



[Jesus said,] “Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

LUKE 10:36–37



The Passion of Compassion

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Reflect

***When have I needed a compassionate response?
When could I have been more compassionate?***

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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
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Mass Schedule

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

Monday, July 14

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Ronnie Rose, d

Tuesday, July 15

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Scott B. Dawson, d

Martin Ed & Louise Jansen, d

Special Intention

Wednesday, July 16

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Shirley Sorg, d

Mark, Kim & Emma Bauman

Thursday, July 17

12:00 PM St John Mass

Int: Jane Junkersfeld, d

Albert Baltz, healing

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Douglas Lamar Grokulsky, d

Joe Dust, d

Friday, July 18

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Agnes Bergman, d

Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 19

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Johnny Ward, d

Alice Jansen, d

Albert Baltz, healing

Sunday, July 20

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Aggie Barnes Summers, d

Lee Taylor, d

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

July 12- Nick DeClerk, July 13- Jeff Evers
 July 19- Alex Baltz, July 20- Kim & Scott Hills

Financial Report	
July 6, 2025	7,830.00
2025 year to date	230,335.00
Children's Collection	65.00
St Joseph, June	\$2,545.00
DOLR	
Food Bank, June	\$1,037.12



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



Church Cleaning Committee--Scheduled to clean the Church July
 19 are Kathy Starr, Mary Munn , Jima Junkersfeld and Norma
 Baltz. And Bonnie Miller. **To volunteer to join a group and help
 maintain our church, call the office or ask someone to join
 group.**

Welcome Seminarians

Join us in the Parish Life Center on Wednesday, July 16th at 6:00 PM, where Pedro Cervantes and Oscar Burney will share with us how God has called them to the priesthood in their lives! There will be time for questions and answers at the end of their talks. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers/ Altar Servers Schedule

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

6:00 PM Saturday, July 19

Host Ministers: Dc. Drake & Alex Baltz

Cups: Tiffany Baltz & Kelly Throesch

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Luke Jansen, Jacob Jansen & Blakely Jansen

10:30 AM Sunday, July 20

Host Ministers: Dc. Drake & Scott Hills

Cups: Shelly James & Terri Jansen

Cups: Monica Loyd & Kim Hills

Altar Servers: Leo Clark, Cash Cox, Owen Smith

Please welcome Fr. Jamnicky, who will speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which has founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Fr. Jamnicky's Appeal.

Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

All volunteers for Vacation Bible School

must complete the Safe Environment training on line with **CMG Connect** for the Diocese of Little Rock **by July 21st**. 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.

🌲 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! 🏹 ✨

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, and Keith Broadway.

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



Good News!

July 13, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 / Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 10:25-37

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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)
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Mass Intentions

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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.

TASTE OF FAITH: Share a meal with our future priests at Taste of Faith dinner in Little Rock on Saturday, August 2nd, a fundraising dinner to help pay for seminarian education in the Diocese of Little Rock. In addition to the meal, attendees are treated to music, entertainment and testimonials from the seminarians and talks from the diocesan vocations director and Bishop. There is no charge to attend but there will be an opportunity to make a donation. With the increases in cost and seminarians, we need your help to form our future priests. Reservations are required. If you would like to attend, please contact Jane Smith. If you are not able to attend, you can still donate online at <https://tasteoffaith.org/>.

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 Lori Steimel (870) 758-0435.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH-JULY: Joseph Difani

FAMILY OF THE MONTH-JULY: Ronnie Rose Family

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.



EUCHARISTIC 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.

Weekly Financial Report

July 6, 2025 Loose Cash: \$327 Checks & Envelopes: \$1570
Hall Rental: \$100 KC Fish Fry Donation: \$949.16

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 1:8–14, 22	Ex 2:1–15a	Ex 3:1–6, 9–12	Ex 3:13–20	Ex 11:10–12:14	Ex 12:37–42	Gn 18:1–10a
Mt 10:34–11:1	Mt 11:20–24	Mt 11:25–27	Mt 11:28–30	Mt 12:1–8	Mt 12:14–21	Col 1:24–28
						Lk 10:38–42



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is the prayer that I suggest to you today.
“Lord, that I might see and have compassion just like you see me and have compassion on me”—
that we might have compassion on those whom we encounter along the way, above all on those who suffer and are in need....

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 10, 2022