

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11/19/2017 St. Joseph Parish Paris, AR 72855
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 Confessions: Saturday 4:30PM & Sunday 8:30AM
 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

11/20	Monday	NO MASS	
11/21	7:30pm Tuesday	+ Betty Forst	Bob & Glenda Floren
11/22	8:00am Wednesday	+ Rosemary Cauthron	Mother's Society
11/23	8:00am Thursday	+ Johnny Benz	Rick & JoAnn Eckelhoff
11/24	8:00am Friday	+ Dub Pfeiffer	Jerry & Mary Martin
11/25	5:00pm Saturday	+ Herman & Theresa Schwartz	Betty & Walt Kreutzer
11/26	9:00am Sunday	+Parishioners	Father Eugene

FOURTH WEEKEND: NOVEMBER 25 & 26

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Saturday **4:00PM** James Nehus, Kurtis & Sarah Simmons
 Sunday 9:00AM Jim & Paula O'Bar, Sharon Pohlmeier

LECTORS:

Saturday **4:00PM** Christy Koprovic
 Sunday 9:00AM Karen Binz

ORGANIST & CANTOR:

Saturday **4:00PM** Randy Edelhuber
 Sunday 9:00AM Beth Ullrich

SERVERS:

Saturday **4:00PM** Jude Simmons, Ryleigh Oates, Makenzie McMahan
 Sunday 9:00AM Emily Simon, Sophie & Jaxon Perreault

USHERS:

Saturday **4:00PM** Nick Neumeier, Raymond & Dottie Neumeier, Donna Mauer
 Sunday 9:00AM Eileen Freeman, Vicki Schneider, Kevin Schneider, David Rieder

GIFT BEARERS:

Saturday **4:00PM** Marcus & Debbie Rainwater family
 Sunday 9:00AM Kenneth & Lisa Vines

ROSARY:

Saturday **4:00PM** Mary Martin
 Sunday 9:00AM Jim & Paula O'Bar

COFFEE AND DONUTS next Sunday: November 25: Betty Maddox (Gary picks up donuts)

Feast Days This Week: 11/21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 11/22 – St. Cecilia;
 11/23: St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Pro; 11/14 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions;
 11/25 – St Catherine of Alexandria

November 18/19:	Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection
November 19:	Mother's Society Christmas Bazaar downstairs 8am-1pm Hospital Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner in cafeteria 11am-1pm Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving Service, St. Benedict's, 7pm
November 20:	RCIA at 6:30
November 22:	NO Religious Education or Confirmation classes
November 23:	<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8am –VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRIES</u>
November 25:	MASS AT 4PM DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS PARADE
November 26:	Men's Club meeting at 7pm

The church office will be closed most of this week while school is not in session.

Names on the Prayer Chain include Frida Friga/in hospital/on hospice; Shirley McCombs/in hospital;
 Christy Koprovic/special intention; Donald Grisham/surgery, Gary Becker/cancer; David Rieder/PET scan;
 Jimmy Wolf/surgery; Fr. Hugh/in hospital.

The Mother's Society is having their annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR today, Nov. 19. This event is held in conjunction with the annual **Hospital Auxiliary Thanksgiving dinner in our cafeteria at 11am.**

Please remember our St. Joseph Cemetery Fund in your giving this month.

For over 43 million Americans there is a thin line between eviction & home, between hunger & health, between unemployment & work, between anxiety & stability. The **CCHD collection** this weekend is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding programs that encourage independence.

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 on Thanksgiving Break until Monday, Nov. 27. The office will be closed all week.

Thank you to our recent cafeteria donors. We greatly appreciate your gifts which help feed our 94 students every day!!.

Please say an extra prayer for Mrs. Jennifer’s husband, Donald, who had surgery this week.

The Student Council is sponsoring a **WINTER WEAR DRIVE** and a **TOY DRIVE**, both to benefit COS. Coats will be delivered on December 5, and toys will be delivered on December 15. Coats, scarves, gloves, etc, may be used, but should be clean and in good repair.

The greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and anxiety.

