



The Gradual Road to Ruin

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

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Reflect

Am I aware of a sin that has become easy to commit?

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Oct 3, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault, d

Sunday Oct 4, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Paul & Jeff Leister, d; John Thielemier, d; Treva Throesch, d

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Monday Oct 5, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday Oct 6, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d

Wednesday Oct 7, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Aaron Jansen, d

Thursday Oct 8, 2026

12:00 pm St John Mass

Int: Max Baltz, d; Dr Albert Baltz, d;

Dan Joe, Dave & Jennifer Wren, d

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Lawrence & Vitus Thielemier, d

Friday Oct 9, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Justin Baltz, d

Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Oct 10, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Earledean Baltz, d

Sunday Oct 11, 2026

8:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

10:30 am St John 100th Anniversary Mass

Int: L/D members of St John Parish; L/D Priest that have served @ St John's

Sacristan Schedule

October 10- Chris Baltz Oct 11- Jeff Evers
Oct 17- Susan Meier Oct 18- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
Oct 24- Nick DeClerk Oct 25- Scott & Abby Tyler

Financial Report	
October 1, 2026	\$6,843.84
2026 year to date	\$311,091.27
Children's Collection	\$150.00
St Joseph July 2026	\$2,289.00
DOLR September 2026	\$344.00
Food Bank, September 2026	\$1,102.00



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

Church Cleaning Schedule Oct 4 - Sarah Counts, Rene' Tyler, Karen Starr, Rita Rowe. 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 October 10, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff

Cups: Paul Yemma, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Peyton Radcliff, Abel & Riles Johnson

8:00 am Sunday October 11, 2026

Host Ministers: Shelly James, Terri Jansen

Cups: Monica Loyd, Michelle Olvey

Cups: Jill Neely, Jennifer Nichols

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan, Kipton, Sawyer Jansen

6:00 pm Saturday October 17, 2026

Host Ministers: DC Drake, Chris Baltz

Cups: Rose Hutsell, Shea Niswonger

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Kelly Throesch

Altar Servers: Aubrey & Cannon Hogan, Avery Seagraves

10:30 am Sunday October 18, 2026

Host Ministers: DC Drake, Cyndy Busick

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Angie DeClerk, Claire Garoutte

Altar Servers: Leo & Etta Clark, Caroline Thielemier

6:00 pm Saturday October 24, 2026

Host Ministers: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Luke, Jacob & Blakley Jansen

10:30 am Sunday October 25, 2026

Host Ministers: Shelly James, Terri Jansen

Cups: Monica Loyd, Jill Neely

Cups: Michelle Olvey, Brin Presley

Altar Servers: Cash Cox, Aven Thielemier, John Henry Garoutte

Nursing Home & Homebound

October: Teresa Baltz, Belinda Ward

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:

October: **Saturday:** Trish Thielemier **Sunday:** Bridget Tedder

Ushers for October:

Saturday: Benny Baltz, Nick DeClerk

Sunday: Richard Blount, Doug Thielemier

CYM BAKE SALE: Annual CYM Bake Sale will be held on **Sunday October 25th following the 10:30 am Mass.** Parishioners who would like to support this wonderful cause are asked to bring their donations to the Church office before the 10:30 am Mass. Thank you for your generosity & continued support of our CYM.

Choir practice for midnight Mass has begun. It's not too late to join! **Email Catherine Jarrett at cathyj9623@hotmail.com.** Practice is on Monday's @ 6 pm at the church.

Mass schedule Change - Sunday, October 11th. St Paul Mass will be at 8:00 am. St John Mass will be at 10:30 am. Following the 10:30 am Mass at Engelberg, everyone is invited to attend the 100th Anniversary luncheon at St John's Hall.

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.

Shea Niswonger is needing a part time babysitter for her baby girl Lennon. Please call Shea @ 870-378-7432 or Angie Capps @ 870-378-0564.

We will have our annual Life Chain this Sunday Oct 4th from 2:00-3:00 pm at Overlook Park.

You may bring your lawn chairs & water. We will be praying for one hour in reparation for all the unborn who have lost their lives by abortion, and for mothers that they will choose life for their unborn babies. Please come & show your respect for all human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

"America needs Fatima" Rosary Rally

Please join us on Saturday Oct 10th at 12 pm at the new courthouse for the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally. Come together in prayer as we pray the rosary for our nation & for peace. All are welcome.

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

Good News!

