



The Lord said to her...  
“Martha, Martha, you  
are anxious and worried  
about many things. There  
is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the  
better part, and it will  
not be taken from her.”

LUKE 10:41–42

## Keeping Your Balance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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### Reflect

***How would prayer help me keep myself grounded and centered?***

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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**

##### **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

##### **Monday, July 21**

No Mass

##### **Tuesday, July 22**

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Martin Ed & Louise Jansen, d

Christian Richardson, d

##### **Wednesday, July 23**

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: An increase in Oblates  
of St. Benedict

##### **Thursday, July 24**

600 PM St John Mass

Int: Charles Smith, d

Jerry Pfeffer, d

St Paul No Mass

##### **Friday, July 25**

12:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Lambert Jansen, d

Johnny Ward, d

James Farris, healing

##### **Seventeenth Sunday in** **Ordinary Time**

##### **Saturday, July 26**

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Herbert Throesch, d

##### **Sunday, July 27**

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Harold Ungerank, d

Paul, Ruth & Tom Weisenbach, d

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

#### **Sacristan Schedule**

July 19- Alex Baltz, July 20- Kim & Scott Hills  
 July 26-Robert Sorg July 27- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard  
 August 2- Susan Meier, August 3- Scott & Kim Hills  
 August 9- Nick DeClerk, August 10- Scott & Abby Tyler

Financial Report	
July 13, 2025	15,499.00
2025 year to date	245,.835.00
Children's Collection	82.00
St Joseph, June	\$2,545.00
DOLR	
Food Bank, June	\$1,037.12



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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 July 26 are Roberta Waymon, Bridgette Rose, Teresa Baltz , Abby Tyler, and Claire Garoutte.

**To volunteer to join a group and help maintain our church, call the office or ask someone to join group.**

### Eucharistic Ministers/ Altar Servers Schedule

#### 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

#### 6:00 PM Saturday, July 26

Host Ministers: Paige Radcliff & Susan Meier

Cups: Trish Thielemier & Rose Hutsell

Cups: Tiffany Baltz & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Abel Johnson, Riles Johnson

#### 10:30 AM Sunday, July 27

Host Ministers Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Brin Presley & Rene' Tyler

Cups: Anna Higginbotham & Debbie Hibbard

Altar Servers: Leo Clark, Cash Cox, Keegan Presley

**We have Jesus—our true north!**

Give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!



### VBS July 28 -31

Sign up at -<https://forms.gle/>

### 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.

### 2025 Taste of Faith in Little Rock at the Statehouse Convention Center, Saturday, August 2, 2025

Share a meal with our future priests at Taste of Faith, 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. Reservations are required. It is estimated to cost the diocese \$41,000 a year to educate and provide for the living expenses of one seminarian. This includes tuition, room and board, health insurance and other needs. With the increases in cost and seminarians, we need your help to form our future priests. If you are not able to attend, you can still donate using the red button above or at [tasteoffaith.org](http://tasteoffaith.org). Taste of Faith is hosted by the Stewardship and Development Office and Vocations and Seminarians Office. For reservations or more information, contact Kelly Wewers, director of stewardship and development, at (501) 664-0340, ext. 391.

Knights of Columbus News

Knight of the Month- Dale Throesch

Family of the Month- Joseph Ward Family

### Bishop Anthony B. Taylor's 45th Priestly Anniversary

**Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025**

**Send cards to PO Box 7565**

**Little Rock, AR 72217- 7565**

### CASA Updates

	Goal	Given	
St Paul	\$16,400.00	\$20,673.00	126%
St Joseph	\$1,700.00	\$1,735.00	102%
St John	\$2,650.00	\$2,102.00	79%

CASA supports religious vocations, Catholic schools and charities, faith formation, Hispanic ministry, diaconate formation, pro-life activities and much more.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Albert Baltz, James Farris, Charles Blount, 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.



Good News!

July 20, 2025  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:1-10a / Colossians 1:24-28 / Luke 10:38-42

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Dear Padre

July 20, 2025

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

July 19, 2025 – July 27, 2025

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Sun, July 20: For the Parishioners Mon, Jul4 14: Ronnie Rose (d)  
Tues July 22: Martin Ed & Louise Jansen (d); Christian Richardson (d)  
Wed July 23: An increase in Oblates of St. Benedict  
Thur, July24: NO MASS  
Fri, July 25: Lambert Jansen (d); Johnny Ward (d)  
Sat, July 26: Herbert Throesch (d)  
Sun, July 27: For the Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	July 20 <sup>th</sup>	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenniet Galvan Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Pam Durbin	Jenniet Galvan Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Pam Durbin	Patty Hoose Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Mike Taylor	Patty Hoose Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Mike Taylor
Servers	Catarina Throesch Parker Liebhaber Jaxon Kasinger	Wade & Holden Zitzelberger Casyn Steimel	Kadence Mckenzie Madison Throesch Max Hoose	Isaac Throesch Catarina Throesch Henry Taylor
Lectors	July: Jessica Stout & Sonny Throesch August: Brenda Liebhaber & Amy McKenzie			
Ushers	July: Dale Throesch & John Wren August: Ben Throesch & Jim Bergman			
Money Counters	July: Jessica Stout, Buddy & Cathy Hausman August: Lori Bergman, Nick Wren, Konner & Sara Mulock			

Weekly Financial Report

July 13, 2025    Loose Cash:    \$360.00                      Checks & Envelopes:    \$2415.00  
                         Peter’s Pence:    \$533.00

THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE: Thursday July 24, Mass will be at 6:00PM

BRAD FOOD BANK: The second collection this week will be taken up for our area food bank.

TASTE OF FAITH: Share a meal with our future priests at Taste of Faith dinner in Little Rock on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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: Dale Throesch  
FAMILY OF THE MONTH-JULY: Joseph Ward 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.



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*The Temptation of Christ by Otto Münch, relief on the door of Grossmünster Church in Zurich, Switzerland.*

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## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
Weekday	St. Mary	Weekday	Weekday	St. James,	Sts. Joachim and	Seventeenth
Ex 14:5–18	Magdalene	Ex 16:1–5, 9–15	Ex 19:1–2, 9–11,	Apostle	Anne, Parents	Sunday in
Mt 12:38–42	Sg 3:1–4b or	Mt 13:1–9	16–20b	2 Cor 4:7–15	of the Blessed	Ordinary Time
	2 Cor 5:14–17		Mt 13:10–17	Mt 20:20–28	Virgin Mary	Gn 18:20–32
	Jn 20:1–2, 11–18				Ex 24:3–8	Col 2:12–14
					Mt 13:24–30	Lk 11:1–13



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*When I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God? At times, we begin the day automatically, we start doing things...like hens. No. We must start the day by first of all looking to the Lord, taking his Word... allowing this to be the inspiration for the day.*

**ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 17, 2022**