

[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51

All You Can Eat

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What does my “Amen” mean when I receive the Eucharist?

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Mass Schedule

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ- Corpus Christi Saturday June 6, 2026
 4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Henry Dust, d

Sunday June 7, 2026
 8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Treva Throesch, d; Jeff & Paul Leister, d; L/D Members Carl & Emma Throesch family
 10:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Monday June 8, 2026
 No Mass

Tuesday June 9, 2026
 No Mass

Wednesday June 10, 2026
 No Mass

Thursday June 11, 2026
 No Mass

Friday June 12, 2026
 No Mass

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday June 13, 2026
 4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Wilma Ungerank, d

Sunday June 14, 2026
 8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Pat Parker, d; Edgar Throesch, d; Dan, Joe, Dave & Jennifer Wren, d
 10:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners



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 1. download my Parish App
 2. Select our Parish after opening



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, 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.

Sacristan Schedule

June 13- Susan Meier June 14- Jeff Evers
 June 20- Nick DeClerk June 21- Josh & Jill Neely
 June 27- Alex Baltz June 28- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Financial Report	
June 4, 2026	\$5,918.83
2026 year to date	\$174,862.92
Children's Collection	\$91.00
St Joseph April 2026	\$3,523.32
DOLR May 2026	\$747.00
Food Bank, May 2026	\$1005.31



BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

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



Church Cleaning Schedule June 13- Robin Berry, Cyndy Busick, Kelly Steimel, Jennifer Nichols. **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 June 13, 2026

Host Ministers: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff

Cups: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Abel Johnson, Aubrey & Cannon Hogan

10:30 AM Sunday June 14, 2026

Host Ministers: Cyndy Busick, Shelly James

Cups: Abby Tyler, Terri Jansen

Cups: Jill Neely & Jennifer Nichols

Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Keegan Presley, Aven Thielemier

6:00 PM Saturday June 20, 2026

Host Ministers: Dc Tate, Maggie Baltz

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Kelly Throesch

Cups: Pauletta Walker, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Luke, Jacob, Blakey Jansen

10:30 AM Sunday June 21, 2026

Host Ministers: Dc Tate, Monica Loyd

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Rene' Tyler

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard

Altar Servers: Owen Smith, Caroline Thielemier, Kogan Vaughn

6:00 PM Saturday June 27, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Paul & Kristie Yemma

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Leo & Etta Clark

10:30 AM Sunday June 28, 2026

Host Ministers: Shelly James, Terri Jansen

Cups: Michelle Olvey, Brin Presley

Cups: Veronica Rose, Jill Neely

Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard, Cash Cox, John Henry Garoutte

Nursing Home & Homebound June:

Sarah Counts, Charlotte Baltz and Anna Mae Higginbotham

Ushers June:

Saturday: Joe Bergman, Bobby Meier, Kyle Sutton, Terry Throesch

Sunday: Richard Blount, Doug Thielemier

Upcoming Special Collection for June: Church in Latin

America Collection; June 21st. Your support helps evangelization programs, youth ministry, & the formation of priests, religious sisters, & deacons in mission areas that are unable to support themselves. Also providing vital assistance to repair & rebuild churches impacted by natural disasters. Thanks you for your help.

Sunday June 7, 2026

5:00 PM Fr Stephen's Farewell Reception- Come show your deep appreciation for our dear Fr Stephen before he goes to "shepherd his new flock"

Salad, sandwiches, drinks will be provided we ask you bring a finger food to this celebration.

6:30 PM 5th Annual Corpus Christi Procession-

Give public worship to our Catholic Faith by honoring the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning in the church, processing to the courthouse, Mary's Park, the columbarium, church & returning to the Life Center.

Rides will be available for those unable to walk the distance.

Cake and ice cream will be served after the procession.

The Application Period for the 2026 Diocese of Little Rock, Respect Life Grant is now open. June 1- August 31, 2026 If you have any questions, please email respectlife@dolr.org. Or go to Respect Life Grant Application DOLR.org

St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church is very blessed to be hosting the Taste of Faith 2026 at our Parish Life Center on August 1st. More details coming in the near future.

Knight's of Columbus Meeting: June 10th at the KC Hall 8:00 PM.

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, Christina Smith, Dorothy Hoelscher, Tim Junkersfeld, Leonard Thielemier, Nekayah Thomas, Virginia Sacher, Brooke Junkersfeld, Joe T Carroll, Lane Clayton, Jo Vatsula, Richard Jenkins, Jim & Shirley Lamb, Steve Bodden, Blake Edwards, Dorothy Ward, Bonnie Schmidt, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Weyer, Diane Kimble Ramsey, Fr. James Schaefer, Ronnie Risner, Larry Weick, Paige Catt, Kelly McCandless, and Keith Broadway.

Good News!

June 7, 2026
*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 (Corpus Christi) (A)*

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 / John 6:51-58

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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)
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Mass Intentions

June 7, 2026 – June 14, 2026

<p><u>St. John</u> Sun June 7: Treva Throesch (d); Jeff & Paul Leister (d); Living & deceased members of Carl & Emma Throesch family Thur June 11: NO MASS Sun June 14: Pat Parker (d); Edgar Throesch (d); Dan Joe, Dave & Jennifer Wren (d)</p> <p><u>St. Paul</u> Sat June 6: Henry Dust (d) Sun June 7: Parishioners Tues June 9: NO MASS Wed June 10: NO MASS Thur June 11: NO MASS Fri June 12: NO MASS Sat June 13: Wilma Ungerank (d) Sun June 14: Parishioners</p>
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Ministry Schedule

