Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 8, 2026

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 6:12–16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 / Matthew 25:1–13

Keep Your Light Burning Bright

ANN M. GARRIDO

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Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.

WISDOM 6:12

Reflect

What are you doing to keep your light of faith burning bright right now?

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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 Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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Mass Schedule

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Nov 7, 2026
4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
Int: Parishioners
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Tom & Frances Baltz, d

Sunday Nov 8, 2026
8:00 am St John Mass
Int: Henry Thielemier, d; Mike Thielemier, d; John Thielemier, d
10:30 am St Paul Mass
Int: Parishioners

Monday Nov 9, 2026
No Mass

Tuesday Nov 10, 2026
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Martha Keifer Decker, d; Earl Decker, d

Wednesday Nov 11, 2026
9:00 am St Paul Mass
Int: L/D Members of Andrew & Alice Jansen family
12:00 pm St Paul Cemetery Mass
Int: Deceased family members buried at cemetery
6:15 pm St Paul PRE Mass
Int: Ronnie Rose, d

Thursday Nov 12, 2026
12:00 pm St John Mass
Int: Lee Taylor, d ; Marge Baltz, d; L/D mem of Will & Katie Thielemier family
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Richard Lindsey, d

Friday Nov 13, 2026
9:00 am St Paul Mass
Int: Aaron Jansen, d

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Nov 14, 2026
4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
Int: Parishioners
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault, d

Sunday Nov 15, 2026
8:00 am St John Mass
Int: Don Thielemier d; Betty Steimel, d; L/D Frank & Josephine Thielemier family
10:30 am St Paul Mass
Int: Parishioners
5:30 pm Bucksnort Mass
Int: For all deer hunters, & attendees over the past 50 years

Sacristan Schedule
Nov 14- Chris Baltz Nov 15- Scott & Abby Tyler
Nov 21- Nick DeClerk Nov 22- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
Nov 28- Alex Baltz Nov 29- Jeff Evers

Financial Report	
November 5, 2026	$10,979.00
2026 year to date	$359,640.16
Children's Collection	$109.00
St Joseph September 2026	$2,958.00
DOLR October 2026	$676.00
Food Bank, September 2026	$1,093.00

On-line giving: Zeffy. Scan the QR code to begin.

Church Cleaning Schedule Nov 14 Angie DeClerk, Sonya Walker, Maria Dickson, Ashlyn Shipley. **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 14, 2026
Host Ministers: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff
Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz
Cups: Shea Niswonger, Kelly Throesch
Altar Servers: Peyton & Reese Radcliff, Riles Johnson

10:30 am Sunday November 15, 2026
Host Ministers: Abby Tyler, Angie DeClerk
Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard
Cups: Shelly James, Terri Jansen
Altar Servers: Mary Morgan, Kipton & Sawyer Jansen

6:00 pm November 21, 2026
Host Ministers: Dc Drake, Maggie Baltz
Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz
Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma
Altar Servers: Aubrey & Cannon Hogan, Avery Seagraves

10:30 am Sunday November 22, 2026
Host Ministers: Dc Drake, Monica Loyd
Cups: Claire Garoutte, Abby Tyler
Cups: Cyndy Busick, Angie DeClerk
Altar Servers: Austin James, Cash Cox, John Henry Garoutte

6:00 pm Saturday November 28, 2026
Host Ministers: Mitch & Teresa Baltz
Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz
Cups: Rose Hutsell, Trish Thielemier
Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Keegan Presley, Valentina Nguyen

10:30 am Sunday November 29, 2026
Host Ministers: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard
Cups: Terri Jansen, Shelly James
Cups: Veronica Rose, Rene' Tyler
Altar Servers: Jacob, Blakely Jansen, Caroline Thielemier

Nursing Home & Homebound

November: Joan Gross, Jeanette Thielemier & Susan Meier

If you or a fellow parishioner is unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or recovery & would like to receive Holy Communion on Wednesdays, please call the church office so we can get you on the schedule.

Lectors November: Saturday: David Vaugh

Sunday: Claire Garoutte

Ushers for November:

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

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

Dates to Remember:

Please join us as we gather in prayer to honor and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. **Wednesday, Nov 11th at 12:00 pm Mass at St Paul's Cemetery.**

Blessing of the Pets. Please join us on Nov 14th at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center parking lot for a special blessings of the Pets. Bring your beloved pets as Fr Samy offers a special blessing for our furry friends. All pets and owners are welcome.

Friday Nov 20th at 9:00 am Mass at the Columbarium. Fr Samy will celebrate Mass as we remember the faithful departed and pray for the eternal rest of their souls.

November 14-15 special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your support will help provide hope to people struggling in poverty & suffering the hardships of living on the margins of society. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Plans are underway for our Annual School Bazaar, which will be held Dec 5th-6th. If you are interested in volunteering and helping make this year's bazaar a success, please call **Allison Swann at 870-219-9824**. We appreciate your help & support.

KC meeting 8:00 pm Nov 11th at the KC Hall

ST PAUL SCHOOL ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

November 9-18

Let's Share & Care. Join us in stocking the Brad food bank for the holidays. **Drop off location: St Paul School, 311 Cedar St.**

Items needed include: Canned vegetables, instant potatoes, box/canned meals, ramen, oatmeal, mac & cheese, etc.

ALL NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ACCEPTED.

Religious Gift Shop. Did you know the church office has a small religious gift shop? We offer a variety of items perfect for sacraments, special occasions, or personal gifts. Stop by during regular office hours.

