

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **2/19/2023** **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**

<u>Mass Intentions</u>			
2/20	Monday		NO MASS
2/21	Tuesday	7:30pm	In Thanksgiving John Paul & Judy Koch
2/22	<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	8:00am	+Vernon Schneider Schneider Family
2/23	Thursday		NO MASS
2/24	Friday	8:00am	+Victor & Marietta Schneider Family
2/25	Saturday	6:00pm	+Wilfred Pfeiffer Danny Pfeiffer
2/26	Sunday	9:00am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Father Reginald

Feast Days This Week: 2/14 – Sts. Cyril & Methodius, St. Valentine; 2/17 – Seven Holy Founders of the Servites

MINISTERS for February 25 & 26

Saturday: 6:00pm

Eucharist: M Rainwater, T&S Spivey **Lector:** Randy Koch
Servers: L&L Rainwater **Gifts:** Jason & Holly Komp Family
Music: Randy Edelhuber/Debbie Rainwater **Ushers:** J Schluterman, S Elskan, B&M Sullivan

Sunday 9:00am

Eucharist: Ray Kiefer, Max & Jessica Philmon **Lector:** Joan Stanton
Servers: Kanaan Nehus, Cora Philmon, Emma Raper **Gifts:** Josh & Tracy Bradley Family
Music: Beth Ullrich, Leslie Maddox **Ushers:** R&MB Nehus, D&R Rhineheart
Donuts: Josh Bradley

- February 18: Jason Finney signs the Book of the Elect during Mass
- Feb. 18/19: *Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe*
- February 20: RCIA session 6:30
- February 21: *Eucharistic Adoration noon – 7:30 followed by Mass*
- February 22: **ASH WEDNESDAY – MASS AT 8:00AM ONLY**
Religious Education classes 6:30pm
- February 23 *Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00. (Reconciliation 7-7:45)*
First Reconciliation 6pm
- February 24: Stations of the Cross at 6pm followed by soup and sandwiches in the hall

Congratulations to Jason Finney as he signs the Book of the Elect this weekend at 6pm Mass. He will attend the Rite of Election with Bishop Taylor in Rogers on February 25, and will be joining us in the Catholic Faith during our Easter Vigil service. Please keep him in your prayers!

Catholics in the US are asked to participate this weekend in the annual **Collection for the Church in Central Eastern Europe**. The collection will help the Church in Ukraine bring the light of Christ to the faithful affected by the darkness of war, violence, the loss of families and homes, and will provide other essential funding in the region. Your support is a tangible way of assisting the Church's outreach to those affected & displaced by the ongoing war.

Ash Wednesday

Mass & Distribution of Ashes – 8:00am here at St. Joseph. (No evening Mass)

Pope Francis has called upon the Universal Church to pray and fast on Ash Wed especially for peace in Ukraine.

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Tom **Lector:** Noah Curtis **Servers:** Lainey Rainwater & Ella Komp
Music: Beth Ullrich, Leslie Maddox **Ushers:** Gary & Katie Simmons, Harold & Alice Schluterman

The **Ash Wednesday collection** supports the evangelization mission of the Church in Arkansas by helping provide for the priests, religious and lay people who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in financially depressed places.

NEXT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, begins our weekly Stations of the Cross at 6pm followed by a Lenten meal in the hall. EVERYONE is invited to attend this parish event. If you are able to help by providing a meatless soups, crackers, cheese, pb&j, tuna sandwiches, pimiento cheese sandwiches, etc, please contact the church office. Having everyone's help ensures that the responsibility doesn't fall to just a few.

Jim and Charlotte Fletcher would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and delivery of church bulletins during his treatments and stays in the hospital. They appreciate the delicious meal provided by the Compassionate Cooks and also those provided by members of their Church family. Thank you especially for the continued prayers!

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Michael Staff/testing; Neal Green/cancer diagnosis; Brandi Eveld/cancer; Jim Fletcher/pacemaker placement & lymphoma treatment; Shawn Ezell/in hospital

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.

Students greatly enjoyed their Valentines Day free dress and parties!! We are grateful for the tremendous parent support. Thanks also to the PTO for providing treats for each student in each classroom. The faculty is appreciative for the valentine goodies provided by Cravens Abstract.

Diocesan Catholic Schools Superintendent Theresa Hall and her associates, Marguerite Olberts & Ileana Dobbins, visited our school on Thursday. They visited each classroom, met with Mrs. O'Neal and Father Reginald, and enjoyed lunch with us. We are grateful for their support.

The St. Joseph Mother's Society and Ladies Guild **invite ladies of all ages** of our parish and surrounding parishes to join in a potluck Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Cassian Elkins, OSB, on Saturday, March 4. We are excited to have Fr. Cassian and feel that everyone will enjoy hearing what he has to say. *Each participant is asked to bring a dish to share for lunch.* Registration will begin in our hall at 10:00, with the first presentation at 10:30. After a break for lunch, the second session will be held with a Q&A following. This season of Lent is a good opportunity to join together with other area parishes in Christian fellowship. For more information contact Charlotte@438-2743.

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, 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.

The next scheduled meeting for the 4th degree Knights of Columbus #3084 is scheduled for March 12 at St Mary's Altus at 4 pm.

February 19 collection: Adult env (49) \$8484. Loose: \$388. Children: \$7.31. Total: \$8879.31. Candles: \$51. Mass stipends: \$20. Bulletin ad: \$100. Memorial: \$100

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Olivia Stringer.

FEBRUARY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Freeman, Evanna Eckart, Catherine Elksen, Hilda Elksen, Patsy Eveld, Loranne Ezell, Charlotte Fletcher, Barbara Forst, Celeste Fox, Dorothy Gilbert, Elizabeth Gurley, Joan Harrison, Patty Hixson, Michelle Howard, Jaime Jackson, Rene Kiefer, Shirley Kiefer, Jane Koehler

INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Talk about your spouse behind their back – to GOD!! Your prayers on your spouse's behalf are very important – especially if they are struggling with something or trying to discern an answer.

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

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
(Matthew 5:44)

“Love your enemies.” Easier said than done.

But remember – the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When I am in close communication with God it opens my heart and turns my attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy.” When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may just soften their hearts as well!

St. Joseph PTO provides little valentine bags for each child in school. Parents are asked to contribute \$5, if they are able. One of our school parents brought in a \$100 donation this week to make sure the cost of each student's valentine was covered. What a sweet thought and generous spirit!

Her *“heart was open”* and her *“attention was moved towards God and others.”*