

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD **5/13/2018** **St. Joseph Parish Paris, AR 72855**
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 Confessions: Saturday 4:30PM & Sunday 8:30AM formed.org **parish code 28WKVW**
 Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00PM & Sunday 9:00AM
 Weekday Mass: 8:00AM Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 7:30PM Tuesday -- Mother of Perpetual Help Novena followed by Mass
 Tuesday 6:30-7:30PM----- Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

| Mass Intentions | | | |
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| 5/14 | Monday | NO MASS | |
| 5/15 | 7:30pm Tuesday | +Elizabeth Strobel | Jerry & Mary Martin |
| 5/16 | 8:00am Wednesday | +Evelyn Edelhuber | Jim & Charlotte Fletcher |
| 5/17 | 8:00am Thursday | +Bob Phillips | Margie Phillips |
| 5/18 | 8:00am Friday | +Raymond Willmann | M/M WJ Willmann |
| 5/19 | 5:00pm Saturday | +Emil Zeiler | Gerald & Rose Lasater |
| 5/20 | 9:00am Sunday | Living & Deceased Parishioners | Father Eugene |

THIRD SUNDAY: May 19 & 20:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Marcus Rainwater, Tom & Paulette Spivey
 Sunday 9:00AM Karen Binz, Leigh Ann Askins, Betty Maddox

LECTORS:

Saturday 5:00PM Debbie Rainwater
 Sunday 9:00AM Graduates

ORGANIST & CANTOR:

Saturday 5:00PM Randy Edelhuber
 Sunday 9:00AM Tom, Eileen, Yasmin & Choir

SERVERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Tanner & Emerson Komp, Kanaan Nehus
 Sunday 9:00AM Anna Hart, Jude Simmons, MaKenzie McMahan

USHERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Debbie Lowe, Racine & Mary Beth Nehus, Jason or Holly Komp
 Sunday 9:00AM Joe Bujarski, David & Rita Rhineheart, Beverly Nehus

GIFT BEARERS:

Saturday 5:00PM Tommy & Keila Melton
 Sunday 9:00AM Graduates

ROSARY:

Saturday 5:00PM
 Sunday 9:00AM Gary & Katie Simmons

COFFEE AND DONUTS next Sunday: May 20: Sharon Pohlmeier (Rob picks up donuts)

Next Sunday coffee and donuts will be held in the hall along with a reception for our graduates.

Feast Days This Week: 5/14 – St. Matthias, Apostle; 5/15 – St. Isidore; 5/17 – St. John I.

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| May 13: | Mother's Day |
| May 19/20: | Second collection for Catholic Communications Campaign |
| May 20: | 8 th grade graduation & Baccalaureate Mass at 9:00. Reception in the hall after Mass |

Formed.org: An Augustine Institute Studios original series, *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*, explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. Watch episode 1 & 2 now, then check back each week for a new episode. It's fantastic!! (Parish code is listed at the top of the bulletin)

The **Catholic Communication Campaign Collection** is next weekend. Half stays in the Diocese to support communications ministries, our diocesan newspaper & Internet. Your donation also helps more than 700 complimentary *Arkansas Catholic* subscriptions to churches, schools, prisons, & those who can't afford it.

8th Grade Graduation & Baccalaureate Mass for high school students and college graduates will be next Sunday, May 20, during 9:00 Mass.

St. Joseph parishioners and those who attended St. Joseph School who are graduating from area high schools in 2018 have been sent invitations to attend. If you know a 2018 college graduate who falls into those categories, please call the church office or invite them yourself. High school & college graduates are encouraged to wear any stoles, ribbons or medals they received at graduation. A reception will be held in the parish hall in their honor after Mass next Sunday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY!!

"Marvelous Mystery – The Mass Comes Alive"

June 11-15, from 9-11:45 each morning for children 4 years old-5th grade. Forms will be available on the tables at all doors of church. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! Call Jana at 438-1181.**

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 News

St. Joseph School is seeking a 4th/5th grade teacher for the 2018/2019 school year. Ideal candidates will have an AR teaching license, some experience, and be a practicing Catholic. Please contact Mrs. Koprovic at ckoprovic@saintjosephschoolar.org for more information, or if you know someone who might be interested. Salary depends on degree and experience, and is very competitive.

Grades 4, 5, & 6 were invited to participate in a track meet at Trinity Junior High this week. Our students came away with several first place medals, plus MANY placement ribbons. They had a blast!!

Our 6th grade boys, Jack, Koby, Matt & Matt won first place in the STEM challenge in the competition in Boonville on Tuesday. 8th grade girls, Anna & Jackie won first place for their toothpick bridge. Congrats!!

Please remember to clip Box Tops for Education, Best Choice UPCs and save used ink cartridges for us!!

To walk out of His will is to walk into nowhere. C.S. Lewis

May 6 Collection: Adult env (55): \$3012. Children: \$23. Loose: \$355. Total: 3390.

Misc. Inc.: Bulletin ad: \$100. Mass stipends: \$20. Hall rental: \$100. Candles: \$40. Donation: \$200.

Names submitted to the **Prayer Chain**: Karen Binz/broken wrist/surgery; Debbie Chambers/heart surgery; Steve Chambers/undergoing chemo; Tosha Jones/thyroid testing; Raymond Johnson/in hospital; Ray Wright/continued health struggles; Father Eugene/eye procedure.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Jason Ullrich, Ray Pickartz, Austin Maddox, Laverne Heilos, Craig Schriver, Mary Beth Nehus, and Larry Gilbert.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Shane and Carla Molton (20 years!)