Please pray for: Bishop Anthony Taylor, Kogan Vaughn. Samuel Thompson, Roy Billeaudeau, David Bassford, and Suzanne Broadway.

Good News!

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 8, 2026 – November 15, 2026

St. John: All the departed souls of our Parish

Sun Nov 8: Henry Thielemier (d); Mike Thielemier (d); Bob & John Thielemier (d)
Thur Nov 12: Lee Taylor (d); Marge Baltz (d); Living & Deceased Will & Katie Thielemier family
Sun Nov 15: Don Thielemier by (KC) (d); Betty Steimel (d); Living & deceased of Frank & Josephine Thielemier family

St. Paul: All the departed souls of our Parish

Sat. Nov 7: Tom & Frances Baltz (d)
Sun Nov 8: Parishioners
Tues Nov 10: Martha Keifer Decker (d); Earl Decker (d)
Wed Nov 11: L/D Members of Jansen family
Thur Nov 12: Richard Lindsey (d)
Fri Nov 13: Aaron Jansen (d)
Sat. Nov 14: Joseph & Joana Thibeault (d)
Sun Nov 15: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Eucharistic Ministers	Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Linda Elmore Rebecca Steimel	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Stella Steimel	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Stella Steimel	Dwayne Capps Angie Capps Lori Steimel Joe Steimel
Servers	Catarina Throesch Jaxon Kasinger Isaac Throesch	Madison Throesch Caroline Stout Jaxon Steimel	Madeline Throesch Lucy Throesch Shiloh Orrick	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Raelyn Alphin
Lectors	**November:** Brenda Liebhaber & Elaine Wallis **December:** Bridgette Kasinger & Jessica Stout			
Ushers	**November:** Sid Thielemier & Bernard Thielemier **December**: Joe Steimel & Dwayne Capps			
Money Counters	**November:** Chuck & Mary Barnes; Betty Taylor **December**: Linda Elmore; Don & Brenda Liebhaber			

Weekly Financial Report

November 1, 2026 Loose Cash: $482.00 Checks & Envelopes: $1510.00

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Pope Leo, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Lettie Hausman, Josephine Mary (Father Samy's mother) Suzanne (Wren) Broadway, Kogan Vaughn, Doris Flanigan, Samuel Thompson, River Wood, Caren Kiefer, Bonny Schmidt, Pam Murphy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Sharon Thielemier (Patrick), Karen O'Gara, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: This special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty in the United States through grants to local community-based groups that create jobs, improve education and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of this collection remains in our diocese to fund our local anti-poverty projects. This collection will be taken up on November 22.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY: This morning there will be a special collection for area Food Bank.

BUCKSNORT MASS: We will once again be celebrating Mass for opening day of deer season. The Mass will take place on Sunday November 15t at 5:30PM followed by potluck. Father Stephen and Father Samy will be celebrating the Mass. Everyone welcome.

THANKSGIVING MASS: We will be celebrating Mass at 9:00AM this year at St. John's

ALL SOUL'S DAY ENVELOPES: There are envelopes in the entrance of Church for All Soul's Day Remembrance.

100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK ADS: Help us share a century of faith & memories! We are selling ads in our anniversary book to advertise your business or as a memorial to a loved one. **Our goal is to provide a free book to every parish family**. Full page ads are $300, half page $175 and quarter page $100. To place an ad, contact Johnathan Wren 870-202-3727 or text Becky Brown 870-219-5739. Thank you for supporting this special parish keepsake.

CATHOLIC KIDS CLUB: Will meet Sunday November 15th at 4:30PM. Please encourage your kids to come, have fun and grow in their Catholic Faith.

ST PAUL'S CYM THANKSGIVING TURKEYS: The KC's will be cooking thanksgiving turkeys again this year. Contact Matt Fair 501-412-3324 or Kyle Sutton 870-758-0737. Order deadline is November 23rd. Pickup dates Wed, November 25th 3-7PM or Thanksgiving Day 8-10AM at KC Hall.

ST PAUL'S EVENTS: Cemetery Mass & blessing Wed. Nov 11th 12:00PM; Columbarium Mass & blessing Friday Nov. 20th at 9:00AM; Blessing of Pets – Nov. 14th at 10:00AM in the Parish Life parking lot. All pets and owners are welcome.

KC AWARDS BANQUET & PIE AUCTION: Saturday November 21st following 6:00PM Mass.

DATES TO REMBEMBER Deacon Marlyn Tate 40th anniversary as Deacon – November 15th following 8AM Mass, Doughnuts in the Parish Hall.

Adult Christmas Party – December 11th
Children's Christmas Party – December 15th
St. Paul's School Bazaar – December 5th & 6th

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LUIS SANTOS / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Monday
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

Tuesday
November 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Ti 2:1–8, 11–14
Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday
November 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Ti 3:1–7
Lk 17:11–19

Thursday
November 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Phlm 7–20
Lk 17:20–25

Friday
November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
2 Jn 4–9
Lk 17:26–37

Saturday
November 14
Weekday
3 Jn 5–8
Lk 18:1–8

Sunday
November 15
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31
1 Thes 5:1–6
Mt 25:14–30
or 25:14–15, 19–21

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FABRIZIO MAFFEI

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Brothers and sisters support each other in hardship; they do not turn their back on those who are in need; and they weep and rejoice together in the active pursuit of unity, trust, and mutual reliance. The dynamic is that which Jesus himself gives to us: "Love one another as I have loved you."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

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