



Enough?

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Reflect

What does "enough" mean to me?

[Jesus said to Philip,
"Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father."

JOHN 14:9

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Mass Schedule

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Saturday May 2, 2026

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

Sunday May 3, 2026

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

Monday May 4, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday May 5, 2026

6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Patricia Bell, d

Wednesday May 6, 2026

9:00 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Arkie DeClerk, d

Thursday May 7, 2026

12:00 St John Mass
 Int: Susan Barre' Kremers, d; Max Baltz, d
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Dan Earsa, d

Friday May 8, 2026

9:00 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Raymond Baltz Jr, d

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Saturday May 9, 2026

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Mary Brown, d

Sunday May 10, 2026

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Edgar Throesch, d; Treva Throesch, d
 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 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

May 9- Alex Baltz May 10- Jeff Evers
 May 16- Susan Meier May 17- Scott & Abby Tyler
 May 23- Nick DeClerk May 24- Josh & Jill Neely

Financial Report	
April 30, 2026	\$10,065.54
2026 year to date	\$142,761.00
Children's Collection	\$121.00
St Joseph, March 2026	\$1,910.00
DOLR	\$5,022.00
Food Bank, April 2026	\$1,118.31



BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER



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

Church Cleaning Schedule May 9- Rose Hutsell, Debbie Hibbard, Debbie Schaechtel, Paula Schaechtel. **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 May 9, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Kelly Throesch

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

10:30 AM Sunday May 10, 2026

Host Ministers: Veronica Rose, Michelle Olvey

Cups: Brin Presley, Claire Garoutte

Cups: Jennifer Nichols, Jill Neely

Altar Servers: Owen Smith, Leo & Etta Clark

6:00 PM Saturday May 16, 2026

Host Ministers: De Puello, Maggie Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Cups: Pauletta Walker Susan Meier

Altar Servers: Aubrey Hogan, Reese Radcliff, Riles Johnson

10:30 AM Sunday May 17, 2026

Host Ministers: Cyndy Busick, Angie DeClerk

Cups: Abby Tyler, Rene' Tyler

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard

Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

6:00 PM Saturday May 23, 2026

Host Ministers: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Pauletta Walker, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Leo & Etta Clark

10:30 AM Sunday May 24, 2026

Host Ministers: Jill Neely & Jennifer Nichols

Cups: Michelle Olvey, Brin Presley

Cups: Monica Loyd, Veronica Rose

Altar Servers: Austin James, Kegan Presley, Aven Thielemier

The Parish Food Bank is still collecting donations for our CYM Food Pantry. Please drop off any nonperishable food items at the church office during regular business hours. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important ministry.

KC meeting: May 13th @ 8PM KC Hall

Nursing Home and Homebound Ministry: May

Joan Gross, Jeanette Thielemier, Susan Meier

May Ushers:

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

Sunday: Travis DeClerk, James Presley

Please join us for a good bye celebration honoring Jim & Shirley Lamb as they prepare for their next chapter. We invite you to gather at the Parish Life Center on Sunday May 3, 2026 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Come and appreciate Jim & Shirley for their time with our community and send them off with blessings and good wishes.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 9th Annual Shrimp Boil Saturday May 9th @ 5 PM, at St John's Hall. Please preorder by Wednesday May 6th so we can have a headcount on how much shrimp to buy. Proceeds this year will go toward playground updates. We will also be having a silent auction that evening if you have an item you'd like to donate, contact Jay Throesch 870-378-4211, Christina Helms 870-810-2103, or Jeremy Stout 870-810-2356 if you have any questions.

Any adults interested in volunteering for VBS; please contact Jill Neely at 501-658-6818. VBS will be held July 26-29.

The Adoration Chapel has extra copies of the Arkansas Catholic. If you would like one, please feel free to take a copy home with you. Thank you.

Congratulations to the second graders that just received their First Holy Communion on April 26th. Bruce Baker, Cora Crum, Beau Counts, Maverick McKenzie, Kinley Meier, Anthony Ngnyen, Sienna Presley, Laney Rawls, Declan Seagraves, Lila Swann, Hoyt Thielemier, Barrett Thielemier, and Eli Tyler.

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!

