



Next Up!

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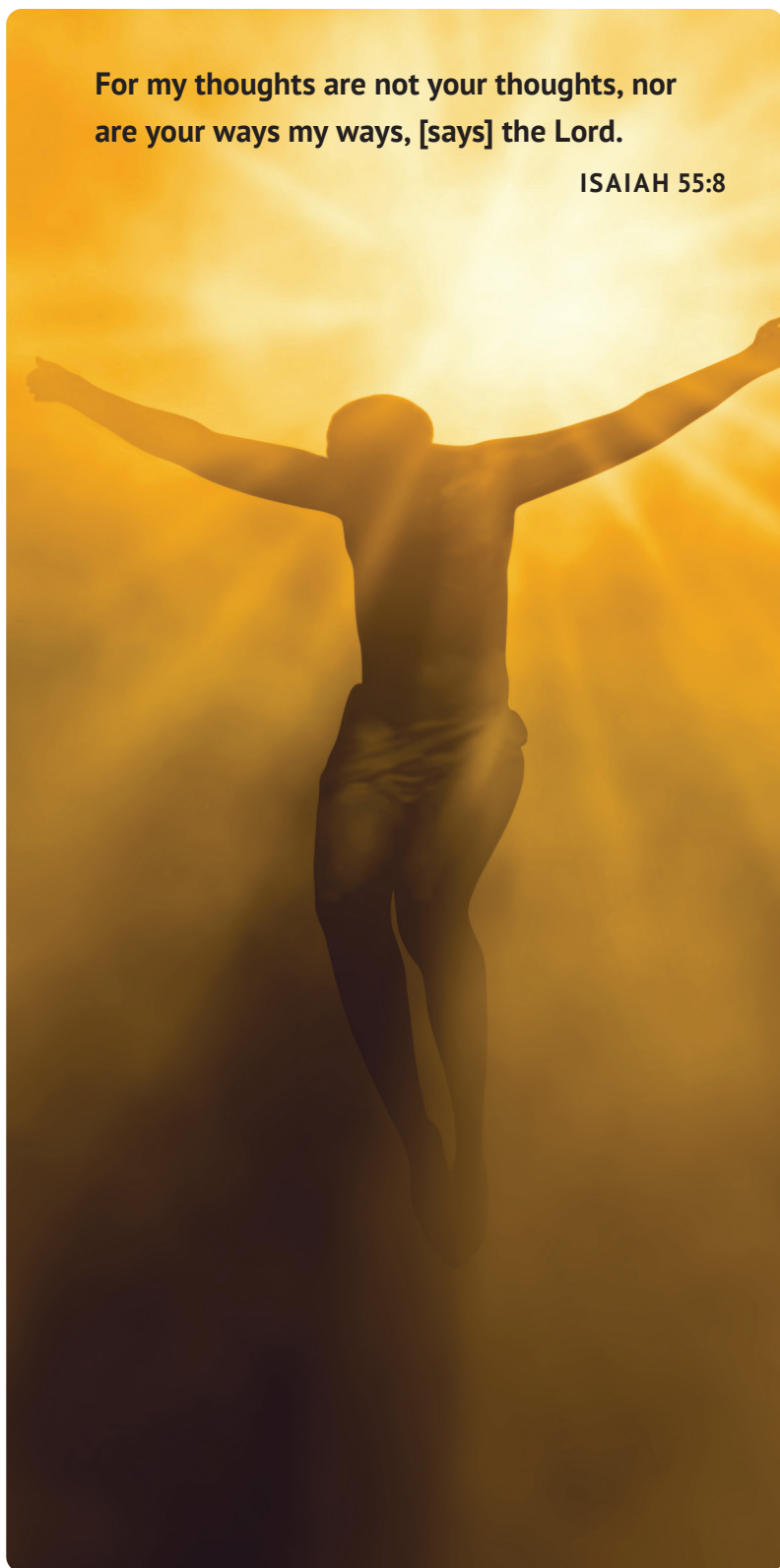


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For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways, [says] the Lord.

