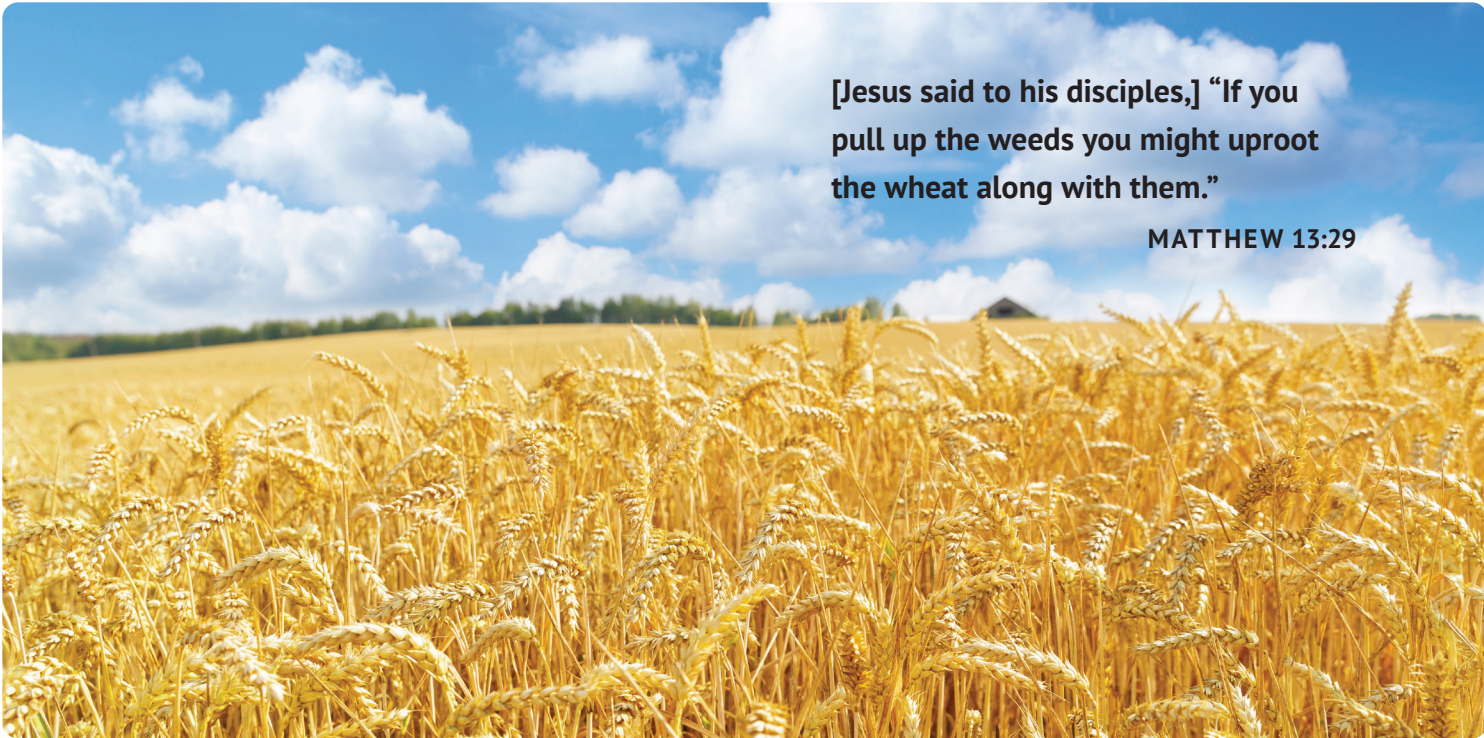




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MATTHEW 13:29

Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

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Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?

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 Altar Servers: Tiffany Baltz: 870-810-2523
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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, 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



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 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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Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
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Mass Schedule

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordi- nary Time Saturday July 18, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Monica Baltz, d; Justin
 Baltz, d

Sunday July 19, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass
 Int: Aggie Barns Summer, d;
 JC & Janet Peters, d; Mike
 Thielemier, d
 10:30 am St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Monday July 20, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday July 21, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Agnes Bergman, d

Wednesday July 22, 2026

12:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Shirley Sorg, d

Thursday July 23, 2026

12:00 pm St John Mass
 Int: Loretta Layton, d; Paul & Jeff
 Leister, d; Fr Vallapaneni Mari-
 adass, d
 6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Alice Jansen, d

Friday July 24, 2026

12:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Ronnie Rose, d

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday July 25, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Bob & Lil Gogan, d

Sunday July 26, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass
 Int: Rudy & Joseph Hausman, d;
 Dick & Sarah Thielemier, d; Mad-
 eleine Throesch, d
 10:30 am St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

July 25- Alex Baltz July 26- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
 August 1- Joan Gross August 2- Scott & Abby Tyler
 August 8- Susan Meier August 9- Jeff Evers

Financial Report	
July 15, 2026	\$11,541.93
2026 year to date	\$238,793.47
Children's Collection	\$164.30
St Joseph April 2026	\$3,523.32
DOLR June 2026	\$1,124.00
Food Bank, June 2026	\$1,023.98



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Church Cleaning Schedule July 25- Angie De-
 Clerk, Sonya Walker, Maria Dickson, Ashlyn Ship-
 ley. **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 July 25, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Altar Servers: Jacob & Blakely Jansen, Avery Seagraves

10:30 AM Sunday July 26, 2026

Host Ministers: Brin Presley, Abby Tyler

Cups: Rene' Tyler, Monica Loyd

Cups: Jill Neely, Jennifer Nichols

Altar Servers: Leo & Etta Clark, Kogan Vaughn

5:00 PM Saturday August 1, 2026

Host Ministers: Susan Meier, Maggie Baltz

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Kelly Throesch

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

10:30 AM Sunday August 2, 2026

Host Ministers: Cyndy Busick, Shelly James

Cups: Abby Tyler, Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Terri Jansen

Altar Servers: Owen Smith, Aven Thielemier, Caroline Thielemier

The Mass schedule for August 1st & 2nd will be changing due to the Taste of Faith being hosted by St Paul the Apostle. Saturday Mass at St Paul will be at 5:00pm. Sunday Mass at St Paul 10:30 am and St Joseph Mass at 1:00 pm.

