



They all ate and were satisfied, and
they picked up the fragments left
over—twelve wicker baskets full.

MATTHEW 14:20



Seeing as God Sees

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

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Reflect

Do you wish you could see a certain person or situation more like the way God sees?

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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 Christine Baltz 724-549-6324.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday 11 am-12 noon, Tuesday & 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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday August 1, 2026

5:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Johnson Family: Jim, Pauline, David & Patty

Sunday August 2, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Betty Steimel, d; Peter Paul & Diane Thielemier family; Kathy Mitchell (healing)

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

1:00pm St Joseph Mass

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Monday August 3, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday August 4, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Doug Guterman, d

Wednesday August 5, 2026

12:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Andrew Jansen Jr, d

Thursday August 6, 2026

12:00 pm St John Mass

Int: Madeleine Throesch, d; Mary Weisenbach, d; Dickie & Doris Flanigan (healing)

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d

Friday August 7, 2026

12:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Mildred King, d

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday August 8, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault, d

Sunday August 9, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Tony Hausman, d; Special Intention; L/D members of Jake & Dorthy Liebhaber family

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

August 8- Susan Meier August 9- Jeff Evers
August 15- Nick DeClerk August 16- Josh & Jill Neely
August 22- Alex Baltz August 23- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Financial Report	
July 30, 2026	\$9,078.67
2026 year to date	\$254,702.81
Children's Collection	\$42.75
St Joseph April 2026	\$3,523.32
DOLR June 2026	\$1,124.00
Food Bank, June 2026	\$1,023.98



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



Church Cleaning Schedule August 8- Robin Berry, Cyndy Busick, Kelly Steimel, Jennifer Nichols. **To volunteer to join a group & help maintain our church call the office or ask someone to join a group.**

Eucharistic Ministers/Altar Servers Schedule

6:00 PM Saturday August 8, 2026

Host Ministers: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Aubrey & Cannon Hogan

10:30 AM Sunday August 9, 2026

Host Ministers: Claire Garoutte, Monica Loyd

Cups: Jill Neely, Jennifer Nichols

Cups: Michelle Olvey, Brin Presley

Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard, Cash Cox, John Henry Garoutte

6:00 PM August 15, 2026

Host Ministers: De Puella, Maggie Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Cups: Pauletta Walker, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Avery Seagreaves, Valentina Nguyen

10:30 AM Sunday August 16, 2026

Host Ministers: De Puella, Abby Tyler

Cups: Veronica Rose, Rene' Tyler

Cups: Angie DeClerk, Terri Jansen

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan, Kipton & Sawyer Jansen

6:00 pm Saturday August 22, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Altar Servers: Leo & Etta Clark, Keegan Presley

10:30 am Sunday August 23, 2026

Host Ministers: Claire Garoutte, Cyndy Busick

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jill Neely

Cups: Jennifer Hibbard, Shelly James

Altar Servers: Owen Smith, Caroline Thielemier, Kogan Vaughn

Ushers August:

Saturday: Joe Bergman, Bobby Meier, Kyle Sutton, Terry Throesch

Sunday: Joe Difani, Mike Higginbotham, Joe Tom Carol, Josh Neely, Brayden Tillie

Homebound and Nursing Home for August:

Cyndy Busick, Elaine Wallis, Brenda Liebhaver

Discovering Our Dignity Women's Bible Study: LAST CHANCE to sign up for Discovering Our Dignity Women's Bible Study. Come join our Sunday evening Women's Bible study beginning Sunday, August 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center. Please call Teresa 870-930-5700 or the church office by August 1st to order your book. Books are \$45.00 for 22 fall and winter sessions.

Online giving through Zeffy is now available at St Paul. Online giving allow you to support St Paul with a one-time or recurring monthly gift using your phone, tablet or computer. It's secure, convenient and helps our parish plan for ministries throughout the year. Visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/organizations/stpaul-the-apostle-catholic-church-pocahontas-ar> or scan the QR code to get started.



Kids please bring your Backpacks for our annual back to school Backpack Blessings **August 8th & 9th at all Masses.**

PIES and WINGS!

Christie & Paul Yemma invite all parishioners & friends to a party to celebrate the upcoming wedding of their daughter Laurel Dhority & her Fiancé Adam Bernard. The party will be held **Saturday August 8th in the Parish Life Center after the 6 pm Mass.** There will be food, games and fun for all ages. Please join us! For more information contact Christie at 870-378-1838.

A Weekend That will Change Your Life!

Women's Cursillo 3 day weekend. September 24-27. Contact Ed Moix ED.MOIX59@GMAIL.COM the retreat is held at St John's Center Little Rock. Deepen your Faith. Clarify your baptismal mission. Sustain your catholic journey and encounter Christ.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, David Bassford, Debbie Junkersfeld, Jan Richardson, Ella Scobey, Tommy O'Donnell, Stephanie Garner, Dennis Blount, Les McPherson, Bridgette Kasinger, Gary Baltz, Jacquolyn Weick, Sheila Saala, Jessica Pfeffer, Mary Broadway, Jake Kasinger, Gail Pinion, Josh Nichols, Jo Ann Manis, Becky Catron, Tanya Flanigan Smith, Luke Steimel, Dave Weick, Donna Baltz, Vivian Blackshear, Mike Cook, Tim Junkersfeld, Dorothy Hoelscher, Leonard Thielemier, Nekayah Thomas, Virginia Sacher, Brooke Junkersfeld, Lane Clayton, Jo Vatsula, Richard Jenkins, Blake Edwards, Dorothy Ward, Bonnie Schmidt, Elizabeth Smith, Diane Kimble Ramsey, Fr. James Schaefer, Samuel Thompson, Kelly McCandless, Roy Billeau, Paige Catt, Larry Weick, and Keith Broadway.

