



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

Reflect

Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.

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 Catholic Outreach: Teresa Baltz 930-5700
 Finance Committee Chairperson: Ben DeClerk 758-0546
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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday- 8am -11:30 am; 12:30 pm- 4:30 pm
 Closed on Holy Days of Obligation
 If an emergency occurs requiring the sacramental ministry of a priest,
 please contact the parish office Monday – Friday. After hours or on week-
 ends, please contact Jennifer Nichols, 926-5251.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday 11 am-12 noon, Tues-
 day & Thursday 5-5:45 PM or most any reasonable time by request, (your
 identity need not be known). Come receive our Risen Lord's forgiveness
 & healing.

Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction & a desire on
 the part of the candidate/ parent to practice the faith. *Expectant parents*
please ask for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call
 the Church Office to schedule instructions & the service.

Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life & love, &
 involves much serious deliberation, prayer & planning. Engaged couples
 should contact the pastor at least SIX Months before setting a date.

Sacrament of the Sick is always encouraged for those who are seriously
 ill, elderly, or facing surgery. The Sacrament of Healing is available upon
 request. Family & friends are invited to attend & thus show their support,
 love, friendship, & Christian concern

Bulletin announcement deadline is Wednesday, at noon



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and
 young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics,
 Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas
 Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for
 Canonical Affairs, Deacon Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For
 pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the
 Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little
 Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Mass Schedule

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Saturday, June 21

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Harold & Theresa Schaechtel, d
 Wilma Wren, d

Sunday, June 22

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Karen Peters James, d
 Special Intention
 10:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Monday, June 23

No Mass

Tuesday, June 24

6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Joe Dust, d

Wednesday, June 25

10:30 AM St Paul
 Int: Bob Frankenberger, d

Thursday, June 26

12:00 PM St John Mass
 Int: Mary Weisenbach, d
 Bob & John Wren, d
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Alice Jansen, d

Friday, June 27

12:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Keith Sutton, d

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Saturday, June 28

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Henry Dust, d
 The Saturday Choir, thankful for
 all you do.

Sunday, June 29

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Paul & Jeff Leister, d
 Edgar Throesch, d
 10:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

June 21- Alex Baltz, June 22- Jeff Evers
 June 28- Joan Gross, June 29- Jennifer & Matt Hibbard
 July 5- Susan Meier, July 6-Kim & Scott Hills

Financial Report	
June 15, 2025	\$3,938.00
2025 year to date	\$203,328.00
Children's Collection	\$124.00
St Joseph, May	\$3,552.00
DOLR	
Food Bank, May	\$1,169.00

Church Cleaning Committee–Scheduled to clean the Church
 June 28 are Judith Meier, Gina Higginbotham, Anna
 Higginbotham , and Barbara Seagraves.

**To volunteer to join a group and help maintain our
 church, call the office or ask someone to join**



**BECAUSE VIBRANT
 CHURCHES MATTER**



Online Giving with We Share
 Follow the link on the Church website to sign up.

**Save the date for the 4th Annual
Corpus Christi Procession
Sunday June 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Give public witness to our Catholic Faith
by honoring the Real Presence of Jesus
in the Most Blessed Sacrament!
Please join us for the Benediction, rosary,
incense, music, flowers,
and ice cream fellowship.
Sunday, June 22 at**

We have Jesus—our true north!
Give kids a rock-solid foundation and
point them to Jesus, their unmovable,
unshakable friend forever!
Save the Date - VBS July 28 -31
Sign up at -[https://forms.gle/
iGohZSTqueEbrQTf7](https://forms.gle/iGohZSTqueEbrQTf7)