Ushers July:

Saturday: Benny Baltz, Nick DeClerk

Sunday: Pink Baltz, Todd Berry, Jeff Evers, Gordon Thielemier

Homebound and Nursing Home for July:

Maria Dickson, Christine Baltz

Discovering Our Dignity Women's Bible Study: Women of the Old & New Testaments were as flawed & broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Discovering Our Dignity will allow you to learn from their experiences and uncover ways to deal with unwanted circumstances & deferred hopes. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, Women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest, & loving way- women to women- with ancient wisdom, sage advice & insights from sorrowful failures & emotional wounds. Come join our Sunday evening Women's Bible study beginning Sunday August 23rd @ 6pm 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 week fall and winter sessions.



There will be a special collection the weekend of July 25-26 to help support the efforts of hosting this year's Taste of Faith event. If you are unable to attend the event and would like to make a donation, please consider this collection. Thank you for your generosity & continued support of this important ministry benefiting seminarian education in our diocese.



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, Donna Baltz, Vivian Blackshear, Dave Weick, Mike Cook, Dorothy Hoelscher, Tim Junkersfeld, 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, Paige Catt, Kelly McCandless, Roy Billeau, Larry Weick, Samuel Thompson and Keith Broadway.

Good News!

July 19, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 / Romans 8:26–27 / Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

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4650 Engelberg Road, Pocahontas, AR 72455



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Cemetery: Johnathan Wren (870) 202-3727 Ben Throesch (870) 378-4567

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

July 19, 2026 – July 26, 2026

St. John

Sun July 19: Aggie (Barnes) Summer (d); JC & Janet Peters (d); Mike Thielemier (d)

Thur July 23: Loretta Layton (d); Paul & Jeff Leister (d); Father Vallapaneni Mariadass (d)

Sun July 26: Rudy & Joseph Hausman (d); Dick & Sarah Thielemier (d); Madeleine Throesch (d)

St. Paul

Sat July 18: Monica Baltz (d); Justin Baltz (d)

Sun July 19: Parishioners

Tues July 21: Agnes Bergman (d)

Wed July 22: Shirley Sorg (d)

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Fri July 24: Ronnie Rose (d)

Sat July 25: Bob & Lil Gogan (d)

Sun July 26: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	July 19	July 26	August 2	August 9
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber	Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber	Jessica Stout Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Rebecca Steimel	Jessica Stout Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Rebecca Steimel
Servers	Max Hoose Henry Taylor Jaxon Kasinger	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Caroline Stout	Perry Throesch Madeleine Throesch Catarina Throesch	Henry Taylor Isaac Throesch Casyn Steimel
Lectors	July: Brenda Liebhaber & Elaine Wallis August: David Blevins & Sonny Throesch			
Ushers	July: Dale Throesch & John Wren August: Ben Throesch & Jim Bergman			
Money Counters	July: Deb Martin, Dwain & Cathy Hausman August: Jessica Stout, Joe & Lori Stemel			

Weekly Financial Report

July 12, 2026 Loose Cash \$365.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$2240.00
Peter's Pence: \$420.00

BRAD FOOD BANK: This Sunday, July 19th the second collection is for our area Food Bank.

PARISH DIRECTORY: Our new Parish Directories are in. You can pick them up on Sunday's after Mass or Thursday morning during office hours.

BECOME A TASTE OF FAITH TABLE HOST: St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church is seeking table hosts for this years Taste of Faith Dinner on Saturday, August 1. Hosting a table is simple! Invite family and friends to join you for an evening of faith, fellowship, and support for the education of our diocesan seminarians. There is no cost to attend, no decorating, and no fundraising requirement. Simply gather your guests and enjoy a meaningful evening together. For more information about becoming a table host, please contact: Jill Neely – 501-658-6818, Elaine Wallis – 501-412-2933, Tamara Roberson – 870-761-2666

TASTE OF FAITH DONATION: There will be a special 2nd collection on July 25th and 26th to support the efforts of hosting this years Taste of Faith event at St. Paul. If you are unable to attend the event and would like to make a donation, please consider this collection.

VBS: VBS will be here before you know it. Dates for the event are July 26th-29th at St. Paul Parish Life Center. Get signed up for the fun! If you would like to volunteer, reach out Jill Neely 501-658-6818

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: It is good that Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament goes hand-in-hand with the Eucharistic Celebration, thus prolonging, in a certain sense, the mystery of the Holy Mass. 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, Samuel Thompson, Lisa (Baltz) Riggs, Pam Zosso, Lettie Hausman, River Wood, Diane Kimble Ramsey, Caren Kiefer, Dennis Weisenbach, Father Matthew Flatly (diocese of Jefferson City), Doris Flanigan, Bonny Schmidt, Marie Peters, Pam Murphy, Bridgette Kasinger, Danny McCurdy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Jake Kasinger, Dickie Flanigan, 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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Taste of Faith

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1**



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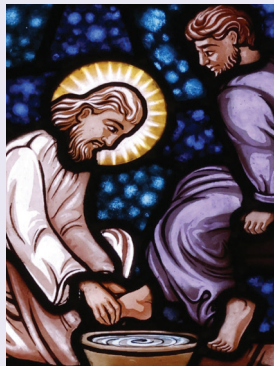


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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



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Monday

July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday

July 26
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46