

**Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.**

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

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Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

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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.

Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
1415 Harb Street , Corning AR 72422
Mailing Address 800 Eleventh St,
Corning, AR 72422

Mass Schedule

Twenty Ninth Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

Saturday, October 18

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Joseph & Joanna

Thibeault, d & Bob & Lil

Gogan, d

Sunday October 19

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Victor Throesch, d. Dick

& Sarah Thielemier, d

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Monday October 20

No Mass

Tuesday October 21

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Thurman Kerst, d

Wednesday October 22

9:00AM St Paul Mass

Int: Shirley Sorg, d Joe Agnes

Bergman, d

Thursday, October 23

12:00 PM St John Mass

Int: Loretta Layton d, Dick &

Doris Flanigan, (healing)

Int: 6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Tyler White, d

Friday, October 24

9:00 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Jim Adkins, d

Thirtieth Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

Saturday, October 25

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Robert & Helen Decker

Gschwend, d Ronnie Rose, d

Sunday October 26

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Bob & John Thielemier d,

Living & deceased members of

George & Dolores Thielemier

family.

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

October 25 - Alex Baltz October 26 - Scott & Kim Hills
 November 1 - Nick DeClerk November 2 - Scott & Abby Tyler
 November 8 - Susan Meier November 9 - Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
 November 15- Joan Gross November 16- Jeff Evers

Financial Report	
October 12, 2025	\$12,555.69
2025 year to date	\$354,286.33
Children's Collection	\$129.00
St Joseph, September	\$2,446.00
DOLR	\$1,751.25
Food Bank, September 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 Schedule October 26 - Judith Meier, Gina
 Higginbotham, Anna Higginbotham, Barbara Seagraves, **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 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

6:00PM Saturday November 1, 2025

Host Ministers: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Rose Hutsell, Trish Theilemier

Cups: Shea Niswonger, Joan Gross

Altar Servers: Luke, Jacob, Blakely Jansen

10:30 AM Sunday November 2, 2025

Host Ministers: Abby Tyler, Cyndi Busick

Cups: Monica Loyd, Terri Jansen

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Brin Presley

Altar Servers: Keegan Presley, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

6:00 PM Saturday November 8, 2025

Host Ministers: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Avery Seagraves, Valentina Nguyen

10:30 AM Sunday November 9, 2025

Host Ministers: Shelly James, Monica Loyd

Cups: Jennifer Nichols, Jill Neely

Cups: Jennifer Hibbard, Debbie Hibbard

Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard, Owen Smith, Caroline Thielemier

KC Golf Tournament- 1st Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament October 25, 2025
10Am tee time @ Rolling Hills Country Club.
Please contact Parker Sutton @ 870-378-2001 for more information.

St Johns Fall Festival: November 2 @ 11AM

Awards Banquet/Pie Auction: November 15.

October is Respect Life Month

Help us celebrate the gift of life all October long! Questions or want to help - contact Allison Swann @ 870-219-9824.

Parish Rosary- will be prayed 30 minutes before each Mass at St. Paul's throughout October.

October 22- Respect Life Trivia @ 6PM with a chili dinner. Please join us at the Parish life center. Everyone is welcome. Hosted by Father Elser.

October 26 - CYM Bake Sale, T-Shirt sale after 10:30 am Mass. CYM needs bake goods donated for the sale. Contact church office if you would like to donate a baked good.

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Fall into Christmas Craft Bazaar October 24-25

Immaculate Heart of Mary

320 W Free St Walnut Ridge.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Joe Bergman, 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, James Lamb, Steve Bodden, Linda Davenport and Keith Broadway.

Good News!

October 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8

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Dear Padre

October 19, 2025

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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 19, 2025 – October 26, 2025

St. John

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St. Paul

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Sun, Oct 19: For the Parishioners
Tues Oct 21: Thurman Kerst (d)
Wed, Oct 22: Shirley Sorg (d); Joe Agnes Bergman (d)
Thur, Oct 23: Tyler White (d)
Fri. Oct 24: Jim Adkins (d)
Sat. Oct 25: Robert & Helen Decker Gshwend (d); Ronnie Rose (d)
Sun, Oct 26: For the Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	October 19th	October 26th	November 2nd	November 9th
Eucharistic Ministers	Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Jim Bergman Lori Bergman	Pam Durbin Mike Taylor Deb Martin Patty House	Pam Durbin Mike Taylor Deb Martin Patty House	Jenniet Galvan Brenda Liebhaber Angie Capps Dwayne Capps
Servers	Perry Throesch Jaxon Kasinger Catarina Throesch	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Casyn Steimel	Kadence McKenzie Max Hoose Jaxon Steimel	Henry Taylor Isaac Throesch Parker Liebhaber
Lectors	October: Bridgette Kasinger & Rebecca Steimel November: Elaine Wallis & Maria Taylor			
Ushers	October: Dickie Flanigan & Ron Zitzelberger November: Sid Thielemier & Bernard Thielemier			
Money Counters	October: Jessica Stout, Joe & Lori Steimel November: Chuck & Mary Barnes, Betty Taylor			

Weekly Financial Report

October 12, 2025	Loose Cash:	\$414.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$2115.00
	BRAD:	\$283.00	Hall Rental:	\$150.00

ST JOHN’S FALL FESTIVAL: Fall Festival will be Sunday November 2nd.

