



All for Jesus

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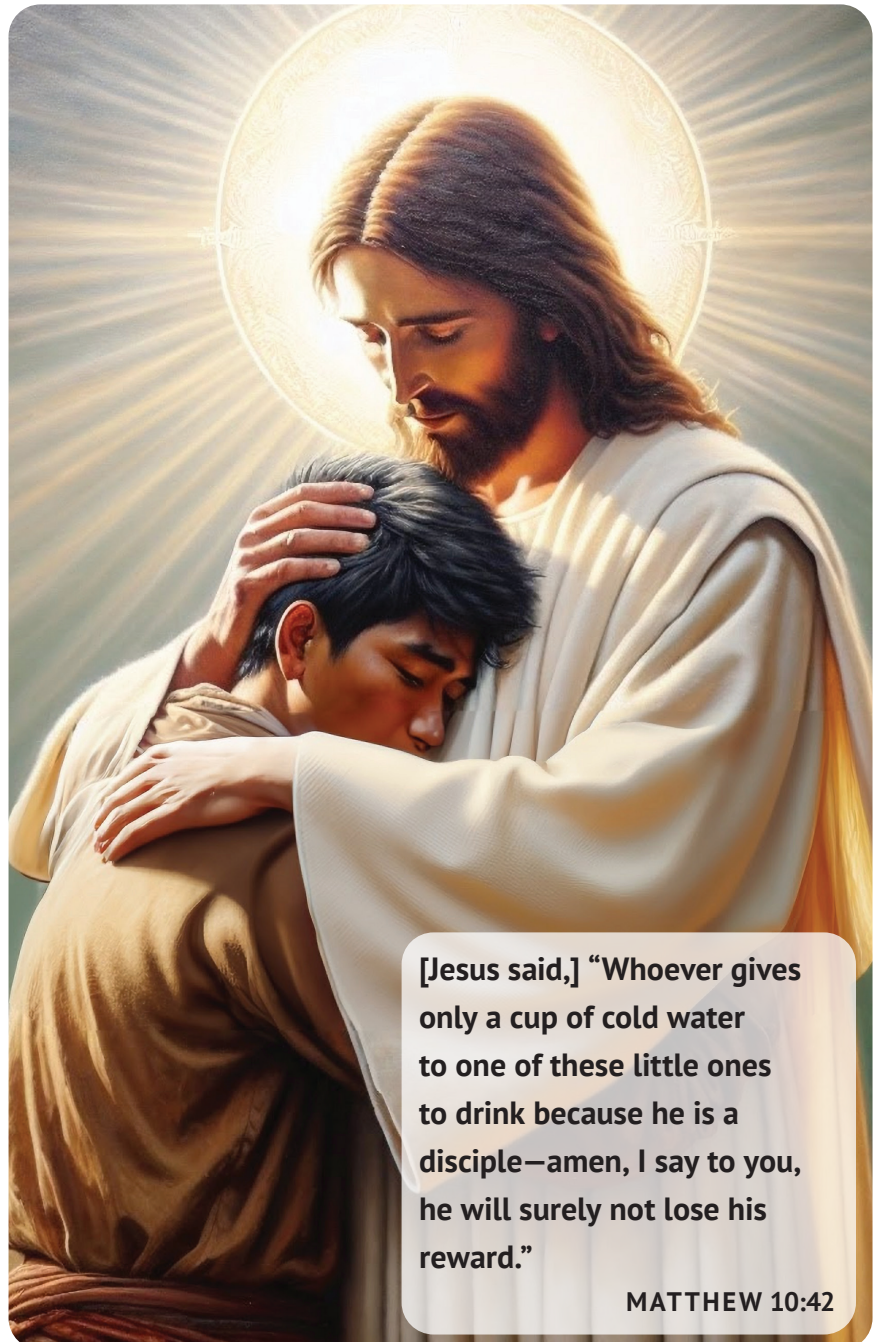
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[Jesus said,] "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

MATTHEW 10:42



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
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Reflect

**Have I read a whole gospel
from start to finish?**

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Mass Schedule

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Saturday June 27, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Monica & Bernard Baltz, d

Sunday June 28, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass
 Int: Edgar Throesch, d; Madeleine Throesch, d; Dick & Sarah Thielemier, d.
 10:30am St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Monday June 29, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday June 30, 2026

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Wednesday July 1, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Shirley Sorg, d

