

**4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      01/29/2023      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**

<b>Mass Intentions</b>				
1/30	Monday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
1/31	Tuesday	7:30pm	<b>+Vernon Schneider</b> (Anniv)	Family
2/01	Wednesday	8:00am	<b>+Mary Catherine Schluterman</b>	Celeste Fox
2/02	Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>	
2/03	Friday	8:00am	<b>+Sandi Hignight</b>	Evelyn Bauer
2/04	Saturday	6:00pm	<b>+Don Koehler</b>	Gary & Patsy Eveld
2/05	Sunday	9:00am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>	Father Reginald

**Feast Days This Week:** 1/23 – 1/31 – St. John Bosco; 2/2 – The Presentation of the Lord;  
3/3 – St. Blaise, St. Ansgar (First Friday); 2/4 – (First Saturday)

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**MINISTERS for February 4 & 5**

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Eucharist:** Joyce Koch, Tom & Paulette Spivey  
**Servers:** Chance & Aidan Nehus, Drake Rhein  
**Music:** Randy Edlhuber, Leslie Maddox

**Lector:** Joseph Shunkey  
**Gifts:** Kurtis & Sarah Simmons  
**Ushers:** N&K Neumeier, D Mauer, R Robberson

**Sunday 9:00am**

**Eucharist:** Rob Cope, Jim & Paula O'Bar  
**Servers:** Kirsten Schneider, O Stringer, S Cope  
**Music:** Beth Ullrich/Perreault Family  
**Donuts:** Beth Ullrich

**Lector:** Susan Coper  
**Gifts:** Ed & Martha Ullrich, Heather Stringer  
**Ushers:** B, T, J, M Naegle

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- Jan. 28/29: Black & Indian Missions collection
- Jan. 29-Feb. 3: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
- January 30: RCIA session 6:30
- January 31: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 7:30 followed by Mass
- February 1: Religious Education classes 6:30pm
- February 2: Eucharistic Adoration noon – 8:00 (Reconciliation 7-7:45)
- February 4/5: Monthly collection for St. Joseph School

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**Catholic Schools Week begins today** with St. Joseph School students, grades 2-8, singing in the choir loft. The younger students are carrying up gifts. Former St. Joseph students are serving, and parents of our students are ushers. Thank you all!!

The 138th annual **National Black & Indian Mission Collection** is being taken up this weekend. This collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$31,000 in grant funding from this collection last year.

**January 22 collection:** Adult env (39) \$2065. Loose: \$191. Children: \$3. Total: \$2259. Candles: \$34. Mass Stipends: \$20. Bulletin ad: \$100.

Women who are attending the **Women of Hope Retreat** next Saturday, February 4, at Christ the King in LR, **please be at our church parking lot at 5:45am if you wish to carpool.**

Men who wish to carpool to the **Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference** on February 11, in LR at Christ the King, 7:30-2:45, will meet at our church parking lot at 5:30am. Register at [arcatholicmen.com](http://arcatholicmen.com). No fee, but donations may be made.

The **Safe Environment curriculum** (Circle of Grace) will be presented to our Religious Education students over the next couple of weeks. Each lesson is age appropriate. If you wish your child to "opt out" please contact the church office Monday.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to Chris Schneider, Charlie Koch, Jaime Jackson, and Raymond Harrison.

Submitted to the **Prayer Chain:** Rick Nicholson/biopsy; Bob (recipient) & Melissa Bryant (donor)/liver transplant

**End-of-year contribution statements** are available in the vestibule of church. Statements include any donations that have been made to the Capital Improvement Fund.

*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.*

**Catholic Schools Week, January 29 - February 3. "Faith. Excellence. Service."**

Many fun activities are planned throughout that week, including watching a movie at Centenary Hall at Subiaco, followed by lunch provided by First National Bank!

### GET YOUR TICKETS!!!!

St. Joseph School PTO is sponsoring **Mardi Gras and Casino Night** on Saturday, February 18, at FNB Community Center. 100% of the proceeds will be used for the benefit of our school. One of the events offered that evening is a **"Wine Grab"**, so *bottles of wine valued at \$10 & up are needed*. There will also be a **"Gift Card Raffle"** basket, so *gift cards of any kind and any value are needed*. You may drop these items off at the school office any time before Feb 8. Items and/or monetary donations for the **Silent and Live Auctions** are also needed. Tickets to attend this event may be purchased through the school office for \$50 per ticket, which includes dinner, beverages, casino games, live music & dancing, and the auctions. A fun evening is promised!!!!

Arkansas Catholic will publish a variety of [recipes for meatless dishes](#) in its February Lenten section. Email your favorites to Malea Hargett at [mhargett@dolr.org](mailto:mhargett@dolr.org), making sure to include your name and city. Deadline is Feb. 8.

Give your spouse a Valentine gift that will last a lifetime! Spend a weekend away talking about what really matters. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held February 10-12 at Subiaco's Courty House.** A WWME Experience gives you all the tools you need to have not just a good, but a great marriage! Application fee \$200/couple. Discount available with early registration at **WWME.org** or 501-733-1235.

**Retrouvaille** is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. The next weekend will be February 17-19 at St. John's Center in Little Rock.

Catholic in origin, Retrouvaille is a program for couples of all faiths or no faith background, and is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Sign up at [helpyourmarriage.org](http://helpyourmarriage.org). For info: 800-470-2230 or 501-834-1956

**Hope & Healing for women who have been wounded by abortion is a 12-week online Bible study,** 6-7:15pm, March 1-May 17, via Zoom. This free Project Rachel Ministry opportunity will explore the impact of past abortion decisions on our lives and help us discover what we need to do to heal from these traumatic experiences. We will meet 12 women who, like us, are wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. We will learn how these women faced the same struggles and challenges that we face, and - through their example - gain insight into what we can do to make changes in our own lives to move forward from lingering grief, shame, guilt, fear, and pain, to acceptance, forgiveness, trust, peace, love, and joy. Any woman anywhere can participate from the comfort of her own space, anonymously if desired, with a virtual group of soon-to-be friends. **Call or text our CONFIDENTIAL direct phone line 501-663-0996 for information. Registration is required by February 22.**

### FEBRUARY BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Freeman, Evanna Eckart, Catherine Elsken, Hilda Elsken, Patsy Eveld, Lorraine 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 JANUARY

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

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"Where you invest your love, there you invest your life." Is your love invested in the most important parts of your life? God, your spouse, your children? Take time to evaluate your priorities. [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)  
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*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)*

The phrase *"poor in spirit"* means depending on God's providence, and not on our own self-reliance - being detached from earthly things (power, money, comfort), and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, mercy) - denying ourselves our own desires, while helping others obtain their basic needs.

Thank you to those who continue to contribute to the fund for those who call the office or show up at the door asking for assistance. Several requests for utility assistance have been received again this month. Thankfully during this same time period two generous Stewards have either brought a donation by the office, or dropped it in the Sunday collection basket marked for that fund. Thank you to these Stewards who are showing us what being *"poor in spirit"* means.