



Who Are You Wearing?

MIGUEL DULICK

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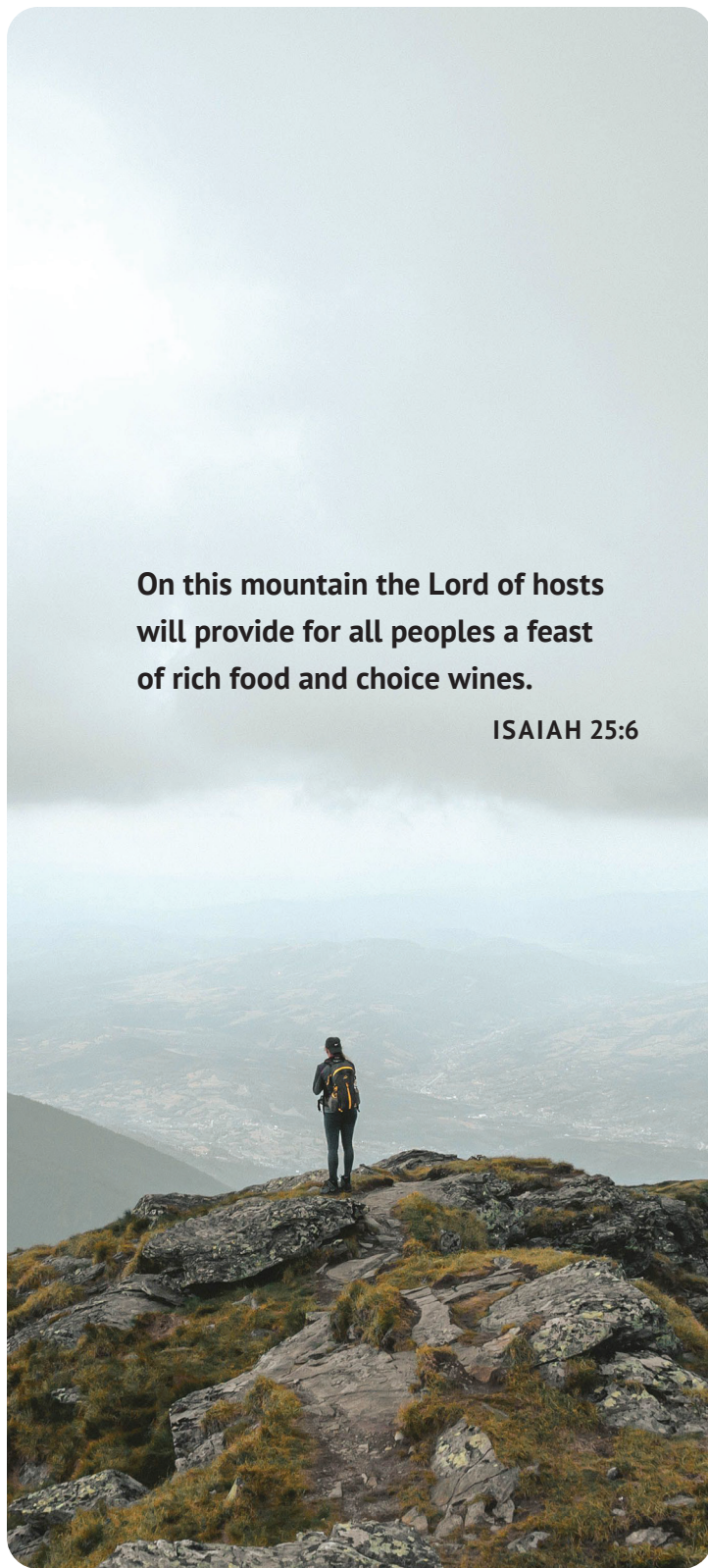
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**On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples a feast
of rich food and choice wines.**

ISAIAH 25:6



Reflect

Do I show up to the banquet (the Eucharist) prepared to listen, pray, and be fed?

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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.

Mass Schedule

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

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

5:30 pm Rosary

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

Monday Oct 12, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday Oct 13, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Dr Albert Baltz, d

Wednesday Oct 14, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Barbara Schmidt Weaver, d; Gaylon Weaver, d

Thursday Oct 15, 2026

12:00 pm St John Mass

Int: JC & Janet Peters, d; Dr Greg & Mary Thielemier, d; Dick & Sarah Thielemier, d

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Mildred Ann King, d

Friday Oct 16, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Thomas Lindner, d

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Oct 17, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

5:30 pm Holy Rosary

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: L/D members of Ferd & Anna Sorg family

Sunday Oct 18, 2026

8 am St John Mass

Int: Pat, Minnie, Tommy O'Donnell, d; Pat Parker, d; Dec'd members of Bernie & Anna Thielemier family

10:00 am Holy Rosary

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

Oct 17- Susan Meier Oct 18- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Oct 24- Nick DeClerk Oct 25- Scott & Abby Tyler

Oct 31- Alex Baltz - Nov 1- Jeff Evers

Financial Report	
October 8, 2026	\$23,525.77
2026 year to date	\$334,617.04
Children's Collection	\$104.00
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 17 - Susan Meier, Monica Loyd, Dayna Difani, JoAnn Guterman, Sherry Curran. 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 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

KC meeting October 14, 2026 at 8:00 pm at the KC Hall.