The diary of St. Faustina

Community Outreach Services is requesting again this year that our parish provide **CEREAL for their Christmas baskets**. You may bring it at any time, placing it in or near the basket in front of church.

The diocese asks for a head count at all Masses in all parishes throughout the state during the month of October. The average attendance during the five Saturday evening Masses here at St. Joseph’s was 106, and the Sunday morning Masses averaged 149.

November 12 Collection: Adult env (49) \$3714. Children: \$17.50. Loose: \$274. Total: \$4005.50.
Miscellaneous Income: Mass Stipends \$20. Votive Candles: \$18.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to Evanna Eckart, Gloria Lievsay, Tracy Schluterman, Harold Schluterman, Susie Stovall, Addie McGarrah, Kacee White, and Reagan Lowery.
HAPPY ANIVERSARY to Gerald & Kay Lunsford.

St. Joseph CYM is selling Catholic t-shirts for \$15, available in youth and adult sizes. Please support our CYM and order your shirt today! Contact Jana Stengel for more information. 438-1484.

An Arkansas Catholic subscription is a great Christmas gift. Special offer: you can buy two one-year subscriptions (46 issues), and get a third one free! You can even start or renew your own subscription in this special offer. The print subscription is \$26 a year or \$24 if over age 65. Digital subscriptions are \$12.95. Send order to: AR Catholic Gift Subscriptions, PO Box 7869, Little Rock AR 72217. We’ll send a gift card to the recipients. Please order your gift subscriptions before Dec. 15 to be sure of delivery in time for Christmas. For more information, call (501) 664-0125.

Arkansas Right to Life is pleased to announce a fundraising opportunity with Petit Jean Meats Company! Order your holiday meats and gift-giving items this season or any time and 10% of your total sales will be donated back to Arkansas Right to Life! Use key code: **RIGHTTOL** online at www.pjmeats.com or by phone 1-800-264-247. Whole smoked turkey, turkey breast, or complete dinner. Smoked ham, bone in or EZ slice boneless or spiral cut.

Coury House Book Store will be open 8:30-4:30 Nov. 25/26 as you prepare for Advent & Christmas. Call 934-4411 if you have questions about what we have in stock.

St. Scholastica's Bake Sale Sat, Dec 9, 8-3 at the Retreat Center (Trinity JHS building, east wing) for all your holiday baking needs. The sisters will also be selling handicrafts and used books.

QUOTE UNQUOTE "It makes me so sad when I celebrate (Mass) in the square or in the basilica and I see so many cellphones in the air. And not just by the lay faithful, some priests and bishops, too. Please, Mass is not a show. It is going to encounter the Passion, the resurrection of the Lord." Pope Francis, Nov. 8

What role does the Mass play in your home? Does it make a difference if you go as a family? Discuss why you go to Mass and what it means to each of you. **What have you done for your marriage today?**

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” (MT 25:21)

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn’t want us to waste or hoard our gifts. He expects us to **GROW** them, use them wisely and generously for the good of others.

Thank you to the Steward who dressed up our coffee and donuts room with Thanksgiving tablecloths and napkins. Thank you for using your gifts for the enjoyment of others. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!!

ADVANCE CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mother's Society will again sell **POINSETTIAS** to be used around the altar, in memory of your deceased loved ones, or in honor of the living. Call Frances at 963-3945.

CHURCH DECORATION will be held on **Sunday, December 17,** immediately following 9am Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASSES will be at 5pm on Sunday, December 24, and 9am on Monday, December 25.

From the Office of the Bishop:

Christmas is on Monday this year. Christmas is always a holy day of obligation no matter what day of the week it falls on. Christmas Eve, December 24, is a Sunday this year, which means "from that morning until 4 pm it is still the Fourth Sunday of Advent."

The Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve) may not be celebrated until after 4 pm on December 24.

Hence, the Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday evening DOES NOT fulfill your obligation for both The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day.

All Sundays are holy days of obligation and Christmas is also a Holy Day of Obligation. **Attendance at Mass in both days is mandatory.**

January 1, 2018

The Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God is on Monday this year. Because it falls on a Monday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. It retains the status of Solemnity. The obligation to attend Mass that day is cancelled.