Thursday July 2, 2026

12:00 pm St John Mass
 Int: Jerry Pfeffer, d; Deceased members of Benny & Anna Thielemier family; Paul Ruth & Tom Weisenbach, d
 6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Martha Kiefer Decker & Earl E Decker, d

Friday July 3, 2026

12:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Dan Earsa, d

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday July 4, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 pm St Paul Mass
 Int: Henry Dust, d

Sunday July 5, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass
 Int: Romilda Hurn, d; Bob Wren, d; L/D members Frank & Josephine Thielemier family
 10:30 am St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners



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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 weekends, 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

July 4- Joan Gross July 5- Scott & Abby Tyler
 July 11- Susan Meier July 12- Jeff Evers
 July 18- Nick DeClerk July 19- Josh & Jill Neely

Financial Report	
June 25, 2026	\$7,589.77
2026 year to date	\$206,672.94
Children's Collection	\$190.00
St Joseph April 2026	\$3,523.32
DOLR May 2026	\$747.00
Food Bank, May 2026	\$1,005.31



BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

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



Church Cleaning Schedule July 4, Rose Hutsell, Debbie Hibbard, Debbie and Paula Schaechtel. To volunteer to join a group & help maintain our church call the office or ask someone to join a group.

Good News!

June 28, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a / Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 / Matthew 10:37-42

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June 28, 2026

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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 28, 2026 – July 5, 2026

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Ministry Schedule

	June 21	June 28	July 5	July 12
Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel	Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Pam Durbin Mike Taylor	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Pam Durbin Mike Taylor
Servers	Casyn Steimel Max Hoose Madison Throesch	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Isaac Throesch	Perry Throesch Jaxon Steimel Lucy Throesch	Parker Liebhaber Haley Stout Casyn Steimel
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

June 21, 2026	Loose Cash	\$411.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$1375.00
	BRAD Food Bank:	\$50.00	Latin America:	\$320.00

FAREWELL FATHER STEPHEN: It is with great sadness that we celebrate our last Mass at St. John’s with Father Stephen as our Pastor. During the seven years with us he has performed and celebrated many baptisms, marriages and even comforted many of us during funerals. We will always be grateful for his services, love and commitment to our parish.

ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC KID’S CLUB: Will meet June 28th @ St. John’s Hall at 4:30PM. We will have a 7 Sacrament scavenger hunt. We will talk about the significance of each sacrament. All kids are invited to attend.

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.

VBS: VBS will be here before you know it Get signed up for the fun! If you would like to volunteer, reach out Jill Neely 501-658-6818

TASTE OF FAITH: Saturday August 1, St. Paul Parish Life Center 6:00PM Happy Hour. More details soon.

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, 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, Earnie Durbin, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.

LADIES OF ALL AGES

Save the Date



Becoming More: Living Your Fiat Every Day



*Learning to say "yes" to God's plan
and becoming the woman He
created you to be.*

Join us for a meaningful time of
Prayer • Encouragement • Fellowship • Renewal

Friday, October 9 — 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 10 — 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

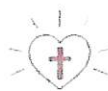
St. Paul the Apostle Parish Life Center
Pocahontas, Arkansas

Come for all or part — you will be blessed!

RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS



Growing into the
Woman God
Created You to Be



Hearing God's
Voice Amid
the Noise



The Courage of
Mary's Fiat

RETREAT LEADERS

Fr. John Marconi

*Former Pastor and Spiritual Director, affectionately known as the
"Arkansas Roadrunner" as he faithfully serves parishes across the Diocese.*

Debbie Eckert

*Wife, mother, grandmother, Spiritual Director, and award-winning author.
Debbie is passionate about guiding women into a deeper relationship
with Christ through prayer, reflection, and authentic community.*

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

René Tyler — 870-378-0781
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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Tuesday

June 30

Weekday

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 1

Weekday

Am 5:14–15, 21–24

Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 2

Weekday

Am 7:10–17

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

Saturday

July 4

Weekday

Am 9:11–15

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9–10

Rom 8:9, 11–13

Mt 11:25–30



CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Looking without walking by, halting the frantic pace of our lives, allowing the lives of others...with their needs and troubles, to touch our heart. That is what makes us neighbors to one another, what generates true fraternity and breaks down walls and barriers. In the end, love prevails, and it proves more powerful than evil and death.

HOMILY, CASTEL GANDOLFO, JULY 13, 2025