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Rebecca Steimel	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Rebecca Steimel	Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel	Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel
Servers	Madeleine Throesch Lucy Throesch Parker Liebhaber	Henry Taylor Catarina Throesch Jaxon Kasinger	Casyn Steimel Max Hoose Madison Throesch	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Isaac Throesch
Lectors	June: Amy McKenzie & Christian Helms July: Brenda Liebhaber & Elaine Wallis			
Ushers	June: Richard Thielemier & Jerry Lindsey July: Dale Throesch & John Wren			
Money Counters	June: Lori Bergman, Nick Wren, Konner & Sara Mulock July: Deb Martin, Dwain & Cathy Hausman			

Weekly Financial Report

May 31, 2026 Loose Cash \$310.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$1205.00

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: This week, Fr. Stephen will be on a family vacation. As such, there will be no noon Mass this Thursday (June 11th) at St. John’s, and there will be no daily Masses at St. Paul.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AND FAREWELL PARTY: Sunday June 7 – 5:00PM Father Stephen’s Farewell Reception; **6:30PM – 5th annual Corpus Christi Procession;** Ice cream served after the procession.
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 Salad, sandwiches, drinks, ice cream provided. Please bring a finger food for the celebration.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER STEPHEN: Friday, June 26th beginning at 5:30 with a Choir Concert in Church. This will last about an hour and immediately following we will have a Farewell Reception in the Parish Hall. Meat will be provided by the Parish. We will be having a sign-up sheet a couple weeks before to sign up for potato dishes, vegetables and desserts. Let’s show our appreciation to Father Stephen for all he has done for our parish and make this a special event with a large turn-out.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It has been sadly brought to our attention that we are once again missing items from the Parish Hall. In the past we have had flags, table cloths, table runners, and decorative lanterns that have come up missing. Nothing in the hall, rectory or church is meant to be borrowed or used outside of Parish events. If you know where these items or any other items that belong to the Church are, please see to it that they are returned.

100th ANNIVERSARY MEMENTO’S: We would like to have a display of any old items that might have come out of our Church. If you have anything such as candlesticks or any other Church items, please let us know. Also, if anyone has any Church related old pictures, we would like to use them. Thank you.

ST JOHN’S PLAYGROUND UPDATE: A committee has formed to update St. John’s playground. Committee members are Ben Throesch (chair), Jimmy Bergman and Christian Helms. They have already started fundraising for new playground equipment. If you would like to make a donation please see one of the committee members. Thanks

DATES TO REMEMBER: **100th Anniversary** of current Church: Sunday October 11th, Mass will be at 10:30AM with luncheon following.

EUCHARIST ADORATION: There is no greater profession of faith possible for a human being to make here on earth than during prayer before the Holy Eucharist; so we ask, why should prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament be so powerful in obtaining miracles of conversion – is because it is prayer rising from faith in the cardinal mystery of Christianity. (Source: Eucharistic Adoration for Priests Blog) 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, Lisa (Baltz) Riggs, Pam Zosso, Scott Trim, 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, Earnie Durbin, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.

VBS will be here before
you know it! Get signed up
for the fun!



If you would like to volunteer,
reach out to
Jill Neely 501-658-6818



IS YOUR PRESCHOOLER READY FOR VBS?

We are thrilled to offer Rainforest Vacation Bible School for Preschool. We love our little ones! However, we understand that not every 3 and 4- year-old is ready for the VBS experience. Please prayerfully read through the requirements below and consider whether or not your child is ready for VBS.

In the best interest of your child and the VBS staff and children, we must insist that you only register your child if you can answer yes to each of the points below.

SOCIAL READINESS

- Can be separate from you for several hours
- Can take turns and share toys
- Can listen to simple instructions



PHYSICAL READINESS

- Is potty trained
- Can use the restroom independently
- Can remain awake and alert during the entire time scheduled for VBS

PLEASE NOTE: We have the best interest of your child at heart. If we find that your child is not yet ready for the VBS experience, we will kindly ask you to wait until a future year when your child can better participate in and enjoy Vacation Bible School.



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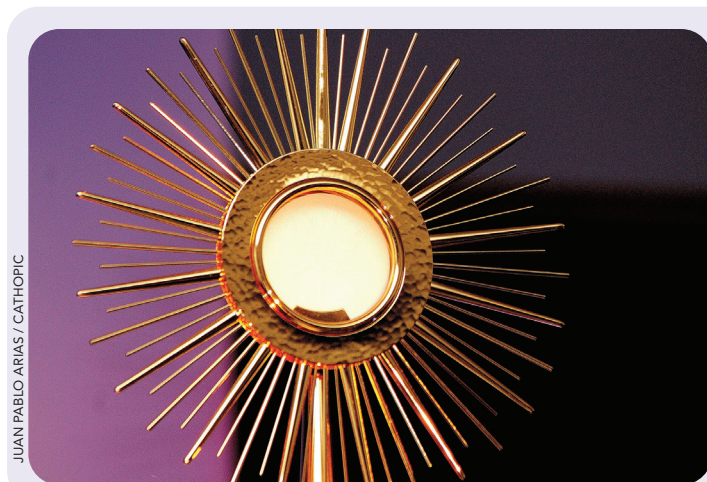
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Barnabas, Apostle	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Weekday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:1–6 Mt 5:1–12	1 Kgs 17:7–16 Mt 5:13–16	1 Kgs 18:20–39 Mt 5:17–19	Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3 Mt 5:20–26	Dt 7:6–11 1 Jn 4:7–16 Mt 11:25–30	1 Kgs 19:19–21 Mt 5:33–37	Ex 19:2–6a Rom 5:6–11 Mt 9:36–10:8



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Together...we will feed on the Blessed Sacrament, adore him and carry him through the streets... Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 22, 2025