



## Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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### Reflect

***Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?***

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



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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**

##### **Twenty Seventh Sunday in**

##### **Ordinary Time**

##### **Saturday, October 4**

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d.

##### **Sunday October 5**

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Karen (Peters) James, d

& Harold Ungerank, d.

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

##### **Monday October 6**

No Mass

##### **Tuesday October 7**

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d

##### **Wednesday October 8**

9:00AM St Paul Mass

Int: Bernard Baltz, d

6:15 PM St Paul Mass

PRE Mass

Int: Dr Albert Baltz

##### **Thursday, October 9**

12:00 PM St John Mass

Int: JC & Janet Peters, d Dan

Joe, Dave & Jennifer Wren, d

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Frances Baltz, d

##### **Friday, October 10**

9:00 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Jim Adkins, d

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##### **Saturday, October 11**

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Earledean Baltz, d

##### **Sunday October 12**

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Wilma Wren, d Dan, Cath-

erine & Martin Wren, d

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

#### **Sacristan Schedule**

October 11 - Robert Sorg October 12 - Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

October 18 - Joan Gross October 19 - Jeff Evers

October 25 - Alex Baltz October 26 - Scott & Kim Hills

November 1 - Nick DeClerk November 2 - Scott & Abby Tyler

Financial Report	
October 5, 2025	\$6,473.64
2025 year to date	\$332,290.64
Children's Collection	\$76.00
St Joseph, September	
DOLR	\$1,751.25
Food Bank, August 2025	\$1,060.00



**BECAUSE VIBRANT  
CHURCHES MATTER**

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



**Church Cleaning Committee-Schedule** October 12 - Su-  
 san Meier, Monica Loyd, Jo Ann Gutterman, Joan Gross.  
**To volunteer to join a group and help maintain our**  
**church, call the office or ask someone to join group.**

## Eucharistic Ministers/Altar Servers Schedule

### 6:00 PM Saturday October 11, 2025

Host Ministers: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Kelly Throesch, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Peyton Radcliff, Abel & Riles Johnson

### 10:30 AM Sunday October 12, 2025

Host Ministers: Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Debbie Hibbard

Cups: Terri Jansen, Jill Neely

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan & Kipton Jansen, Cash Cox

### 6:00PM Saturday, October 18, 2025

Host Ministers: De Drake, Mitch Baltz,

Cups: Paul Yemma, Christie Yemma

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Teresa Baltz

Altar Servers: Luke, Jacob & Blakely Jansen

### 10:30 AM Sunday October 19, 2025

Host Ministers: De Drake, Kim Hills

Cups: Cyndy Busick, Jennifer Nichols

Cups: Shelly James, Monica Loyd

Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Owen Smith, Aven Thielemier

### 6:00 PM Saturday October 25, 2025

Host Ministers: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Kelly Throesch, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Zoey Hibbard, Avery Seagraves

### 10:30 AM Sunday October 26, 2025

Host Ministers: Jill Neely, Jennifer Nichols

Cups: Michelle Olvey, Abby Tyler

Cups: Rene' Tyler, Brin Presley

Altar Servers: Leo & Etta Clark, Austin James

**Life Chain**-Life chain is a nationwide peaceful & prayerful public witness of pro-life. This Sunday October 5th from 2-3PM at the Black River Overlook Park.

### Ushers for October:

**Saturday:** Benny Baltz, Nick DeClerk

**Sunday:** Richard Blount, Doug Thielemier, Mark Reed

**Thank you to The Good Neighbor Committee** and all the people who prepared food for the funeral meal for the family of Albert Frankenberger. We really enjoyed and appreciate you all. God Bless you all, and many thanks Nancy, Britt, Laura Frankenberger and family.

## October is Respect Life Month

Help us celebrate the gift of life all October long! **Parish Rosary**- will be prayed 30 minutes before each Mass at St. Paul's throughout October.

Questions or want to help contact Allison Swann, The Respect Life Coordinator @ 870-219-9824.

The Family of Dr. Albert Baltz would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our church parishioners & friends for the love, prayers and support during this difficult time. We especially want to thank Father Stephen, the musicians, altar servers and church staff for the beautiful services. We appreciate St Paul's and St Johns Good Neighbor Committees for the delicious meal. May God bless each of you for the comfort and strength you have given our family.

### For the families of Dr. Albert Baltz, Kevin "Booner" James Wolf Jr, and Max Baltz:

Grant us peace and solace in our hearts, and let Your light shine upon their spirit. May we find strength in cherished memories and trust in Your eternal love. Amen.

