



Bloom Where You Are Planted

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Reflect

***What is the hardest part of my life right now?
What is the most blessed?***

The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit.

LUKE 10:1



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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 Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little
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Mass Schedule

Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 5

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d

Chelsea Martin, healing

Sunday, July 6

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Roumilda Hurn, d,

Living & deceased members of
 the Frank & Josephine Thielemier
 Family

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Monday, July 7

No Mass

Tuesday, July 8

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Doug Guterman, d

Wednesday, July 9

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Kim Ray, d

Thursday, July 10

12:00 PM St John Mass

Int: Aleene Warden, d,

Fr. Mariadass Vallapaneni, d

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Albert Baltz, healing

Aubrey Morgan, d

Friday, July 11

8:00 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Safety for all traveling to
 Steubenville

Fifteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 12

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault, d

Harold & Theresa Schaechtel, d,

Helen Decker Gschwend &

Georgeann Brunner James, d

Sunday, July 13

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Paul, Ruth and Tom

Weisenbach, d, Betty Steimel, d,

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

July 5- Susan Meier, July 6- Abby & Scott Tyler
 July 12- Nick DeClerk, July 13- Jeff Evers
 July 19- Alex Baltz, July 20- Kim & Scott Hills
 July 26- Joan Gross, July 27- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Financial Report	
June 29, 2025	\$8,073.00
2025 year to date	\$222,505.00
Children's Collection	172.50
St Joseph, June	\$2,545.00
DOLR	
Food Bank, June	\$1,037.12

Church Cleaning Committee--Scheduled to clean the Church July
 12 are Angie DeClerk, Sonya Walker, Karla Baltz, DeShea Baxley,
 and Suzy Hoggard. To volunteer to join a group and help maintain
 our church, call the office or ask someone to join group.



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



Help Us Stay on Course! 🧭

Our **True North VBS** is almost here, and we need your help to make it an unforgettable adventure!

Check out our **Donation Tree** and pick an item (or two!) to support our journey.

Each item brings us one step closer to pointing kids toward Jesus—our True North!

Grab a tag, donate, and be part of the adventure! ➡️ ✨



All volunteers for Vacation Bible School must complete the Safe Environment training on line with CMG Connect for the Diocese of Little Rock. If you have never completed Safe Environment training or taken training on CMG Connect for the Diocese of Little Rock, please complete the steps under the *Register for a New Account* area to set up an account. You will be asked to complete all required fields. Volunteers for Vacation Bible School- go to CMG Connect and follow the prompts. It only takes a few minutes.



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>

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



Cross Catholic Outreach

Our mission is **to mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ**. Your gift empowers us to serve the poorest of the poor by channeling life-changing aid through an international network of dioceses, parishes and Catholic missionaries. This cost-effective approach helps break the cycle of poverty and advance Catholic evangelization.

A Heartfelt Thank you

Thank you so much for the wonderful retirement party. A special thank you to the Parish Life Committee for all you do. The food, decorations and gifts were wonderful and so thoughtful. I especially love the framed picture of the church and everyone signing the border.

Jennifer Nichols

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Albert Baltz, James Farris, Kelly McCandless, Danny DeClerk, 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, Trisha Thielemier, Jacqueline Weick, Jessica Pfeffer, Mary Broadway, 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.

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If interested, please contact Fr. Stephen Elser at (501) 420-4531 or frstephenelser@gmail.com

Eucharistic Ministers/ Altar Servers Schedule

6:00 PM Saturday, July 5

Host Ministers: Susan Meier & Mitch Baltz

Cups: Linda Davenport & Pauletta Walker

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Maggie Baltz, Jake Baltz, & Raycen Cato

10:30 AM Sunday, July 6

Host Ministers: Scott & Kim Hills

Cups: Jill Neely & Michelle Olvey

Cups: Brin Presley & Claire Garoutte

Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Zoey Hibbard & Aven Thielemier

6:00 PM Saturday, July 12

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Rose Hutsell & Paige Radcliff

Cups: Joan Gross & Trish Thielemier

Altar Servers: Maggie Baltz, Jake Baltz, & Blakely Jansen

10:30 AM Sunday, July 13

Host Ministers: Abby Tyler & Anna Higginbotham

Cups: Cyndy Busick & Angie DeClerk

Cups: Leroy & Jennifer Nichols

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan Jansen, Kipton Jansen, Austin James

Good News!

July 6, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Isaiah 66:10-14c / Galatians 6:14-18 / Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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Dear Padre

July 6, 2025

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

Mass Schedule	
Saturday	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

July 5, 2025 – July 13, 2025

St. John

Sun July 6: Romilda Hurn (d); Living and deceased members of Frank and Josephine Thielemier family

Thur July 10: Aleene Warden (d); Father Mariadass Vallapaneni (d)

Sun July 13: Betty Steimel (d); Paul, Ruth & Tom Weisenbach (d)

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Sun, July 13: For the Parishioners

NEW BULLETIN: Our bulletin company has decided to change how we provide our weekly bulletin. As such, we have redesigned our bulletin! Hopefully these changes will help to make things clearer and easier to read. If you have any feedback or suggestions for us, please let us know! We are looking to make the bulletin work as best we can for our parish!

PETER’S PENCE: We will take up the Peter’s Pence collection to support the Universal Church and the work of Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. This collection will be taken up on Sun, July 13th.

BRAD FOOD BANK: Due to the special collection on the second Sunday this month, BRAD food bank collection will be taken up on Sun, July 20.

ST. PAUL SECRETARY POSITION: Our parish is seeking a dedicated individual to provide secretarial and administrative support to the pastor, manage financial records, prepare the weekly bulletin, and maintain sacramental records. The role includes bookkeeping, coordinating the parish calendar, and assisting with parish communications (bulletin, website, Facebook, parish app). If interested, please contact Fr. Stephen Elser at (501) 420-4531 or frstephenelser@gmail.com In Christ, Fr. Stephen

CHURCH 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 Lori Steimel (870) 758-0435.

UPCOMING EVENTS: VBS July 28-31. 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. Scan the first QR code to register your child, and scan the second one to register to volunteer.



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, 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.

July 2025 Ministry Schedule

	July 6 th	July 13 th	July 20 th	July 27 th
Eucharistic Ministers	Becky Brown Candace Steimel Stella Steimel Vernon Hausman	Becky Brown Candace Steimel Stella Steimel Vernon Hausman	Jenniet Galvan Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Pam Durbin	Jenniet Galvan Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Pam Durbin
Servers	Caroline Stout Catarina Throesch Haley Stout	Lucy Throesch Caroline Stout Madeline Throesch	Catarina Throesch Parker Liebhaber Jaxon Kasinger	Wade & Holden Zitzelberger Casyn Steimel
Lectors	Jessica Stout & Sonny Throesch			
Ushers	Dale Throesch & John Wren			
Money Counters	Jessica Stout, Buddy & Cathy Hausman			

Weekly Financial Report

June 29, 2025 Loose Cash: \$373.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$2045.00

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The disciples were sent two by two, not individually....
Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to
collaborate; whether we know how to make decisions
together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside
us and taking into account their point of view; whether
we do so in community, not by ourselves.***

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 3, 2022

Monday

July 7
Weekday
Gn 28:10-22a
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

July 8
Weekday
Gn 32:23-33
Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

July 9
Weekday
Gn 41:55-57;
42:5-7a, 17-24a
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

July 10
Weekday
Gn 44:18-21,
23b-29; 45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15

Friday

July 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

July 12
Weekday
Gn 49:29-32;
50:15-26a
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

July 13
Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37