



The souls of the  
righteous are in  
the hand of God,  
and no torment  
shall touch them....  
[T]hey are in peace.

WISDOM 3:1, 3

## The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ne Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, “Trick or treat!” for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, “Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot.” I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night’s goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared “trick” her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls’ Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God’s mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest “treater” of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

### Reflect

**What experiences of God’s generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?**

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 Lectors: Kathi Bergman 378-2081  
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 Altar Servers: Tiffany Baltz: 810-2523  
 Catholic Outreach: Teresa Baltz 930-5700  
 Finance Committee Chairperson: Ben DeClerk 758-0546  
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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, Tues-  
 day & 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.

#### Mass Schedule

##### Thirty-first Sunday in

##### Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, November 1

10:00 AM St Paul Mass All

Saints Day

Int: Brenda Shields, d

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Ann Meier, d, Mary Helen

Baltz, d

##### Sunday November 2

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Loyd & Marion Wren fami-

ly; Living & deceased members

of Will & Katie Thielemier fami-

ly.

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

##### Monday November 3

No Mass

##### Tuesday November 4

6 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Helen Gschwend, d Robert

Gschwend, d

##### Wednesday November 5

9:00 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Joe Bergman Healing & Thanks-  
 giving

6:00 PM St Paul Confirmation Mass

Int: Dr Albert Baltz, d

##### Thursday, November 6

12:00 St Johns Mass

Int: Dr Albert Baltz d, Max Baltz, d

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Shirley Sorg, d

##### Friday, November 7

9:00 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Dan Webster Ellis, d

##### Thirty-Second Sunday in

##### Ordinary Time

##### Saturday, November 8

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d and Katty Baltz, d

##### Sunday November 9

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Lee Taylor, d Bob & John

Thielemier, d

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

#### Sacristan Schedule

November 8 - Susan Meier November 9 - Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

November 15- Alex Baltz November 16- Scott & Kim Hills

November 22- Nick DeClerk November 23- Jeff Evers

Financial Report	
October 26, 2025	\$13,805.00
2025 year to date	\$368,091.00
Children's Collection	169.00
St Joseph, September	\$2,446.00
DOLR	\$1,751.25
Food Bank, September 2025	\$1,060.00



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CHURCHES MATTER**

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



**Church Cleaning Schedule Nov 9- Angie DeClerk, Sonya  
 Walker, Karla Baltz, DeShea Baxley, Suzy Hoggard. 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 November 8, 2025**

Host Ministers: Dc Puello, Susan Meier

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Avery Seagraves, Valentina Nguyen

#### **10:30 AM Sunday November 9, 2025**

Host Ministers: Dc Puello, Monica Loyd

Cups: Jennifer Nichols, Jill Neely

Cups: Jennifer Hibbard, Debbie Hibbard

Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard, Owen Smith, Caroline Thielemier

#### **6:00 PM Saturday November 15, 2025**

Host Ministers: Mitch Baltz, Christie Yemma

Cups: Teresa Baltz, Paul Yemma

Cups: Kelly Throesch, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Blakely Jansen, Aubrey Hogan

#### **10:30 PM Sunday November 16, 2025**

Host Ministers: Scott & Kim Hills

Cups: Michelle Olvey, Anna Higginbotham

Cups: Terri Jansen, Brin Presley

Altar Servers: Mathias Duran, Leo & Etta Clark

#### **6:00 PM Saturday November 22, 2025**

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Altar servers: Abel & Riles Johnson, Reese Radcliff

#### **10:30 AM Sunday November 23, 2025**

Host Ministers: Jill Neeley, Shelly James

Cups: Jennifer Nichols, Leroy Nichols

Cups: Jennifer Hibbard, Debbie Hibbard

Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Cash Cox, Aven Thielemier

### **Knight of Columbus: Meeting November 12th**

**Awards Banquet/Pie Auction:** November 15, 2025 at the Parish Life Center following Mass. Call/text Jeremy Stout 870-810-2356, Matt Fair 501-412-3324. Steak or Chicken dinner \$25.00.

### **Ushers November:**

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

**Sunday:** Pink Baltz, Todd Berry, Jeff Evers, Gordon Thielemier

### **St John's Fall Festival: Sunday November 2.**

Turkey & dressing meal from 11am to 1 pm.

**Carry out meals will be available by pre-orders only!** Contact Tina Sharp @ 870-378-1041 by Oct 26. Also please bring a dessert to serve with the meal.

**Silent auction** through St Johns Facebook page from 10/25-10/31. please contact Jessica Stout 870-378-0300 or Rose Throesch 870-378-6282 for all donations . We are happy to have Jennifer Hare, Patty Hoose & Beck Brown chairing the raffle this year. Raffle tickets are available for pickup & purchase. We will also have our usual bingo & kids games with some exciting new additions, please come and join us for great fellowship, food and fun.