ISAIAH 55:8



Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

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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 Gottspomer 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Sept 19, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: William Brown, d; Kim Ray, d

Sunday Sept 20, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Romilda Hurn, d; Treva Throesch, d; D mem Benny & Anna Thielemier family

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Monday Sept 21, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday Sept 22, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Larry Pfeffer, d

Wednesday Sept 23, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Dr Albert Baltz, d

Thursday Sept 24 2026

No Mass or Confessions

Friday Sept 25, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Justin Baltz, d

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Sept 26, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Bob & Lil Gogan, d

Sunday Sept 27, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Marge Baltz, d; Madeleine Throesch, d; Paul Ruth & Tom Weisenbach

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

September 26- Susan Meier September 27- Scott & Abby Tyler

October 3- Nick DeClerk October 4- Josh & Jill Neely

October 10- Chris Baltz Oct 11- Jeff Evers

Financial Report	
September 17, 2026	\$8,347.30
2026 year to date	\$297,806.90
Children's Collection	\$120.00
St Joseph July 2026	\$2,289.00
DOLR August 2026	\$696.00
Food Bank, August 2026	951.07



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

Church Cleaning Schedule Sept 26 Roberta Waymon, Bridgette Rose, Teresa Baltz, Abby Tyler. **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, September 26, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Blakely Jansen, Avery Seagraves

10:30 am Sunday, Sunday September 27, 2026

Host Ministers: Cyndy Busick, Shelly James

Cups: Angie DeClerk, Claire Garoutte

Cups: Monica Loyd, Michelle Olvey

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan, Kipton, Sawyer Jansen

6:00 pm Saturday October 3, 2026

Host Minister: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Pauletta Walker

Cups: Shea Niswonger, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Keegan Presley, Austin James

10:30 am Sunday October 4, 2026

Host Ministers: Brin Presley, Veronica Rose

Cups: Rene' Tyler, Abby Tyler

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jenniger Hibbard

Altar Servers: Owen Smith, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

6:00 pm Saturday October 10, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Susan Meier, Paige Radcliff

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

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

Nursing Home & Homebound

September: Debbie Hibbard, Judith Meier, Veronica Rose

October: Teresa Baltz, Belinda Ward

Lectors:

September: Saturday: Tiffany Baltz - Sunday: Jill Neely

October: Saturday: Trish Thielemier Sunday: Bridget Tedder

OCIA- Class @ 9:00 am in the Parish Life center.

Ushers for September:

Saturday: Joey Radcliff, Joe Bergman

Sunday: Travis DeClerk, Chris Hoggard, Marty Moore, James Presley

October:

Saturday: Benny Baltz, Nick DeClerk

Sunday: Richard Blount, Doug Thielemier

Choir practice for midnight Mass will begin Sept 21 at 6 pm in the choir loft. It's not too late to join! **Email Catherine Jarrett at cathyj9623@hotmail.com**

In today's noisy world, how can you hear God's

voice? Fr John Marconi & Debbie Eckert, retreat leaders, will lead us in ways to hear God's voice. Register for the "Becoming More" Retreat at the Parish Life Center October 9-10th. Forms are in the church or stop by the church office.



For questions, contact Allison Swann @ 870-219-9824. Deadline to register is September 30th.

CYM BAKE SALE: Annual CYM Bake Sale will be held on **Sunday October 2nd 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 10:30am Mass. Thank you for your generosity & continued support of our CYM.

Opportunity to Serve:

Each year, we honor & thank our Golden Age Parishioners with a special celebration recognizing their many years of faith, service & dedication to our parish. Many of our Golden Agers continue to serve faithfully & now we have the opportunity for the next generation to step forward. We are looking for **YOUNGER** parishioners both women & men to help us honor & thank those who have given so much to our parish throughout the years. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for answering the call to serve!

Shea Niswonger is needing a part time babysitter for her 5 1/2 month old baby girl Lennon. Please call Shea @ 870-378-7432 or Angie Capps @ 870-378-0564.

To the Good Neighbor Committee: Thank you ladies for the wonderful meal provided after the service of Tom Lindner. All of the family really enjoyed it, we had lots to eat, thanks for the leftovers. Thanks again, it was so very nice of you all. Henry & Brenda Lindner

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.

Freelance photographer needed Put your photography skills to work, earn extra money & meet Catholics throughout Northeast Arkansas. Arkansas Catholic weekly & new website of the Diocese of Little Rock, seeking a paid freelance photographer to cover news & feature assignments. Please send a brief introduction & photography samples to Editor Malea Hargett at mhargett@dolr.org by Oct 9 or call 501-664-0125.

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

Good News!

