Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28 / Matthew 25:31–46



Living the Beatitudes

MIGUEL DULICK

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Reflect

Who are the "least" in my world? Is there anyone I'm ignoring?

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Note from Fr Samy:

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you for sharing your time, talents, and treasures with St Paul Church and St Paul School. May the Lord richly bless you! Fr Samy.

Thanksgiving Day Holy Mass @ St John will be held at 9:00 am.

May Jesus grant peace and rest to Sue Zitzelberger. Please keep Victor, their children and his family in our payers.

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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 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

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Saturday Nov 21, 2026
4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
Int: Parishioners
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Earldean Baltz, d

Sunday Nov 22, 2026
8:00 am St John Mass
Int: L/D mem of Bill & Mallissa Zosso family; Jane Junkersfeld, d; Betty Steimel, d
10:30 am St Paul Mass
Int: Parishioners

Monday Nov 23, 2026
No Mass

Tuesday Nov 24, 2026
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: L/D Mem of St Paul School class of 1964

Wednesday Nov 25, 2026
9:00 am St Paul Mass
Int: Tommy O'Donnell, d

Thursday Nov 26, 2026
Thanksgiving Day Mass
9:00 am St John Mass
Int: Mike Thielemier, d; Madeleine Throesch, d; Tom, Paul Ruth Weisenbach, d

Friday Nov 27, 2026
9:00 am St Paul Mass
Int: Herbert Throesch, d

First Sunday of Advent Saturday Nov 28, 2026
4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
Int: Parishioners
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Bob & Lil Gogan, d

Sunday Nov 29, 2026
8:00 am St John Mass
Int: Dr Albert Baltz, d; Treva Throesch, d; Pat Parker, d
10:30 am St Paul Mass
Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule
Nov 28- Alex Baltz Nov 29- Jeff Evers
Dec 5- Susan Meier Dec 6- Josh & Jill Neely
Dec 12- Chris Baltz Dec 13- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard.

Financial Report	
November 19 2026	$7,965.25
2026 year to date	$376,795.66
Children's Collection	$70.00
St Joseph October 2026	$3,187.00
DOLR October 2026	$676.00
Food Bank, October 2026	$1,093.00

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

Church Cleaning Schedule Nov 28 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 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

6:00 pm Saturday December 5, 2026
Host Ministers: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff
Cups: Shea Niswonger, Kelly Throesch
Cups: Mitch & Teresa Baltz
Altar servers: Jake Baltz, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

10:30 am Sunday December 6, 2026
Host Ministers: Cyndy Busick, Angie DeClerk
Cups: Claire Garoutte, Jill Neely
Cups: Jennifer Nichols, Brin Presley
Altar Servers: Leo Clark, Austin James, Etta Clark

6:00 pm Saturday December 12, 2026
Host Ministers: Alex & Tiffany Baltz
Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz
Cups: Rose Hutsell, Trish Thielemier
Altar Servers: Aubrey & Cannon Hogan, Avery Seagraves

10:30 am Sunday December 13, 2026
Host Ministers: Debbie Hibbard, Michelle Olvey
Cups: Veronica Rose, Rene' Tyler
Cups: Abby Tyler, Shelly James
Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard , Aven Thielemier, Kogan Vaughn

Nursing Home & Homebound

December: Anna Mae Higginbotham, Sarah Counts, Charlotte Baltz.

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: December: Saturday: Kathy Bergman

Sunday: Brittany Singleton

Ushers for December:

Saturday: Joe Bergman, Joey Radcliff

Sunday: Joe Difani, Mike Higginbotham, Joe Tom, Josh Neely, Bradon Tillie

Jesus, I Know him! St Paul Catholic School's Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec 5: Miss Merry Christmas Pageant, Bingo night, and Buddy's Christmas Bash. Dec 6th Christmas Bazaar.

