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AUGUST 16 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hello and Welcome to St. Joseph Parish!

Thank you for joining us today. Blessings! May you have a beautiful day. The St. Joseph Parish family extends a warm welcome to our visitors and new families. We are delighted to have you! If you are a new parishioner, ask one of the ushers for a parish census/registration form. Please complete and drop in the collections basket or bring by the church office during business hours. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know. We hope you will find a true home at St. Joseph Church!

RECORD OF OUR STEWARDSHIP	**August 9, 2026**	**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS**
Offertory—$7.892.00 Poor Box—$30.00	**May we respond obediently to God's call and have the confidence to walk on water.**	5:00PM—40 11:00AM—94 **Total—134**

Blessed Thanks!

Please pray for our sick, shut-ins, those listed in our book of intentions, parishioners residing in nursing homes, and others who have asked for prayers: *Sherry Adair, Eileen Badovick, Shannon Fikes Bass, Delbert Bateman, Anna Batzos, Breckin Birge, Lisa Boccarossa, Connie Boutwell, Tim Boutwell, Michael Calvert, Mike Cash (Rison), Bernadine Corbitt, Janie Culpepper, Ronnie Ford, Greg Gustek, Julie Dial Habelmann, Rena Harrison, Anna Marie Jacks, Mary Ann Kizer, Scott McGeorge, Patrick McKenney, Bill Miskell, Mary Ellen Miskell, Dewayne Petrus, Robert & Therese Riddle, Margie Ross, Heather Smith, David Taylor, Don Walters, Mary Kay Wilbern, Mary Winkley, Elaine Woodyard, and Joseph Wynn.* Please keep them in your prayers in their time of need… And all others in need of our healing prayers. Also, remember the caregivers of the ill.

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In your prayers, also remember the deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord…

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Please contact Angelique Ford (870-489-0563) if you would like to spend a quiet hour with our Lord on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

We urgently need someone to fill the 4-5PM hour on Wednesdays!

Please notify the parish office when you or relatives are admitted to Jefferson Regional Medical Center. WE CARE!

We have 15 old (vintage old) 20-quart spaghetti pots for sale for $10.00 each. They can be purchased from the parish offices.

ORDER YOUR DIOCESAN DIRECTORY! The 2027 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car for finding Mass times at another parish or to contact a parish, priest, deacon, or religious in the diocese by phone or email. It costs only $18, which includes shipping. Send your check to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, PO Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217 or order online at arkansas-catholic.org/product-category/directory/. Directories will be shipped in October.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR is asking St. Joseph parishioners to contribute non-perishable foods for their pantry. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please give what you are able as the need is great. Cuts to their USDA programs have left their shelves empty. They depend now more than ever on donations from churches and the community to help fill more than 900 bags each month.

Special Note: To help feed the needy in Jefferson County, the Knights of Columbus are asking parishioners to bring at least one canned good or non-perishable food item every weekend. Donation baskets are located on the stairs in front of church and in the narthex. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

St. Leo the Great Catholic University Parish is hosting their inaugural 4 Person Golf Scramble to help raise funds for their Catholic Campus Ministry at Arkansas Tech University. The event will be held on Saturday, September 19th at Galla Creek Golf Course in Pottsville, Arkansas. The cost is $225 per team, with lunch included. There will be cash prizes available as well as door prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. You can register online at https://golf.stleosatu.org/ or call their offices at 479-968-8249 or email at stleosatu@gmail.com. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor for the event, please contact St. Leo's as soon as possible! Enjoy a day of golf while helping this ministry provide opportunities to keep young people connected to their faith!

PATH OF THE APOSTLES: PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND EPHESUS

Due to an overwhelming response, *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting a second pilgrimage to Greece and ancient Ephesus. Join Father William Burmester, pastor of St. Edward Church in Texarkana, September 27–October 8, 2027. Daily Mass, Scripture reflections and fellowship will enrich each step. If you've longed to grow closer to God through religious travel — this is your chance. To learn more, an informational meeting will be held Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Edward Church in Texarkana. RSVP at https://bit.ly/greecepilgrimage2027. A $50 discount is available for those who book by October 28, 2026. Register online or download the brochure at arkansas-catholic/pilgrimage. For more information, contact Kathy Primm of Sue Smith Vacations at (501) 771-0987 or kathy@suesmithvacations.com.

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This week in our parish

Sun Aug 16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11:00AM ✞*William & Georgia Puddephatt* (Church)

Mon Aug 17
8:00AM ✞*Tom and Louise Stringer* (Church)

Tue Aug 18
8:00AM *No Daily Mass*
10:30AM Domino Group (Ed Bldg)

Wed Aug 19 St John Eudes, Priest
5:30PM ✞*Linda Baskin* (Church)

Thu Aug 20 ST BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
8:00AM ✞*Dave Nanak* (Church)

Fri Aug 21 ST PIUS X, POPE
8:00AM *Int Savannah Lewis* (Church)

Sat Aug 22 THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
10:30AM-12:00PM O.C.I.A. Class (Ed Bldg)
10:30AM-12:00PM Grief Support Group (Ed Bldg)
4-4:45PM Confessions Heard (Church)
5:00PM ✞*St Joseph Parishioners* (Church)

Sun Aug 23 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11:00AM ✞*Timothy and Madison Lim* (Church)

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
~Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

The special collection this month is for Catholic Home Missions on August 15 & 16. This collection supports dioceses in the U.S. and its territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Thank you for your generosity!

There will be a Rosary recited before Mass on Sunday, August 30 at 10:25AM in the church led by the Knights of Columbus. Please make plans to attend.

Our Religious Education Department is looking for 2 to 3 people to help with P.R.E. Classes on Sunday mornings. Please contact Deacon Garry or the parish office if interested or for more information. This would be a great opportunity for a parent of a child attending P.R.E. No experience necessary.

FROM THE P.R.E. (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT - Parents, if you have children who have not attended our P.R.E. program in the past, please complete a P.R.E. Registration Form as soon as possible. Forms can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway by the parish offices or Pam Thornton, P.R.E. secretary, can email one to you for you to print at home (stjoespre2@gmail.com).
NOTE: Parents of K thru 12th graders, please mark your calendars. P.R.E. begins Sunday, September 13th in the Education Building from 9:30AM until 10:40AM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Fifth Sunday Potluck Luncheon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Sunday, August 30 in Gallagher Hall following 11AM Mass.
Please bring a side dish to feed 8. Everything else will be provided.