### **Bucksnot Mass. Nov 9, 2025 @**

**5:30pm.** Potluck dinner to follow. Meat will be provided, please bring your favorite side or dessert. Everyone is welcome.

**Church directory update:** Our dates are Nov 11-14, Dec 3-5 from 2pm-8:30pm and Dec 6 from 10am-4pm. The appointments are being scheduled now. Please do your part and schedule an appointment. Our committee is working hard on this project. Please reach out to Kelly Steimel for any questions at 870-758-5106. All photos will be at the Parish Life Center. Each family receives a 8x10 complimentary portrait & photo directory. We would love 100% participation!

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Joe Bergman, David Bassford, Debbie Junkersfeld, Jan Richardson, Ella Scobey, Tommy O'Donnell, Stephanie Garner, Dennis Blount, River Bridgeforth, Les McPherson,, Bridgette Kasinger, Gary Baltz, Jacquolyn Weick, Sheila Saala, Jessica Pfeffer, Mary Broadway, Jake Kasinger, Karin Conradson, Gail Pinion, Josh Nichols, Jo Ann Manis, Pam Flanigan, Becky Catron, Tanya Flanigan Smith, Luke Steimel, Donna Baltz, Vivian Blackshear, Dave Weick, Mike Cook, Christina Smith, Dorothy Hoelscher, Tim Junkersfeld, Arkie DeClerk, Leonard Thielemier, Nekayah Thomas, Virginia Sacher, Brooke Junkersfeld, Joe T Carroll, Lane Clayton, Jo Vatsula, Gladys Zosso, Richard Jenkins, James Lamb, Steve Bodden, Linda Davenport and Keith Broadway.



# Dear Padre

November 2, 2025

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## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

4650 Engelberg Road, Pocahontas, AR 72455



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Cemetery: Johnathan Wren (870) 202-3727 Ben Throesch (870) 378-4567

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**

*November 1, 2025 – November 9, 2025*

**St. John**

Sun Nov 2: Sun Nov 2: Loyd & Marion Wren family; Living & deceased members of the Will & Katie Thielemier family

Thur Nov 6: Albert Baltz (d); Max Baltz (d)

Sun Nov 9: Lee Taylor (d); Bob & John Thielemier (d)

**St. Paul**

Sat. Nov 1,10AM: Brenda Shields (d); 6PM: Ann Meier (d); Mary Helen Baltz (d)

Sun, Nov 2: For the Parishioners

Tues Nov 4: Helen Gschwend (d); Robert Gschwend (d)

Wed, Nov 5: Joe Bergman (Healing & Thanksgiving)

Thur, Nov 6: Shirley Sorg (d)

Fri. Nov 7: Dan Webster Ellis (d)

Sat. Nov8: Henry Dust (d); Katty Baltz (d)

Sun, Nov 9: For the Parishioners

**Ministry Schedule**

	November 2nd	November 9th	November 16th	November 23rd
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pam Durbin Mike Taylor Deb Martin Patty House	Jenniet Galvan Brenda Liebhaber Angie Capps Dwayne Capps	Jenniet Galvan Brenda Liebhaber Angie Capps Dwayne Capps	Jessica Stout Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Linda Elmore
<b>Servers</b>	Kadence McKenzie Max Hoose Jaxon Steimel	Henry Taylor Isaac Throesch Parker Liebhaber	Haley Stout Madeleine Throesch Madison Throesch	Catarina Throesch Lucy Throesch Max Hoose
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>November:</b> Elaine Wallis & Maria Taylor <b>December:</b> Jessica Stout & Amy McKenzie			
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>November:</b> Sid Thielemier & Bernard Thielemier <b>December:</b> Joe Steimel & Dwayne Capps			
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>November:</b> Chuck & Mary Barnes, Betty Taylor <b>December:</b> Bonnie Schmidt, Don & Brenda Liebhaber			

**Weekly Financial Report**

**October 26, 2025**    Loose Cash:        \$485.00    Checks & Envelopes:    \$1195.00  
                                 World Mission Sunday:    \$40.00    Hall rental:        \$100.00

**ST JOHN’S FALL FESTIVAL:** Fall Festival will be Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*Turkey and Dressing meal will be from 11AM-1PM \$10 adult, \$5 kid. please bring a dessert to serve with the meal. We will be having our usual, in-person auction, raffle and bingo. This year we are happy to add bounce houses to the children’s area. Stop on your way in and buy a ticket for our new event. We are having a bull-drop, tickets are \$20 a piece and limited to 100 tickets. One lucky person will win \$1000.