September 20, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:6–9 / Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a / Matthew 20:1–16a

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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

September 19, 2026 – September 27, 2026

St. John Sun Sept 20: Romilda Hurn (d); Treva Throesch (d); deceased members of Benny & Anna Thielemier Thur Sept 24: NO MASS Sun Sept 27: Marge Baltz (d); Madeleine Throesch (d); Paul, Ruth & Tom Weisenbach (d)	
St. Paul Sat Sept19: William Brown, Kim Ray (d) Sun Sept 20: Parishioners Tues Sept 22: Larry Pfeffer (d) Wed Sept 23: Dr. Albert Baltz (d)	
Thur Sept 24: NO MASS Fri Sept 25: Justin Baltz (d) Sat Sept 26: Bob & Lil Gogan (d) Sun Sept 27: Parishioners	

Ministry Schedule

	September 20	September 27	October 4	October 11
Eucharistic Ministers	Becky Brown Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Pam Durbin	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin	Priests
Servers	Casyn Steimel Catarina Throesch Madison Throesch	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Jaxson Kasinger	Madison Throesch Isaac Throesch Jaxon Steimel	
Lectors	September: Lori Steimel & Rebecca Steimel October: Maria Taylor & Amy McKenzie			
Ushers	September: Mike Taylor & Sonny Throesch October: Dwain Hausman & Don Liebhaber			
Money Counters	September: Elaine Wallis, Richard & Ellen Thielemier October: Lori Bergman, Nick Wren, Conner & Sara Mulock			

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of September is dedicated to our Lady of Sorrows. Whose Feast we celebrate on the15th. We also celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on the 14th of September. Mary united her sufferings with that of Christ her son. May she pray for all those who suffer in body and spirit.

Thank you for your sacrifices to bring the love of Christ alive in our Faith Community. Let us come together to pray and work preparing ourselves for our 100th anniversary of Church building. May Jesus abundantly bless you.

Father Samy

Weekly Financial Report

September 13, 2026	Loose Cash	\$286.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$1460.00
	100 th Anniversary Collection:	\$2000.00	BRAD:	\$211.00

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: This morning’s second collection will be for Catechetical Sunday. The special collection taken up on this day helps to fund those catechetical programs in Arkansas. It is divided equally between the local parish religious education program and the diocese’s Office of Faith Formation.

100th ANNIVERSARY ADORATION: In view of our 100th Anniversary celebration, we would like to have a 24-hour Adoration in thanksgiving for 100 years of our building and our faith community. Adoration will start at 8:00AM on Saturday October 3rd at 8:00AM and continue till Sunday morning October 4th with rosary at 7:30AM and Benediction to follow the Rosary. We will have a sign-up sheet after Masses to pick a time you would like.

THURSDAY MASS CHANGE: There will be no Mass Thursday September 24, 2026.

CLEAN UP DAYS: To prepare the grounds and hall for our 100th Anniversary, we will be having work days on September 26th. We will start at 9:00AM or feel free to come earlier. We plan on doing a deep cleaning in the hall and work will be done on all flower beds. Bring any tools that you think can be used.

100th ANNIVERSAY OF CURRENT CHURCH: On October 11th we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our current Church. Mass that Sunday will be at 10:30AM with a reception following in the Parish Hall. Bishop Taylor will be here to celebrate, as well as other Priest that have served our Parish. We have been making plans for that very special day, but if anyone would like to offer any ideas, please contact a Parish Council member or Jane. **If anyone has any old pictures of Parish picnics or turkey shoots or any other Parish events, we would like to include in the 100th Anniversary Book. Please contact Johnathan, Becky or Jane.**

.POKER RUN: Our annual Fall Poker Run will take place Oct 4th. We will meet at 2:30 and leave at 3:00. \$30 a hand, also gets you pizza supper. Proceeds go to playground.

CHILDREN’S MASS: Our next children’s Mass will be October 4th.

LADIES RETREAT: There will be a retreat for ladies of all ages at St. Paul. The event will be held Friday October 9th from 6:30 – 8:30PM and Saturday October 10th from 8:30AM – 4:00PM. Registration fee is \$25.00 which includes materials, meals and snacks. Deadline to register is September 30th. For questions, contact Allison Swann @ 870-219-9824. There are registration forms in the entrance of Church.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT AT HOLY ANGELS: The retreat is open to Oblates and guests and will feature Mass, Adoration, talks and Liturgy of the hour by Father Cody Eveld. This will take place on Saturday Sept. 26 from 8:30AM to 3:30PM. For more information or to register contact Sister Mary John Seyler OSB at 870-243-2440.

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Don Thielemier, 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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Monday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday

September 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

September 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

September 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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