



Love Is a Verb

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Reflect

Do I think of love as a feeling or as an action—as a noun or a verb?



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

MATTHEW 22:37, 39

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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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time Saturday Oct 24, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

5:30 pm Holy Rosary

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Bob & Lil Gogan, d

Sunday Oct 25, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Lee Taylor, d; Bob & John

Thielemier, d; Madeleine

Throesch, d

10:00 am Holy Rosary

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Monday Oct 26, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday Oct 27, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Thomas Lindner, d

Wednesday Oct 28, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Shirley Sorg, d

Thursday Oct 29, 2026

No Mass

Friday Oct 30, 2026

No Mass

Solemnity of All Saints Day Satur- day Oct 31, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

5:30 Holy Rosary

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault, d

All Saints Day Sunday Nov 1, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Marie Peters, d; Wilma Wren, d;

Dc'd members Carl & Emma

Throesch family

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

Oct 31- Alex Baltz - Nov 1- Jeff Evers

Nov 7- Susan Meier Nov 8- Josh & Jill Neely

Nov 14- Chris Baltz Nov 15- Scott & Abby Tyler

Financial Report	
October 22, 2026	\$5,912.00
2026 year to date	\$347,668.16
Children's Collection	\$27.00
St Joseph August 2026	\$3,274.00
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 31 - Judith Meier,
Anna Mae Higginbotham, Barbara Seagraves, Kathy
Adkins. To volunteer to join a group & help main-
tain our church call the office or ask someone to
join a group.**

Eucharistic Ministers/Altar Servers Schedule

6:00 pm Saturday October 31, 2026

Host Ministers: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Shea Niswonger, Kelly Throesch

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Keegan Presley, Valentina Nguyen

10:30 am November 1, 2026

Host Ministers: Cyndy Busick, Angie DeClerk

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Shelly James

Cups: Terri Jansen, Monica Loyd

6:00 pm November 7, 2026

Host Ministers: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Cups: Rose Hutsell, Trish Thielemier

10:30 am November 8, 2026

Host Ministers: Jill Neely, Michelle Olvey

Cups: Jennifer Nichols, Brin Presley

Cups: Veronica Rose, Rene' Tyler

Altar Servers: Leo & Etta Clark, Caroline Thielemier

6:00 pm Saturday November 14, 2026

Host Ministers: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Shea Niswonger, Kelly Throesch

Altar Servers: Peyton & Reese Radcliff, Riles Johnson

10:30 am Sunday November 15, 2026

Host Ministers: Abby Tyler, Angie DeClerk

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Shelly James, Terri Jansen

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan, Kipton & Sawyer Jansen

6:00 pm November 21, 2026

Host Ministers: De Drake, Maggie Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Aubrey & Cannon Hogan, Avery Seagraves

10:30 am Sunday November 22, 2026

Host Ministers: De Drake, Monica Loyd

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Abby Tyler

Cups: Cyndy Busick, Angie DeClerk

Altar Servers: Austin James, Cash Cox, John Henry Garoutte

Lectors November: Saturday: David Vaughn

Sunday: Claire Garoutte

Ushers for November:

Saturday: Joe Bergman, Bobby Meier, Kyle Sutton, Terry Throesch

Sunday: Pink Baltz, Todd Berry, Jeff Evers, Gordon Thielemier

Please join us, Friday Nov 6th at 9:00 am for our special St Paul School All Saints Day/Grandparents Day Mass. Following Mass we invite all grandparents to the parish life center for our grandparents day celebration.

Please join us as we gather in prayer to honor and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. **Wednesday, Nov 11th at 12:00 pm Mass at St Paul's Cemetery.**

Friday Nov 20th at 9:00 am Mass at the Columbarium. Fr Samy will celebrate both Masses as we remember the faithful departed and pray for the eternal rest of their souls.

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.

Blessing of the Pets. Please join us on Nov 14th at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center parking lot for a special blessings of the Pets. Bring your beloved pets as Fr Samy offers a special blessing for our furry friends. All pets and owners are welcome.

All Souls Month remembering our loved ones. During the month of November, we will honor & remember our loved ones who have gone before us with a special photo display at the altar. If you would like to include a photo of your loved one, please drop it off at the church office before Nov 1. Photos shall be no larger than a 5x7. Let us come together in prayerful remembrance of those who have gone before us. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Nursing Home & Homebound

November: Joan Gross, Jeanette Thielemier & Susan Meier

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.

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

Good News!

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 22:20–26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 / Matthew 22:34–40

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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 25, 2026 – November 1, 2026

St. John

Sun Oct 25: Lee Taylor (d); Bob & John Thielemier (d); Madeleine Throesch (d)

Thur Oct 29: NO MASS

Sun Nov 1: Marie Peters (d); Wilma Wren (d); deceased members of Carl & Emma Throesch family

St. Paul

Sat. Oct 24: Bob & Lil Gogan (d)

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Sun Nov 1: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	October 25	November 1	November 8	November 15
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike Taylor Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber Jessica Stout	Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Linda Elmore Rebecca Steimel	Kelly Alphin Pat Wren Linda Elmore Rebecca Steimel	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Stella Steimel
Servers	Caterina Throesch Caroline Stout Shiloh Orrick	Parker Liebhaber Haley Stout Casyn Steimel	Catarina Throesch Jaxon Kasinger Isaac Throesch	Madison Throesch Caroline 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

October 18 2026 Loose Cash \$290.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$1390.00
Mission Sunday: \$527.00 BRAD: \$30.00

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Pope Leo, 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.

THURSDAY MASS: There will not be a Thursday Mass October 29th.

FALL FESTIVAL: Fall Festival this year will be Sunday November 1st. We will again be having the meal, raffle, bingo, bull-drop 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.

FALL FESTIVAL: Meal will be from 11:00AM till 1:00PM. Price will be \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. Please remember to bring a dessert. If you haven't signed up to help, we will have sign-ups after Church this morning. Don't forget to pick up raffle tickets.

HALL SET-UP AND DECORATING: We will be setting up tables Sunday October 25th right after 8:00AM Mass. We will decorate on Tuesday the 27th at 6:30PM.

HIGH SCHOOL KIDS NEEDING SERVICE HOURS: We are in need of volunteers to help in various ways for our Fall Festival. Great way to serve the Church and get service hours toward graduation. Please text Cathy Hausman 870-219-2794

DATES TO REMEMBER Deacon Marlyn Tate 40th anniversary as Deacon – November 15th following 8AM Mass, Doughnuts in the Parish Hall.

Adult Christmas Party – December 11th

Children's Christmas Party – December 15th

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)

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



Health cannot be a luxury for the few.... Universal health coverage is not merely a technical goal to be achieved; it is primarily a moral imperative for societies that wish to call themselves just. Healthcare must

be accessible to the most vulnerable, then, not only because their dignity requires it but also to prevent injustice from becoming a cause of conflict.

**ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS,
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Monday

October 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32–5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday

October 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday

October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday

October 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday

October 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday

October 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday

November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a