**ALL SOULS CEMETERY BLESSING:** Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> immediately following 8:00AM Mass.

**BUCKSNORT MASS:** Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 5:30PM with potluck to follow. Meat provided, bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Everyone welcome.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS BANQUET:** The banquet/ pie auction will be Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> following 6:00PM Mass at the Parish Life Center. Price is \$25.00. Call or text to reserve steak or chicken dinner Jeremy Stout @ 870-810-2356 or Matt Fair @ 501-412-3324

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Our three parishes have decided it’s time for our new pictorial directory. The dates will be Nov 11-14 from 2PM-8:30PM, Dec 3-5 from 2PM-8:30PM. And Dec 6 from 10AM-4PM at the Parish Life Center. Volunteers will be in front on Church to help schedule appointments or go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appt login on the right side. Enter ar166

**GROUP PICTURES FOR NEW DIRECTORY:** On November 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following Mass, we will be taking pictures of our ministries and groups to include in our new directory. This will include Altar Servers, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ladies of Grace, Senior Social, Knights of Columbus, Men’s Group, Good Neighbor Committee

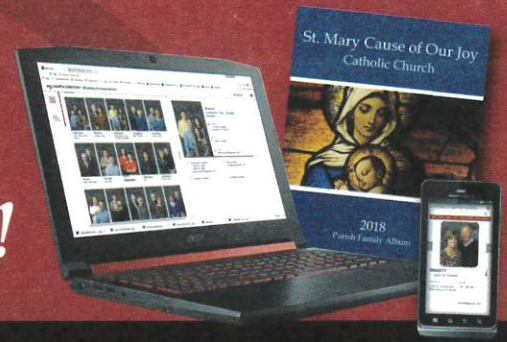
**SAVE THE DATES**    Children’s Christmas Party – December 9<sup>th</sup>  
                                 Adult Christmas Party – December 12<sup>th</sup>  
                                 St. Paul school bazaar – December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14th

**EUCARIST ADORATION:** It seems that adoration chapels draw people closer to God, deeper into the spiritual life and provides something people desperately need at this time ... a place set apart for people to experience God in the silence they so desperately need (Matthew Kelly)  
Please call 870-810-0612 for questions or more information.

**PRAY FOR:** All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Father Matthew Flatly (diocese of Jefferson City), Doris Flanigan, Bonny Schmidt, Marie Peters, Chelsea Martin, Mark Throesch, Johnathan Wren, Pam Murphy, Bob Wren, Treva Throesch, Bridgette Kasinger, Danny McCurdy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Dennis Burrow, Jake Kasinger, Evan Hargett, Dickie Flanigan, Sharon Thielemier (Patrick), Betty Baltz, Kathy Adkins, Karen O’Gara, Julie Session (Deacon Papini’s Daughter), Earnie Durbin, Gladly Zosso, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.



# Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

## Connections Event

*Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.*

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**

*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



### Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter ar166 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**



# **St. Paul's Catholic School is proud to present: "All Aboard for the Love of Jesus!"**

## **Our Annual Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- Miss Merry Christmas Pageant - 10am
- Santa's Express (our children's event for ages 3-12) 6:30pm - 9:30pm - drop off and pick up in the School Cafeteria
- pizza, snacks, and lots of fun!
- \$35 per child
- Bingo night - 7:15pm - in the Parish Life Center
- bingo card - \$5
- concessions will be available for purchase!

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:30**

- BBQ Lunch - \$8 for kids and \$12 for adults; to go plates will be available for purchase
- Silent online auction, with assistance available during the event to make bids
- Booths, including our candy booth, religious booth, kids gift shop, and more!
- Kids drop ticket event
- Raffles
- Cake Walk
- Pictures with Santa

**This is our largest fundraiser of the year,  
and we hope to see our incredible  
community and Church Family join us  
for a weekend of fun and fellowship!**



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying “no” to war and “yes” to peace, “no” to the arms race and “yes” to disarmament, “no” to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and “yes” to integral development.***

**ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025**

### Monday

November 3  
Weekday  
Rom 11:29–36  
Lk 14:12–14

### Tuesday

November 4  
St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop  
Rom 12:5–16b  
Lk 14:15–24

### Wednesday

November 5  
Weekday  
Rom 13:8–10  
Lk 14:25–33

### Thursday

November 6  
Weekday  
Rom 14:7–12  
Lk 15:1–10

### Friday

November 7  
Weekday  
Rom 15:14–21  
Lk 16:1–8

### Saturday

November 8  
Weekday  
Rom 16:3–9, 16,  
22–27  
Lk 16:9–15

### Sunday

November 9  
The Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica  
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12  
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17  
Jn 2:13–22