From the Diocese: May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

- 1) According to the National Institute of Health, 1 in 4 people has a diagnosable mental illness in a given year, while 1 in 17 has a severe/persistent mental illness. 1 in 5 families is affected. Consider this prevalence in our own parish community, and the support needs of parishioners and their families.
- 2) *Mental illness is cyclical, where a person experiences periods of stability interrupted by times of instability. With effective treatment and support, many people with mental illness are able to lead relatively normal lives, and their illness may not be evident to others. For people in our communities who live with severe/persistent mental illness, it can be significantly debilitating. Mental illness impacts self-esteem, relationships, and the ways in which an individual participates in school, work and the community. How can we be of support to people in our parish community living with this challenging illness? Watch next week's bulletin for continuation of this subject.*

The Diocese of Little Rock, with praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, and grateful for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit, His Excellency, Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor, will ordain to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 26, Louis Tuyen Ngoc Do, Patrick Ryan Friend, Jeffrey Paul Hebert, and Keith Adam Higginbotham, & on Saturday, June 2, Joseph Luis de Orbegozo, Stephen Joseph Elser, Michael L. Johns II, and Saulo Daniel Ramos Hernández.

Ordinations will be held at 10am at Christ the King Church, 4000 N. Rodney Parham Rd. Little Rock.

To see the ordinations live, visit: <https://livestream.com/accounts/15964547/events/8112184> (May 26) and <https://livestream.com/accounts/15964547/events/8112196> (June 2)

Separations like business trips or deployment can strain a marriage. Plan a daily way to reconnect – something as simple as picking a common time to say a prayer for each other.

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

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." (1 John 4:15)

How strong is my faith? When I have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about my Catholic Faith, do I do it? Or, do I remain silent so others don't think I'm weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

Thank you to our Religious Education teachers Eileen, Tracy, Jana and Carl who shared their own Catholic Faith experiences with their students on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. Thanks to Tom & Paulette for sharing their Catholic Faith through RCIA instruction. Thanks to Tracy, Tom & Sharon for providing study groups for parishioners. Be strong and bold in the Faith!!!

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO MASS?? Whether you're trying to answer this question for yourself or for other members of your family, how you answer will have a lasting impact. You may be tempted to say, "Because that's what this family does!" or "Because that's what the Church says we have to do!" But what does that say about why we go to Mass? Does it make anyone – including you - more interested in going to Mass?

Reason 5: **We forgive.** When we join in the Lord's Prayer, we promise God that we will forgive those who trespass against us. (St. Philip the Apostle Church) (Reason 6 next week)

Trojan Basketball Camp applications are available in the school office. Camp is June 4-7, 8:30-11:30 am, for those 8-14 years.

Applications are now being accepted for **Search #144**, a retreat for high school juniors and seniors to help get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. St. John Center, Little Rock, June 22-24. \$135 fee but scholarships are available at <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/diocesanscholarshipapplication.pdf>
For information/ registration forms: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-144.pdf>
or contact Trish Gentry at the Diocese Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext 418 or tgentry@dolr.org

ENCOURAGE CHAPTER ESTABLISHED

An EnCourage chapter has just been established in the Diocese of Little Rock.

An apostolate of **Courage**, and flowing from its central purpose, EnCourage provides pastoral care for families and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions and/or gender dysphoria. In many cases, their loved ones have adopted the LGBTQ label, and may have moved away from actively practicing their faith.

Standing by the true teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, EnCourage members receive help and encouragement to understand the experience of their loved ones more deeply, to foster healthy relationships within their families, and to deepen their own relationship with Christ through discussion, prayer and fellowship. The group will be meeting monthly at St. John Center in Little Rock.

Interested parties should go to www.couragerc.org for more information, and email encouragelittlerock@gmail.com to inquire about **confidential** meeting dates/times.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES sponsored by the Diocese of Little Rock

Holy Land: February 2019

The Office of Catholic Schools is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February, 2019. Part of the proceeds will benefit the AR Catholic Schools Scholarship Fund, from which so many of our students have benefited. Fr. John Marconi & Dc. John Hall will lead the pilgrimage. Father YC & Father George Sanders are also joining the pilgrimage. Online registration: <http://www.unitours.com/showtrip.aspx?tripid=1369>

France: April 2019

This pilgrimage will be April 1-12 to France. During Lent, we will tour all the major Marian shrines, including Lourdes and Lisieux as well as Paris. We will also tour the Normandy Beach Landing. Our spiritual director will be Father Tony Robbins, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Conway. You can [download our brochure](#) to learn more. We are offering \$100 off to everyone who signs up by May 14.

Passion Play: June 2020

We are hosting two tours to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau in June 2010, with stops in Austria, Switzerland and Lichtenstein.

Our first bus with Father Erik filled up quickly, but thankfully we were able to get more Passion Play tickets to host a second tour.

A few seats are still available for the second tour on June 17-27, 2020. Our spiritual director will be Father William Burmester, associate pastor of St. Raphael Church in Springdale.

For the pilgrimage to France as well as the second tour to the Passion Play, we are able to take a limited number of pilgrims requesting a single room.

To join us for either trip, you will need to fill out our form and place a \$600 deposit per person.

Travel/medical insurance is highly encouraged.

To sign up or for more information, contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations, (501) 771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacations.com.