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12

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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

May 2, 2026 – May 10, 2026

St. John

May 3: Dick & Sarah Thielemier (d); Edgar Throesch (d)
 Thur May 7: Susan (Barre') Kremers (d); Max Baltz (d)
 May 10: Edgar Throesch (d); Treva Throesch (d)

St. Paul

Sat May 2: Henry Dust (d)
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 Tues May 5: Patricia Bell (d)
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2026 PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION: With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God and grateful for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will ordain five men to the priesthood at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 30, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Little Rock. They are Deacons Quinton Thomas, Duwan Booker, Joseph Minh Phong Nguyen, Tuan Do, and Christopher Elser.

- The night before, on Friday, May 29, a holy hour to pray for these men and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King.
- The first Mass for Fr. Quinton Thomas will be on Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (Jonesboro).
- The first Mass for Fr. Christopher Elser will be on Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 a.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church (Little Rock).

UPCOMING ORDINATION GIFT: Deacon Christopher Elser will be ordained to the Priesthood on May 30, 2026. We would like for our parish to give him an ordination gift. If anyone would like to donate for this gift, please see Father or Jane. We have a card for everyone to sign. Please turn in your donation by the end of April.

POKER RUN: The Ladies of Grace will be hosting our annual Poker-run on Sunday May 3rd. You are welcome to use your side-by-sides, four wheelers, trucks or any other transportation as we travel the gravel roads in the Engelberg area. We will gather at St. John's Hall at 2:30 to register and will leave promptly at 3:00PM as a group. Entry will be \$30 a poker hand which will pay for the whole afternoon of fun – including pizza when we get back. Half of the money will be split between the winners and the other half will be donated to the St. John playground update. Feel free to pack your own cooler and snacks for the trip.

SHRIMP BOIL: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 9th annual Shrimp Boil Saturday May 9th at St. John's Hall. Please preorder by Wednesday May 6th so we can have a headcount on how much shrimp to buy. Proceeds this year will go towards playground updates. We will also be having a silent auction that evening if you have an item you'd like to donate. Contact Jay Throesch 378-4211, Christian Helms 810-2103, or Jeremy Stout 810-2356 if you have any questions.

UNBORN MONUMENT BLESSING: We will be blessing our new Unborn Monument on Mother's Day, May 10th following 8:00AM Mass.

THANK YOU: The family of Treva Throesch would like to say thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, text, messages and out pouring of love during our loss. A special thank you to Father John, the choir and good neighbor committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER: Father Stephen Going Away Party: Friday June 26th, more details to follow
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, Lettie Hausman, River Wood, Diane Kimble Ramsey, Caren Kiefer, Eric Thielemier, Hattie Martin, Dennis Weisenbach, Father Matthew Flatly (diocese of Jefferson City), Doris Flanigan, Bonny Schmidt, Marie Peters, Chelsea Martin, Mark Throesch, Pam Murphy, Bridgette Kasinger, Danny McCurdy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Dennis Burrow, 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.

Ministry Schedule

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin Patty House Brenda Liebhaber	Jessica Stout Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Linda Elmore	Jessica Stout Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Linda Elmore	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Rebecca Steimel
Servers	Haley Stout Madeleine Throesch Isaac Throesch	Henry Taylor Perry Throesch Jaxon Steimel	Casyn Steimel Catarina Throesch Madison Throesch	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzeberger Jaxon Kasinger
Lectors	April: Sonny Throesch & Elaine Wallis May: Lori Steimel & Maria Taylor			
Ushers	April: Chuck Barnes & Danny Steimel May: Andrew Steimel & Steve Liebhaber			
Money Counters	April: Mike & Connie Kasinger, Crystal Blalock May: Jessica Stout, Joe & Lori Steimel			

Weekly Financial Report

April 26 2026	Loose Cash	\$367.00	Checks & Envelopes: \$2460.00
	Hall Rental	\$50.00	

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped. Jesus saves us by showing us that asking is not unworthy, but liberating.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025



SHUTTERSTOCK

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Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Thursday

May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7–21

Jn 15:9–11

Saturday

May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Tuesday

May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Friday

May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Sunday

May 10

Sixth Sunday of
Easter

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Pt 3:15–18

Jn 14:15–21

Wednesday

May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8