Eucharistic Ministers/ Altar Servers Schedule
6:00 PM Saturday, June 21
Host Ministers: Alex & Tiffany Baltz
Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma
Cups: Kelly Throesch & Linda Davenport
Altar Servers: Maggie Baltz, Jake Baltz & Raycen Cato
10:30 AM Sunday, June 22
Host Ministers: Shelly James & Abby Tyler
Cups: Jill Neely & Terri Jansen
Cups: Angie DeClerk & Anna Higginbotham
Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard, Owen Smith, Dru Steimel
6:00 PM Saturday, June 28
Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz
Cups: Joan Gross & Trish Thielemier
Cups: Rose Hutsell & Paige Radcliff
Altar Servers: Maggie & Jake Baltz, Blakely Jansen
10:30 Sunday, June 29
Host Ministers: Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
Cups: Claire Garoutte & Monica Loyd
Cups: Michelle Olvey & Brin Presley
Altar Servers: Cash Cox, Keegan Jansen, Leo Clark



Diamond Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving
Sister M. Romana Rohmer will celebrate her
Diamond Jubilee (75 years) on July 11. Sister
Romana is a member of the Olivetan Benedictine Sis-
ters of Jonesboro., and former DRE at St Paul.
Cards can be sent to Sr. Romana Rohmer, OSB
1699 County Road 766
Jonesboro, AR 72405-6981

Divorce Support Group

Divorce support groups for women and men are forming at Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church in Little Rock. A free workshop registration will be held from 4-5 PM, Sunday, July 27. The exact location will be announced to registrants. The workshop is open to those who are divorced, separated and family and friends of a Catholic experiencing divorce. Register at csalr.org/divorce-support-group.



**Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed to
assist with Vacation Bible School
Contact Jill Neely 501-658-6818
Or Monica Loyd 870-892-3319 or
870-378-2311 or scan the QR code**

Join us as we congratulate our parish secretary, Jennifer Nichols, on her retirement. A reception will be held in the life center following Mass on Sunday, June 29th.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, James Farris, Danny DeClerk, Nick Lehman, David Bassford, Debbie Junkersfeld, Jan Richardson, Albert Baltz, Tommy O'Donnell, Susan Ullrich, Bill Prichard, Stephanie Garner, Judy Reed, River Bridgeforth, Dennis Blount, Les McPherson, Ella Scobey, Bridgette Kasinger, Gary Baltz, Trisha Thielemier, Jacqueline Weick, Jessica Pfeffer, Mary Broadway, Alta Grimes, Jake Kasinger, Albert Frankenberger, Karin Conradson, Gail Pinion, Josh Nichols, Jo Ann Manis, Pam Flanigan, Becky Catron, Tanya Flanigan Smith, Luke Steimel, Donna Baltz, Vivian Blackshear, Christina Smith, Ruth Mullencupp, Dorothy Hoelscher, Mike Cook, David Weick, Tim Junkersfeld, Arkie DeClerk, Sheila Saala, Leonard Thielemier, Nekayah Thomas, Virginia Sacher, Keith Broadway.

CASA Updates

	Goal	Given
St Paul	\$16,400.00	\$19,968.00
St Joseph	\$1,700.00	\$1,735.00
St John	\$2,650.00	\$2,005.00
CASA supports religious vocations, Catholic schools and charities, faith formation, Hispanic ministry, diaconate formation, pro-life activities and much more.		

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

4650 Engelberg Rd.

Church in Latin America: \$255.00

Hall Rental: \$100.00

JULY MONEY COUNTERS: Jessica Stout, Dwain & Cathy Hausman

CORPUS CHRISTI: This evening we will be celebrating the most holy solemnity of the body and blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. To honor Jesus in the eucharist, we will be having our Corpus Christi celebration starting at the St. Paul church beginning at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The route will include stops at the Grotto, St. Paul School and the new columbarium. Due to the heat, we are shortening the route and will stay on the Church grounds.

CHRUCH CLEANING: We are in need of the Church to be cleaned on a weekly basis. At one time, there was an interest shown in having parishioners to volunteer for cleaning. We would like to know if there are enough interested to make volunteering viable. If you are interested, please turn in your name to Father or Jane, as well as any weeks or months that would not work for you.