Good News!

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:1–3 / Romans 8:35, 37–39 / Matthew 14:13–21

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours: Thursday 8:00AM-12:00 Noon, or by appointment

Mass Schedule	
Saturday	11:00AM Confessions, St. Paul (Pocahontas) 3:30PM Confessions, St. Joseph (Corning) 4:00PM Mass, St. Joseph (Corning) 6:00PM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
Sunday	7:30AM Confessions, St. John (Engelberg) 8:00AM Mass, St. John (Engelberg) 10:30AM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:00PM Confessions, St. Paul (Pocahontas) 6:00PM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
Wednesday	9:00AM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (School Year) 12:00 Noon Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (Summer)
Thursday	8:00AM-12:00 Noon Adoration, St. John (Engelberg) 12:00 Noon Mass, St. John (Engelberg) 5:00PM Confessions, St. Paul (Pocahontas) 6:00PM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
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Mass Intentions

August 1, 2026 – August 9, 2026

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Sun Aug 9: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	August 2	August 9	August16	August 23
Eucharistic Ministers	Jessica Stout Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Rebecca Steimel	Jessica Stout Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Rebecca Steimel	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Stella Steimel	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Stella Steimel
Servers	Perry Throesch Madeleine Throesch Catarina Throesch	Henry Taylor Isaac Throesch Casyn Steimel	Jaxon Kasinger Max Hoose Parker Liebhaber	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Madison Throesch
Lectors	August: David Blevins & Sonny Throesch September: Lori Steimel & Rebecca Steimel			
Ushers	August: Ben Throesch & Jim Bergman September: Mike Taylor & Sonny Throesch			
Money Counters	August: Jessica Stout, Joe & Lori Stemel September: Elaine Wallis, Richard & Ellen Thielemier			

Weekly Financial Report

July 26, 2026	Loose Cash	\$411.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$1275.00
	Special Collection:	\$236.00	Taste of Faith:	\$200.00

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: We will be having a special planning meeting concerning the 100th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday August 4th beginning at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. All 100th Anniversary committee members are invited to attend. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact church secretary (Jane Smith) or a parish council member, Lori Steimel, Becky Brown, Tonya Throesch, Jim Bergman, Buddy Hausman or Johnathan Wren. A regular parish council meeting will follow.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS: Please be aware that surveillance cameras have been placed around the church grounds to help keep the properties safe and secure.

BACK PACK BLESSING: Next Sunday August 9, we will have our back-pack blessing at the end of Mass. Be sure and bring your back-pack and even if you forget, please come up for the blessing.

PARISH DIRCTORY: Our new Parish Directories are in. You can pick them up on Sundays after Mass or Thursday morning during office hours.

BIBLE STUDY: Discovering our Dignity Women’s Bible Study. Come join our Sunday evening study beginning Sunday, August 23rd at 6:00PM in the St. Paul Pairsh Life Center. Please call Teresa Baltz at 870-930-5700 or the St. Paul church office by August 1st to order your book. Books are \$45.00.

100th ANNIVERSAY OF CURRENT CHURCH: On October 11th we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our current Church. Mass that Sunday will be at 10:30AM with a reception following in the Parish Hall. Bishop Taylor will be here to celebrate, as well as other Priest that have served our Parish. We have been making plans for that very special day, but if anyone would like to offer any ideas, please contact a Parish Council member or Jane.

EUCHARIST ADORATION: The Eucharist is the source of all your spiritual and apostolic vitality; because with your attitude of adoration, you deepen in faith, hope and charity. In this way, you direct your whole life towards God, and, therefore towards the mystery of man and of concrete human history.” (St. John Paul II) Please call 870-810-0612 for questions or more information.

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Father James Schaefer, Marie Peters, Dickie & Doris Flanigan, Samuel Thompson, Lisa (Baltz) Riggs, River Wood, Diane Kimble Ramsey, Caren Kiefer, Dennis Weisenbach, Father Matthew Flatly (diocese of Jefferson City), Bonny Schmidt, Pam Murphy, Bridgette Kasinger, Danny McCurdy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Jake Kasinger, Sharon Thielemier (Patrick), Betty Baltz, Karen O’Gara, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.

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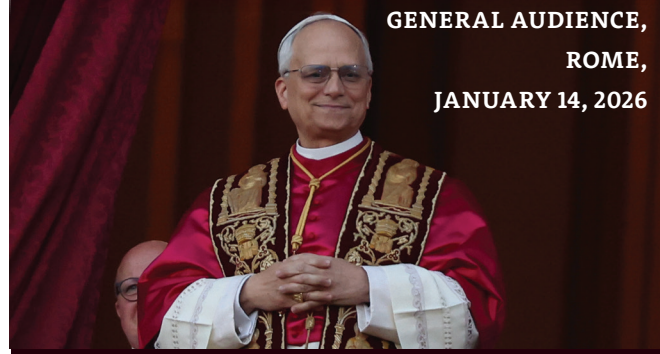
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME,
JANUARY 14, 2026**



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Monday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15,
18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 6
The Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday

August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

August 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33