



The Ways of Praying

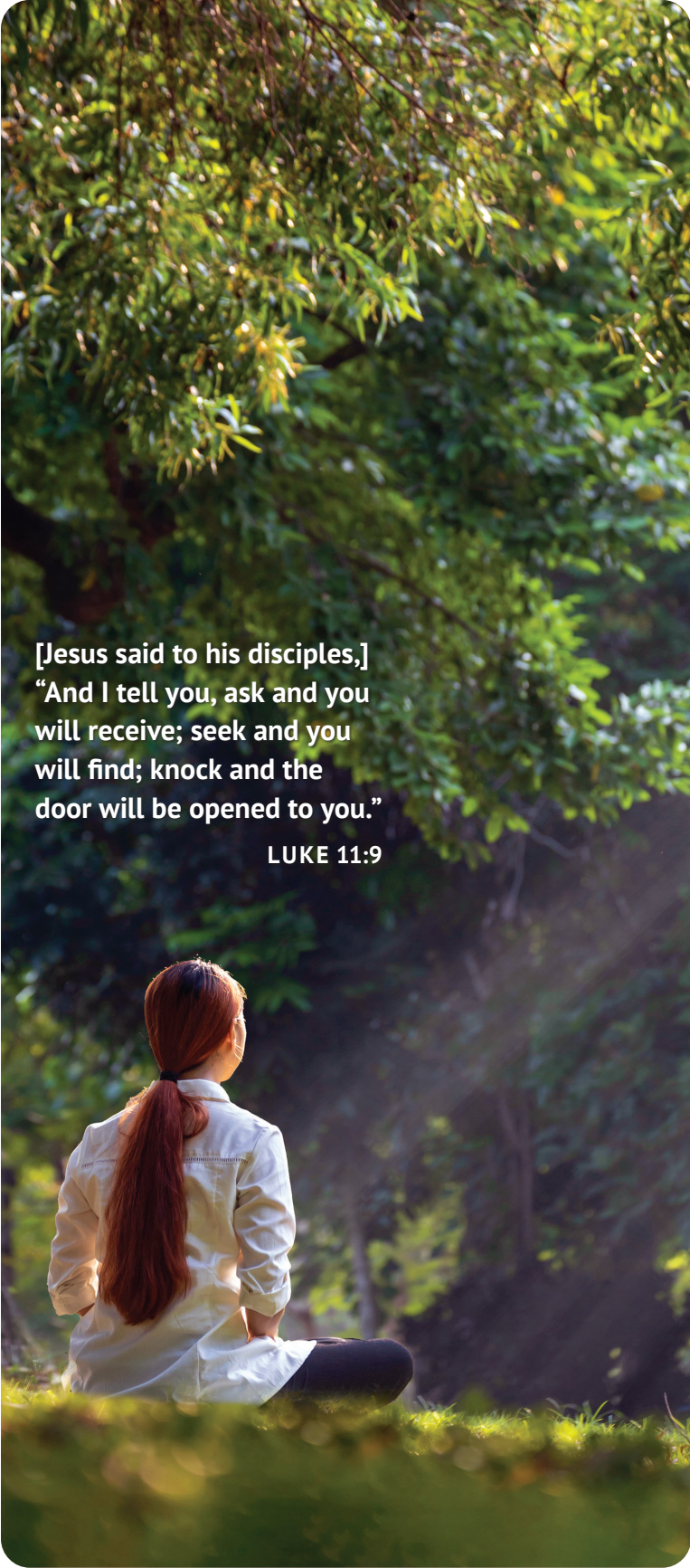
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Reflect

How do I pray? Should I ask for the grace to grow in my prayer life?



[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“And I tell you, ask and you
will receive; seek and you
will find; knock and the
door will be opened to you.”