2025 JUBILARIAN PRIEST MASS TO BE JUNE 25: Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving Wednesday, June 25 to honor seven priests who are celebrating 25,60, and 65 years of priestly service in the Diocese of Little Rock. It will be held at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 5:30PM followed by a dinner reception in McDonald Hall. The public is invited to attend the Mass and dinner. Reservations are not required. The jubilarians are Msgr. Gaston Hebert, 65 years, Father Henry Mischkowiwski and Father Jerome Kodell, OSB, 60 years, and Father Rodolphe Balthazar, Father Ravi Gudipalli, Father Denis Bouchard, FSSP, and Father Andreas Kedati, SVD, 25 years. The remaining senior (retired) priests will also be honored for their service to the diocese. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for these priests’ many years of faithful service.

UPCOMING EVENTS: VBS July 28-31. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/iGohZSTqueEbrQTf7> Adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist with Vacation Bible School. Contact Jilly Neely 501-658-6818 or Monica Loyd 870-892-3319 or 870-378-2311.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: “Let us ask ourselves this day, adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: do I let myself be transformed by Him? Do I let the Lord who gives Himself to me, guide me to come out more and more from my little fence, to get out and be not afraid to give, to share, to love Him and others?” *Pope Francis Homily, May 30, 2013* Please call 870-810-0612 for questions or more information.

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Owen Sanders, Marie Peters, Chelsea Martin, Mark Throesch, Johnathan Wren, Pam Murphy, Red Oaks, Bob Wren, Treva Throesch, Albert Baltz, Bridgette Kasinger, Danny McCurdy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Dennis Burrow, Jake Kasinger, Evan Hargett, Dickie Flanigan, Madeline Throesch, Sharon Thielemier (Patrick), Betty Baltz, Julie Session (Deacon Papini’s Daughter), Kathy Adkins, Karen O’Gara and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Elser (870) 892-3319 frstephenelser@gmail.com Secretary: Jane Smith (870) 378-5052 stjohns4650@gmail.com Hall Rental: Jessica Stout / Rose Throesch 870-378-0300 / 870-378-6282

Parish Office Hours: Thursday 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon

Mass Schedule <u>St. John</u> Sunday: 8:00 AM Thursday: 12:00 PM <u>St. Joseph</u> Saturday: 4:00 PM <u>St. Paul</u> Saturday: 6:00 PM Sunday: 10:30 AM Tuesday: 6:00 PM Wednesday: 12:00PM Thursday: 6:00 PM Friday: 12:00PM		Mass Intentions (June 21, 2025 – June 29, 2025) <u>St. John</u> Sun June 22: Karen (Peters) James (d); Special Intention Thur June26: Mary Weisenbach (d); Bob & John Thielemier (d) Sun June 29: Paul & Jeff Leister (d); Edgar Throesch (d) <u>St. Paul</u> Sat. June 21: Harold and Theresa Schachtel (d); Wilma Wren (d) Sun June 22: For the Parishioners Tues. June 24: Joe Dust Wed June 25: Bob Frankenberger (d) Thur June 26: Alice Jansen (d) Fri. June 27: Keith Sutton (d) Sat. June 28: Henry Dust (d); The Saturday Choir, thankful for all you do. Sun June 29: For the Parishioners	
Confession Schedule Tuesday: 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM at St. Paul Thursday: 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM at St. Paul Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at St. Paul Sunday: 7: 30 AM at St. John		Adoration Schedule St. John – Thurs: 8:00AM – 11:45AM St. Paul – Sun: 12:00 Noon – 10:00PM Mon – Fri: 6:00AM – 10:00PM	
Minister Schedule July			
<u>Lector</u> Jessica Stout Sonny Throesch	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> June 22 & 29-Pat Wren, Tina Sharp, Jane Smith, Rebecca Steimel July 6 &13- Becky Brown, Candace Steimel Stella Steimel, Vernon Hausman	<u>Servers</u> 6-22-Jaxon, Madeleine, Madison 6-29 Perry, Henry, Max 7-6-Caroline, Kadence, Catarina	<u>Ushers</u> Dale Throesch John Wren

June 15, 2025 Loose Cash: \$428.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$2100.00

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24
The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1–12,
17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–
16 or 16:6b–12,
15–16
Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27
The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29
Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8,
17–18
Mt 16:13–19

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