October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 5:1–7 / Philippians 4:6–9 / Matthew 21:33–43

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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)
Friday	9:00AM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (School Year) 12:00 Noon Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (Summer)

Mass Intentions

October 3, 2026 – October 11, 2026

St. John Oct 4: Paul & Jeff Leister (d); Bob & John Thielemier (d); Treva Throesch (d) Thur Oct 8: Max Baltz (d); Dr. Albert Baltz (d); Dan Joe, Dave & Jennifer Wren (d) Sun Oct 11: Living & deceased members of St. John’s Parish; Living & deceased Priest that have served St. John’s	
St. Paul Sat Oct 3: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault (d) Sun Oct 4: Parishioners Tues Oct 6: Henry Dust (d) Wed Oct 7: Aaron Jansen (d)	Thur Oct 8: Lawrence & Vitus Thielemier (d) Fri Oct 9: Justin Baltz (d) Sat. Oct 10: Earldean Baltz (d) Sun Oct 11: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin	Priests	Mike Taylor Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber Jessica Stout	Mike Taylor Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber Jessica Stout
Servers	Madison Throesch Isaac Throesch Jaxon Steimel	Seminarians	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Raelyn Alphin	Caterina Throesch Caroline Stout Shiloh Orrick
Lectors	October: Maria Taylor & Amy McKenzie November: Brenda Liebhaber & Elaine Wallis			
Ushers	October: Dwain Hausman & Don Liebhaber November: Sid Thielemier & Bernard Thielemier			

Pastor Speaks
Dear Faith Family Members,
Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ. on 11th of October, we would celebrate the 100th anniversary of Saint John’s Catholic Church building Engleberg. I welcome you all for the celebration of the Holy Mass at 10:30 AM and the fellowship meal that follows.
Can you imagine how tremendously we had been blessed by God with the Holy Church standing there for such a long time? This Holy edifice had given an opportunity to grow and mature in the Catholic Faith. It was a sacred space for several generations. It was here God heard our prayers and wiped away our tears. We need to be proud of our Church that offers us the sacraments and the word of God to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.
On this auspicious occasion, let us remember the words of saint Paul, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? (1Cor 6:9).

Let us come to gather to rejoice and celebrate this remarkable milestone in the history of our faith community. May this celebration help us to be grateful to God for giving us our Church, Priests and an opportunity to grow our faith. May this celebration also help us to become the true body of Christ, continue to grow in relationship with the Lord and with each other. May we commit ourselves to support the needs of the Church.
I thank everyone who would give their time, treasures and talents to make this celebration fruitful. Through the intercession of Saint John, the Baptist, May God richly Bless and keep you all.
Fr. Samy

Weekly Financial Report

September 27, 2026 Loose Cash \$1830.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$236.00
100th Anniversary Collection: \$100.00

100th ANNIVERSAY OF CURRENT CHURCH: Next Sunday, October 11th we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our current Church. Mass will be at **10:30AM** with a meal following in the Parish Hall. Bishop Taylor will be here to celebrate, as well as several other Priest that have served our Parish.

BRING MEMORIAL PICTURES 100TH ANNIVERSARY: In order to honor our deceased loved ones, we are asking Parishioners to bring 5 X 7 or smaller framed photos to be placed in the window sills when you arrive for Mass on the 11th. If you have any questions please contact Maria Taylor at 870-810-2309.

LIFE CHAIN MARCH: The annual Life Chain will be this Sunday, October 4, from 2-3 PM starting at Over Look Park. Praying for an end to abortion and our nation.

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES: We are making a 100th anniversary book. We are looking for any First Communion pictures that weren’t included in the 125th anniversary book. If you have any, please contact Becky Brown, Jane Smith or Johnathan Wren.

FALL FESTIVAL: Fall Festival this year will be Sunday November 1st. We will again be having the meal, raffle, bingo and the online & in-person auction. If you have anything to donate, please contact Jessica Stout 870-378-0300 or Rose Throesch 870-378-6282. Additional information about the festival will come soon.

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Josephine Mary (Father Samy’s mother) Suzanne (Wren) Broadway, Kogan Vaughn, Doris Flanigan, Samuel Thompson, Lisa (Baltz) Riggs, 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.

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 OCIA 9:00 am Confirmation Retreat 8:00-5:00 Woman's Bible Study 6:00	5	6	7 PRE/CYM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:15 in the school cafeteria	8	9 Pep rally in the gym 9:00 Woman's retreat 5:30 in the PLC	10 Woman's retreat Continued Mass at 8:00 then retreat until 400
11 OCIA 9:00 St. Johns 100 th Ann. Woman's Bible Study 6:00	12	13	14 PRE/CYM	15	16	17
18 OCIA 9:00 Woman's Bible Study 6:00	19	20	21 PRE/CYM Living Rosary 6:15	22	23	24
25 OCIA 9:00 CYM Bake Sale after 10:30 mass Woman's Bible Study	26	27	28 PRE/CYM	29	30	31

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

“PRAY WITH THE POPE” VIDEO MESSAGE, MARCH 2026

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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

October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday

October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday

October 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10