LUKE 11:9

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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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 26

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Lambert Jansen, d
 Johnny Ward, d
 James Farris, healing

Sunday, July 27

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Harold Ungerank, d
 Paul, Ruth & Tom Weisenbach, d
 0:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Monday, July 28

No Mass

Tuesday, July 29

6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Sr. Virginia Baltz, d
 Bob Frankenberger, d

Wednesday, July 30

12:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Danny Earsa, d

Thursday, July 31

12:00 PM St John Mass
 Int: Harold Ungerank, d Paul,
 Ruth, & Tom Weisenbach, d
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Rainer DeClerk, d

Friday, August 1

St Paul no Mass

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: Fr. Mariadass Vallapaneni, d
 Dickie Falanigan (healing)
 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- Jeff Evers
 August 23- Joan Gross, August 24- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Financial Report	
July 20, 2025	\$5,836.00
2025 year to date	\$251,671.00
Children's Collection	\$141.25
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 August 2 are Gary and Susan Meier Family, Gary, Susan, Bobby, Nicole Meier, Paige Radcliff, Ryan and Emily Throesch.
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 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

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

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting- August 13



First Saturday devotion to Our Blessed Mother is scheduled August 2. Holy Hour will begin at 11 o'clock, coinciding with confessions.

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor's 45th Priestly Anniversary

Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025

Send cards to PO Box 7565

Little Rock, AR 72217

Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study

Want to explore the heritage of faith we have received from the Church? Join our Walking With Purpose women's Bible study, "Passionate Discipleship". Nine Sunday evenings at 6:00 beginning September 7th in the parish life center.

Passionate Discipleship is a Bible study focused on equipping women to know Christ and to make Him known. Throughout this Bible study, we will study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy.

Reserve your book before August 18th by calling the

St Paul School Open House
August 12 from 4- 6 PM

First day of School
August 18, 2025

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

If you are not able to attend, you can still donate using the red button above or at 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.

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/iGohZSTqueEbrQTf7>



Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Joe Bergman, 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, 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 27, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Genesis 18:20-32 / Colossians 2:12-14 / Luke 11:1-13

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Dear Padre

July 27, 2025

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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

July 26, 2025 – August 3, 2025

St. John

Sun July 27: Harold Ungerank (d); Paul, Ruth & Tom Weisenbach (d)
Thur July 31: Regina Baltz (d); Jim Thielemier (d)
Sun Aug 3: Father Mariadass Vallapaneni (d); Dickie Flanigan (healing)

St. Paul

Sat, July 26: Herbert Throesch (d)
Sun, July 27: For the Parishioners
Tues July 29: Sister Virginia Baltz (d); Bob Frankenberger (d)
Wed July 30: Danny Earsa (d)
Thur, July 31: Rainer DeClerk (d)
Fri, Aug 1: NO MASS
Sat, Aug 2: Shirley Sorg (d); Ronnie Rose (d)
Sun, Aug 3: For the Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	July 27 th	August 3 rd	August 10 th	August 17 th
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenniet Galvan Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Pam Durbin	Patty Hoose Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Mike Taylor	Patty Hoose Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Mike Taylor	Kelly Alphin Angie Capps Dwayne Capps Deb Martin
Servers	Wade & Holden Zitzelberger Casyn Steimel	Kadence Mckenzie Perry Throesch Max Hoose	Isaac Throesch Catarina Throesch Henry Taylor	Perry Throesch Caroline Stout Haley Stout
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 20, 2025 Loose Cash: \$308.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$1090.00
 Food Bank: \$322.00

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: VBS July 28-31. You can register the day of the event if you do not pre-register. Adult and youth volunteers are still needed to assist with Vacation Bible School. Contact Jill 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.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Herein lies the novelty of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening and open to a commitment to solidarity. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JULY 28, 2019



Monday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34

Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and

Lazarus

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28

Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

July 30

Weekday

Ex 34:29–35

Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38

Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,

34b–37

Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 2

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8–17

Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 3

Eighteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23

Col 3:1–5, 9–11

Lk 12:13–21