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

November: **Saturday:** David Vaughn

Sunday: Claire Garoutte

Ushers for October:

Saturday: Benny Baltz, Nick DeClerk

Sunday: Richard Blount, Doug Thielemier

October 21, 2026 the Living Rosary will be held at the Grotto at 6:15pm. Join the PRE class as they say the Holy Rosary.

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.

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.

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.

Special Collection Next weekend for World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday helps Pope Leo support the 1,130 missionary dioceses & territories under his special care. World Mission Sunday is the most important opportunity in the year for Catholics to do so. Please help Pope Leo help the missionaries everywhere.

Catholic Kids Club will be hosting a trunk or treat at St John's Hall on October 24th at 4:30 pm. They will be serving Chili afterwards. Everyone is welcome. Anyone wanting to volunteer to do a trunk please contact Laura Throesch 870-810-3746 or Christina Cox 870-810-1853. **Next week Kids Club is Oct 18th at 4:30 pm** the lesson will be about All Saints Day & All Souls Day. Activity will be Saints Bingo 6+, pumpkin magnets 5 & under. Snacks chips & dip.

2026 Fall into Christmas craft bazaar. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Hall. October 23rd- 24th. Friday noon- 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00pm. Please join us for our annual craft bazaar. 320 W Free St Walnut Ridge

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

Good News!

October 11, 2026
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 25:6–10a / Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20 / Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

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Dear Padre

October 11, 2026

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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

Sun Oct 11: Living & deceased members of St. John's Parish; Living & deceased Priest that have served St. John's
 Thur Oct 15: JC & Janet Peters (d); Dr. Greg & Mary Thielemier (d); Dick & Sarah Thielemier (d)
 Sun Oct 18: Pat, Minnie & Tommy O'Donnell (d); Pat Parker (d); Deceased members of Bennie & Anna Thielemier fam

St. Paul

Sat. Oct 10: Earldean Baltz (d)	Thur Oct 15: Mildred Ann King (d)
Sun Oct 11: Parishioners	Fri Oct 16: Thomas Lindner(d)
Tues Oct 13: Dr. Albert Baltz (d)	Sat. Oct 17: L & D Members of Ferd & Anna Sorg fam
Wed Oct 14: Barbara Schidt & Gaylon Weaver (d)	Sun Oct 18: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
Eucharistic Ministers	Priests	Mike Taylor Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber Jessica Stout	Mike Taylor Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber Jessica Stout	Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Linda Elmore Rebecca Steimel
Servers	Seminarians	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Raelyn Alphin	Caterina Throesch Caroline Stout Shiloh Orrick	Parker Liebhaber Haley Stout Casyn Steimel
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

HAPPY 100TH ANIVERSARY TO OUR CURRENT CHURCH

October 4, 2026	Loose Cash	\$416.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$2840.00
	Hall Rental:	\$150.00	Anniversary Donation:	\$100.00

100th ANNIVERSARY OF CURRENT CHURCH: This 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. Please bring a dish. Bishop Taylor will be here to celebrate, as well as several other Priest that have served our Parish.

CATHOLIC KIDS CLUB: October 18th at 4:30PM. Lesson: All Saints and All Souls Day.
Activity: All Saints Bingo 6+ and foam pumpkin magnet for ages 1-5. Chips and dip for snack.

TRUNK OR TREAT: October 24th at 4:30PM. Any volunteers to do a trunk please contact Laura Throesch 870-810-3746 or Christina Cox 870-810-1853.

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. The deadline for on-line donations is October 22nd and will run from October 24th to 30th. 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.

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the face of...the tragic situations of injustice, violence, and suffering that mark our time, it is essential that our faith be alert, attentive, and prophetic. It should likewise open our eyes to the darkness of the world and bring to others the light of the gospel through our commitment to peace, justice, and solidarity.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 15, 2026

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Monday

October 12

Weekday

Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1

Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

October 13

Weekday

Gal 5:1–6

Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

October 14

Weekday

Gal 5:18–25

Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:1–10

Lk 11:47–54

Friday

October 16

Weekday

Eph 1:11–14

Lk 12:1–7

Saturday

October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:15–23

Lk 12:8–12

Sunday

October 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4–6

1 Thes 1:1–5b

Mt 22:15–21