

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
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**Reconciliation:** Sundays 8:15-8:45am

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

**Mass Intentions**

5/27	Tuesday	7:30pm	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Prayers & Benediction
5/31	Saturday	6:00pm	+Dorothy Schneider Family
6/01	Sunday	9:00am	Living & Deceased Parishioners Fr. John Marconi

**Feast Days this Week:** 6/2-Sts. Marcellinus & Peter; 6/3-St. Charles Lwanga & Companions; 6/5 – St. Boniface; 6/6 – St. Norbert (First Friday); 6/7 (First Saturday)

**SATURDAY, June 7: 6:00pm**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Tom, Tom & Paulette Spivey  
**Servers:** Emerson & Ella Komp, Drake Rhein  
**Ushers:** J&H Komp, B&M Sullivan  
**Lector:** Joyce Koch  
**Gifts:** Kurtis & Sarah Simmons  
**Music:** R Edelhuber, Leslie Maddox

**SUNDAY, June 8: 9:00am**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dc Tom, Gary & Katie Simmons  
**Servers:** Blaine Maddox, Gabriel Perreault, Ivan Bradley  
**Gifts:** Racine & Mary Beth Nehus family  
**Lector:** Jeff O’Neal  
**Music:** Beth Ullrich & Elizabeth Gurley  
**Ushers:** E Bauer, D Wright, D Ullrich, S Law

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**May 31/June 1:** Second collection benefits St. Joseph School  
**June 3:** *Eucharistic Adoration noon-7:30 followed by MOPH Novena prayers*  
**June 5:** Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00  
**June 8:** *Mother’s Society meeting after 9:00 Mass*  
*Knights of Columbus #3084 – Sacred Heart, Charleston – 4pm Rosary & meeting*  
**June 14/15:** Second collection for the Church in Latin America  
**June 17:** Parish Council meeting 6pm

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**THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. The feast of the Sacred Heart was approved for specified dioceses by Clement XIII in 1765, and extended to the whole Church by Pius IX in 1856. In 1889 Pope Leo XIII elevated it to the rank of first class, and through an encyclical letter in 1899 dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord.** After Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, He continued to appear to His disciples for a period of 40 days. After this time, with His Apostles gathered around Him on the Mount of Olives, Jesus was taken up bodily into heaven, as recorded in the Gospels. To comfort them in His physical absence, He promised to send them a Consoler and Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to be with them and to guide them into all truth until the end of the world. The Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter. It is among the oldest and most solemn feasts on the liturgical calendar.

**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH!!** Is God calling YOU to be a Permanent Deacon?? Inquiry meetings in our area are **June 13** at St. Augustine, Dardanelle, and **June 14** at CTK, Fort Smith, both at 6pm. Please feel free to speak to Deacon Tom if you have questions.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Ellie Devine, Holly Komp, and Lainey Rainwater.  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Kevin & Teresa Schneider, Racine & Mary Beth Nehus, Bret & Mary Sullivan, Jason & Mary Cauthron, and Max & Jessica Philmon.  
Father Don Zeiler will celebrate his 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood on June 2.

**May 25 Collection:** Adult env (31): \$2170. Children: \$7. Loose: \$269. Total: \$2446. Candles: \$62. Masses: \$50. Hall rental: \$50.

Deacon Kenny & Pat Stengel of St. Anthony in Ratcliff are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. A drop-in reception in their honor is being held today, June 1, 2-4pm, at St. Anthony Parish hall. All are invited. No presents, just your presence.

**INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE**  
That each of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and learn to have compassion on the world.

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

*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.*

**St. Joseph School is very happy to welcome Mrs. Shirley Kiefer as our 2025/2026 Principal!!**

**We thank God for her constant support and love of St. Joseph School. May God greatly bless her for her generosity. Please keep her and all the staff in prayer.**

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Submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: PRAISE!! Franklin Mauer was released to the Paris Hospital last week! Josh Fife/death/prayers for his soul and for his family; Kathy Powers/kidney cancer.

Please pray for the soul of Doyle Benson who died May 24. His wife, Margie (Koch) was a parishioner here most her life. Their daughters graduated from St. Joseph School. We offer them our prayers and support. May Doyle's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Registrations are now being accepted for **Search #156**, a retreat to help **high school juniors & seniors** get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. June 27-29, St. John Center, LR. \$150 fee. Info/Registration: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-156.pdf> For partial scholarship: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf>

Join Bishop Taylor for our **Jubilee Celebrations** Sat, June 14, at St. Raphael Church in Springdale, & Saturday, June 28 at CTK Church in LR. The bilingual event, "Hope in Arkansas," will begin at 8am & end with Mass at 4pm. The event is free, but registration is requested for the free lunch. In Springdale, the main speakers will be Msgr. Jack Harris and Father Omar Galvan. In Little Rock, you can hear from Father Joseph Friend and Father Daniel Velasco. The event is open to anyone 12 & up.

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*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."* (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do - not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an *intentional* lifestyle. Every decision I make either moves me closer to God or farther away. Jesus, help me to choose wisely!

We offer our appreciation this week to the Stewards who were willing to serve if elected to the Parish Council. Holly Komp and Jeff O'Neal are the new members and will join the group at the June 27 meeting. Thank you to the 71 parishioners who cast a ballot. A heartfelt THANK YOU to those who said "yes" when asked to run. ALL were excellent candidates as shown by the closeness of the election. God bless each of you!

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