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LUKE 12:15

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FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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### Reflect

***What is more important to me than possessions?  
Does my life reflect this?***

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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, 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.

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#### **Mass Schedule**

##### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

##### **Saturday, August 2**

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Shirley Sorg, d,

Ronnie Rose, d

##### **Sunday, August 3**

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Jane, Aleene and

Shirley Thielemeir

Dickie Flanigan (healing)

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

##### **Monday, August 4**

No Mass

##### **Tuesday, August 5**

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Ronnie Rose, d

##### **Wednesday, August 6**

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Emmy Lambert, d

##### **Thursday, August 7**

12:00 PM St John Mass

Int: Mary Weisenbach d,

Pat Parker d

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d

##### **Friday, August 8**

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Tyler White, d

##### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

##### **Saturday, August 9**

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Bob & Lil Gogan, d

Johnny Ward, d Wilma Wren d

##### **Sunday, August 10**

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Wilma Wren, d,

Betty Steimel d

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

#### **Sacristan Schedule**

August 2- Susan Meier, August 3- Scott & Kim Hills  
 August 9- Nick DeClerk, August 10- Scott & Abby Tyler  
 August 16- Alex Baltz, August 17- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard  
 August 23- Joan Gross, August 24- Jeff Evers  
 August 30- Susan Meier, September 1- Scott & Kim Hills

Financial Report	
July 27, 2025	\$6,875.00
2025 year to date	\$258,546.00
Children's Collection	\$229.50
St Joseph, June	\$2,545.00
DOLR	
Food Bank, June	\$1,037.12



**BECAUSE VIBRANT  
CHURCHES MATTER**

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



Church Cleaning Committee–Scheduled to clean the Church August 9 are Debbie Schaechtel, Sarah Counts, Rene' Tyler, Karen Starr, Gail Jones, and Rita Rowe. **To volunteer to join a group and help maintain our church, call the office or ask someone to join group.**



August 16 and 17 we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this

#### **Eucharistic Ministers/ Altar Servers Schedule**

##### **6:00 PM Saturday, August 2**

Host Ministers-Susan Meier & Paige Radcliff

Cups: Pauletta Walker & Kelly Throesch

Cups: Thomas & Chris Baltz

Altar Servers: Luke Jansen, Jacob Jansen, Blakely Jansen

##### **10:30 AM Sunday, August 3**

Host Ministers: Scott & Kim Hills

Cups: Claire Garoutte & Michelle Olvey

Cups: Leroy & Jennifer Nichols

Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Keegan Presley, Aven Thielemier

##### **6:00 PM Saturday, August 9**

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Cups: Trish Thielemier & Mitch Baltz

Altar Servers: Maggie Baltz, Jake Baltz & Raycen Cato

##### **10:30 AM Sunday, August 10**

Host Ministers: Abby Tyler & Cyndy Busick

Cups: Anna Higginbotham & Jill Neely

Cups: Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Altar Servers: Cash Cox, Austin James, Owen Smith

##### **6:00 PM Saturday, August 16**

Host Ministers: Deacon & Alex Baltz

Cups: Tiffany Baltz & Susan Meier

Cups: Rose Hutsell & Joan Gross

Altar Servers Luke, Jacob & Blakely Jansen

##### **10:30 PM Sunday, August 17**

Host Ministers: Scott & Kim Hills

Cups: Angie DeClerk & Debbie Hibbard

Cups: Leroy & Jennifer Nichols

Altar Servers: Leo Clark, Zoey Hibbard & Dru Steimel

#### **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

#### **Holy Day of Obligation**

#### **Friday, August 15**

4:00 PM Thursday, August 14, St Joseph Mass

6:00 PM Thursday, August 14, St John Mass

12:00 PM Friday, August 15, St Paul Mass

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## **walking with purpose**

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## **First day of St Paul School- August 18, 2025**

### **Knights of Columbus Meeting- August 13**

Baptism at St Paul

Lydia Mari Davenport

Child of Robert and Christina DeClerk Davenport

Was baptized on July 26, 2025

Sponsors being Casey Murphy and Blair Thielemier

Grandmother is Linda Davenport

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



Good News!

August 3, 2025

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 / Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 / Luke 12:13-21

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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)
Friday	9:00AM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (School Year) 12:00 Noon Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (Summer)

Mass Intentions

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Ministry Schedule

	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	August 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Patty Hoose Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Mike Taylor	Patty Hoose Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Mike Taylor	Kelly Alphin Angie Capps Dwayne Capps Deb Martin	Kelly Alphin Angie Capps Dwayne Capps Deb Martin
<b>Servers</b>	Kadence Mckenzie Perry Throesch Max Hoose	Isaac Throesch Catarina Throesch Henry Taylor	Perry Throesch Caroline Stout Haley Stout	Jaxon Steimel Madeline Throesch Cadence McKenzie
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>August:</b> Brenda Liebhaber & Amy McKenzie <b>September:</b> Christian Helms & Lori Steimel			
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>August:</b> Ben Throesch & Jim Bergman <b>September:</b> Mike Taylor & Sonny Throesch			
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>August:</b> Lori Bergman, Nick Wren, Konner & Sara Mulock <b>September:</b> Richard & Ellen Thielemier & Elaine Wallis			

Weekly Financial Report

<b>July 27, 2025</b>	Loose Cash:	\$ 394.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$2030.00
	Food Bank:	\$ 20.00	Hall Rental:	\$150.00

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Holy Day of Obligation-Friday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>

Thurs, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Mass: 4:00 PM  
**Thurs, Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, St. John Mass: 6:00 PM**  
**Servers:** Jaxon Steimel, Madison Throesch, Henry Taylor  
Fri, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul Mass: 12:00 PM & 6 PM

**ST. PAUL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Tues, Aug 12th: 4-6 PM  
**ST. PAUL FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Mon, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

**NEW SECRETARY FOR ST. PAUL:** Christine “Chris” Baltz has accepted the position of secretary for the St. Paul Parish. She will be assuming the responsibilities of Jennifer Nichols, who is retiring after serving in that position for almost 20 years. We thank Jennifer for her many years of service to the Church, and we welcome Chris in this new position!

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Please call 870-810-0612 for questions or more information.

**PRAY FOR:** All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Albert Baltz, Owen Sanders, Marie Peters, Chelsea Martin, Mark Throesch, Johnathan Wren, Pam Murphy, Red Oaks, Bob Wren, Treva Throesch, 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.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10
St. John Vianney, Priest	Weekday	Transfiguration of the Lord	Weekday	St. Dominic, Priest	Weekday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:4b-15	Nm 12:1-13	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Nm 20:1-13	Dt 4:32-40	Dt 6:4-13	Wis 18:6-9
Mt 14:13-21	Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14	2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36	Mt 16:13-23	Mt 16:24-28	Mt 17:14-20	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger!... Be careful! Love...is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.*

**ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 4, 2019**