*Turkey and Dressing meal will be from 11AM-1PM \$10 adult, \$5 kid. We are happy to announce that Holly Gill will be chairing the meal this year. Once again, this year our carry out meals will be available by pre-order only. (This is to prevent standing in line so long). Contact Tina Sharp at 870-378-1041 by October 26 to get your pre-order in. Also please bring a dessert to serve with the meal.

*The silent auction will have some items online and some in person at the event. The online auction will be run through St. John’s Facebook page from October 25th – October 31st. Donations for online need to be turned in by October 23rd. To donate contact Jessica Stout 870-378-0300 or Rose Throesch 870-378-6282.

*We are happy to announce that Jennifer Hare, Patty Hoose, and Becky Brown will be chairing the raffle this year. Raffle tickets are available for pickup and purchase. We will also have our usual bingo and kid games, with some exciting new additions!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas. By baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church. This means they are called to share their faith as missionaries. The World Mission Sunday Collection gathers funds to be distributed in the pope’s name to support the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: Our three parishes have decided it’s time for our new pictorial directory. The dates will be Nov 11-14 from 2PM-8:30PM, Dec 3-5 from 2PM-8:30PM. And Dec 6 from 10AM-4PM at the Parish Life Center. Please contact Kelly Steimel at 870-758-5106. We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. See the insert for information on how to schedule your appointment.

HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE: This year’s annual event will be held Sunday October 26th. If you are interested in being a stop or need more information, contact Johnathan Wren 870-202-3727.

SAVE THE DATES: All Saints Day Masses

October 31st: 9AM School Mass (Grandparents Day), 4PM St. Joseph the Worker (Corning), 6PM St. John the Baptist (Engelberg)

November 1st: 10AM St. Paul (Pocahontas)

Fall Festival – November 2nd

All Soul’s cemetery blessing – November 9th

Children’s Christmas Party – December 9th

Adult Christmas Party – December 12th

St. Paul school bazaar – December 13th & 14th

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, 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, Gladly Zosso, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.

POCAHONTAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 MILLAGE CAMPAIGN

INFORMATIONAL

MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2025



**FOLLOWING 10:30
AM MASS**



PARISH LIFE CENTER





October is Respect Life Month

Help us celebrate the gift of life all October long!

Baby Item Drive (All Month)

- Donate new baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, onesies, blankets, etc.).
- Drop off at the church office, or contact Allison Swann for pick-up.
- 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!

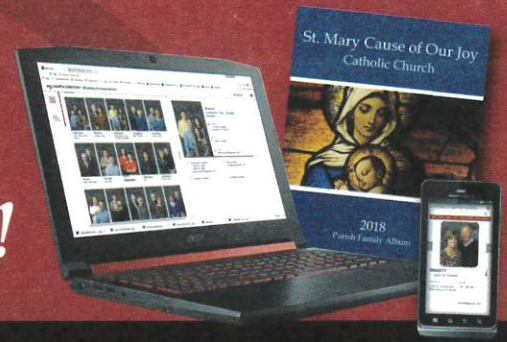
Parish Rosary

- The Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before each Mass at St. Paul's throughout October.

Questions or want to help?

Contact Allison Swann, Respect Life Coordinator, at 870-219-9824.

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter ar166 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**

St. Paul's Catholic School is proud to present: "All Aboard for the Love of Jesus!"

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 13th:

- Miss Merry Christmas Pageant - 10am
- Santa's Express (our children's event for ages 3-12) 6:30pm - 9:30pm - drop off and pick up in the School Cafeteria
- pizza, snacks, and lots of fun!
- \$35 per child
- Bingo night - 7:15pm - in the Parish Life Center
- bingo card - \$5
- concessions will be available for purchase!

Sunday, December 14th, 11:30-1:30

- BBQ Lunch - \$8 for kids and \$12 for adults; to go plates will be available for purchase
- Silent online auction, with assistance available during the event to make bids
- Booths, including our candy booth, religious booth, kids gift shop, and more!
- Kids drop ticket event
- Raffles
- Cake Walk
- Pictures with Santa

**This is our largest fundraiser of the year,
and we hope to see our incredible
community and Church Family join us
for a weekend of fun and fellowship!**



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: “My peace I give to you” (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by

eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

**AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025**



ERREROBERTO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20–25
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17–19, 20b–21
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12–18
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19–23
Lk 12:49–53

Friday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18–25a
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1–11
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18
2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18
Lk 18:9–14