Buddy's Christmas Bash includes: Hayride, games, letters to Santa, reindeer food, bounce houses & lots of fun! 6:30 pm- 9:30 pm. **Ages 3-12 cost $35 at St Paul cafeteria.**

Bingo night Dec 5th 7:15 pm parish life center. After you drop the kids off at Buddy's Bash, join us for a joyful evening of chili, fellowship, & Bingo fun!

IF you have an item or a service you would like to donate for the silent auction, please drop them off at the church office.

Bazaar silent auction will begin Nov 22. here is the link:

stpaulbazaar26.givesmart.com

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Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Holy Mass Schedule: Holy Day of Obligation

Monday December 7, 2026 5:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Tuesday December 8, 2026 9:00 am St Paul Mass

Tuesday December 8, 2026 6:00 pm St John Mass

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Let the Knights of Columbus help with your holiday meal. We are still taking orders for turkeys, smoked pork butts & smoked ribs. Order deadline is Nov 23rd. To place your order contact Matt Fair 501-412-3324 or Kyle Sutton 870-758-0737. Pick up dates & time 11/25 3-7 pm 11/26 8-10 am. Pick up at the KC Hall. Thank you for supporting the KC's and our CYM. Wishing everyone a blessed & Happy Thanksgiving.

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, Suzanne Broadway, and Elizabeth Hick.

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)
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Mass Intentions

November 22, 2026 – November 29, 2026

St. John: All the departed souls of our Parish

Sun Nov 22: Jane Junkersfeld (d); Betty Steimel (d); Living & deceased of Bill & Mallissa Zosso family
Thur Nov 26, **9:00AM**: Mike Thielemier (d); Madeleine Throesch (d); Tom, Paul & Ruth Weisenbach (d)
Sun Nov 29: Dr. Albert Baltz (d); Treva Throesch (d); Pat Parker (d)

St. Paul: All the departed souls of our Parish

Sat. Nov 21: Earldean Baltz (d)
Sun Nov 22: Parishioners
Tues Nov 24: L/D Members of St Paul School class of 1964
Wed Nov 25: Tommy O'Donnell (d)
Thur Nov 26: NO MASS
Fri Nov 27: Herbert Throesch (d)
Sat. Nov 28: Bob & Lil Gogan (d)
Sun Nov 29: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	November 22	November 29	December 6	December 13
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Stella Steimel	Dwayne Capps Angie Capps Lori Steimel Joe Steimel	Dwayne Capps Angie Capps Lori Steimel Joe Steimel	Becky Brown Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Pam Durbin
Servers	Madeline Throesch Lucy Throesch Shiloh Orrick	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Raelyn Alphin	Parker Liebhaber Casyn Steimel Jaxon Kasinger	Madeleine Throesch Haley Stout Jaxon Steimel
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 15, 2026: $2338.00 BRAD: $10.00 100th anniversary donation: $100.00

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.

THANKSGIVING MASS: Thanksgiving Mass this year will be held at **St. John's.** Holy Mass will begin at **9:00AM.**

SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHEDULE - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: This is a Holy Day of Obligation with several Masses to choose from. The schedule is as follows: Monday December 7th 5:00PM at Corning; Tuesday the 8th at 9:00AM St. Paul's; **Tuesday December 8th 6:00AM St. John's**.

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.

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.

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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.

DATES TO REMBEMBER

Adult Christmas Party – December 11th
Children's Christmas Party – December 15th

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Monday
November 23
Weekday
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5
Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday
November 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 14:14–19
Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday
November 25
Weekday
Rv 15:1–4
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday
November 26
Thanksgiving Day (USA)
Sir 50:22–24
1 Cor 1:3–9
Lk 17:11–19

Friday
November 27
Weekday
Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2
Lk 21:29–33

Saturday
November 28
Weekday
Rv 22:1–7
Lk 21:34–36

Sunday
November 29
First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7
1 Cor 1:3–9
Mk 13:33–37



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Artificial intelligence now demands to be "disarmed," freed from logics that turn it into an instrument of domination, exclusion, and death. Like nuclear energy, it must be at the service of all and of the common good. Decisions about technology must never be separated from conscience and responsibility.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 25, 2026

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