours a week at St. John Center in Little Rock and have a valid driver’s license. To apply, call editor Malea Hargett at (501) 664-0125, text to (501) 554-9595 or email mhargett@dolr.org. The deadline is April 19.

The Holy Fire Ministries (AR Catholic Charismatic Renewal) is hosting "**Preparing for Pentecost.**" The event is open to everyone and is presented in English. Through a series of talks from fellow Catholics who have experienced God's love, healing, forgiveness, and reception of the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, their witness is a testament to Jesus' promises. There will be a healing service, individual prayer, and Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 - 5:00. The fee of \$20 also includes lunch at the Spiritan Center at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Conway.

George Lensing is a gratefully recovering alcoholic and addict, as well as a beloved child of God. He has been sober for nearly four years, and continues to work the 12 steps of recovery daily. He has been part of various secular 12 step groups, where he has gained a wealth of knowledge about recovery. This path led him to discover Catholic In Recovery, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments, including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating, codependency, food addictions, gambling addiction, and the impacts on family, as well as general fear, control, and anxiety. They are reaching out to seek assistance in spreading the word about the first-ever Catholic In Recovery In-Person General Recovery meeting in the state of Arkansas. This meeting has been active at Sacred Heart Parish in Charleston, AR, since Feb 4, 2024, is open to all, and takes place every Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, directly behind the church, offering complete anonymity in a private community room.

The spring season is upon us. Do you know a couple who is getting married soon? Send them a note of congratulations and encouragement, and also assure them of your prayers.

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

“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” (Colossians 3:2)

On this Easter Day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose, and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia” for the first time in six weeks! Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year. Pray daily, and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to full His salvation plan.

Thank you to the two families who covered the statues in church for Holy Week. This was once again an example of someone seeing a need and offering to take care of it without being asked. God is Good. All the Time.

Have a holy & blessed Easter Season