### The Knights of Columbus :

Council Meeting- Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

KC Golf Tournament- Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Joe Bergman, Kelly McCandless, David Bassford, Debbie Junkersfeld, Jan Richardson, Ella Scobey, Tommy O'Donnell, Stephanie Garner, Dennis Blount, River Bridgeforth, Les McPherson,, Bridgette Kasinger, Gary Baltz, Jacqueline 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, David Weick, Christina Smith, Dorothy Hoelscher, Mike Cook, Tim Junkersfeld, Arkie DeClerk, Leonard Thielemier, Nekayah Thomas, Virginia Sacher, Brooke Junkersfeld, Joe T Carroll, Lane Clayton, Jo Vatsula, Jim Kick, Gladys Zosso, Richard Jenkins, and Keith Broadway.



Good News!

October 5, 2025  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

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Dear Padre

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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)
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**Mass Intentions**

*October 4, 2025 – October 12, 2025*

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<b><u>St. Paul</u></b> Sat. Oct 4: Henry Dust (d) Sun, Oct 5: For the Parishioners Tues, Oct 7: Henry Dust (d) Wed, Oct 8: Bernard Baltz (d) 6:15 PRE: Dr. Albert Baltz Thur, Oct 9: Frances Baltz (d) Fri. Oct 10: Jim Adkins (d) Sat. Oct 11: Earldean Baltz (d) Sun, Oct 12: For the Parishioners

**Ministry Schedule**

	October 5th	October 12th	October 19th	October 26th
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Stella Steimel Lori Steimel Joe Steimel Becky Brown	Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Jim Bergman Lori Bergman	Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Jim Bergman Lori Bergman	Pam Durbin Mike Taylor Deb Martin Patty House
<b>Servers</b>	Isaac Throesch Parker Liebhaber Madeleine Throesch	Lucy Throesch Caroline Stount Henry Taylor	Perry Throesch Jaxon Kasinger Catarina Throesch	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Casyn Steimel
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>October:</b> Bridgette Kasinger & Rebecca Steimel <b>November:</b> Elaine Wallis & Maria Taylor			
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>October:</b> Dickie Flanigan & Ron Zitzelberger <b>November:</b> Sid Thielemier & Bernard Thielemier			
<b>Money Counters</b>	<b>October:</b> Jessica Stout, Joe & Lori Steimel <b>November:</b> Chuck & Mary Barnes, Betty Taylor			

**Weekly Financial Report**

<b>September 28, 2025</b>	Loose Cash:	\$331.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$1415.00
Catechetical Sunday:		\$40.00	Votive Candles	\$61.00

**FALL FESTIVAL CHAIR PERSON’S NEEDED:** We are in need of volunteers to be in charge of the FOOD and RAFFLE committee. Anyone interested please contact Father Stephen as soon as possible. A special thanks to Tina Sharp and Jane Smith for leading the food committee, and Ellen Thielemier and Elaine Wallis for heading the Raffle for the past several years.

**LIFE CHAIN MARCH:** Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3PM at the Black River Overlook Park. It is a nationwide peaceful & prayerful public witness of pro-life. Americans standing together for one hour to silently pray for an end to abortion in our nation where millions of babies have lost their lives to this procedure. A selection of signs will be provided.

**POKER RUN:** Ladie’s of Grace will be hosting a fund raiser for Safe Haven Baby Box. The poker run will be held this afternoon, leaving the hall at **3:00PM**. Entry fee will be \$30 a hand including a pizza meal. Half the pot gets split between winners and other half of the pot goes towards the Safe Haven Baby Box.

**HALL WORK DAY:** In preparation for the Fall Festival, we will be having a work day on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. All volunteers and tools are welcome.

**OCTOBER-RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** Rosary each Sunday in October will be for Respect Life, St Paul will be having a baby item drive all month. Donate new baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, onesies, blankets, etc.) Drop off at church office or contact Allison Swann for pick-up. Respect Life Trivia Night with Father Stephen, Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in Life Center. More details coming.

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS:** We are still in need of volunteers to help to regularly clean the Church. Contact Lori Steimel at 870-758-0435 to volunteer for a month of cleaning.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Halloween Hayride – Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Festival – November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
All Soul’s cemetery blessing – November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Children’s Christmas Party – December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Adult Christmas Party – December 12<sup>th</sup>

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** “Not only are we to receive and adore the Eucharist, we must live the Eucharist. We are to let the rays of mercy from the monstrance pass through us and go out through all the world.” – St. Faustina 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, Red Oaks, 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, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.



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- All donations will go to Light in the Darkness Women and Children's Shelter in Pocahontas.

### Respect Life Trivia Night with Father Stephen

- Wednesday, October 22 • Life Center
- More details coming soon—mark your calendars!

### Parish Rosary

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### Monday

October 6

*Weekday*

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

### Tuesday

October 7

*Our Lady of the*

*Rosary*

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

### Wednesday

October 8

*Weekday*

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

### Thursday

October 9

*Weekday*

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

### Friday

October 10

*Weekday*

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

### Saturday

October 11

*Weekday*

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

### Sunday

October 12

*Twenty-eighth*

*Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time*

2 Kgs 5:14–17

2 Tm 2:8–13

Lk 17:11–19



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.***

**ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025**