



Wanting to Be Wanted

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Reflect

***What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?***

No servant can serve two masters....
You cannot serve God and mammon.

LUKE 16:13

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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 20

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Bob & Lill Gogan, d.

Ronnie Rose, d.

Sunday September 21

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Jonathan Cagle d, Pamela
 Galvin d.

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Monday September 22

No Mass

Tuesday September 23

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Teresa Fender d.

Wednesday September 24

9:00AM St Paul Mass

Int: Louise & Martin Ed Jan-
 sen, d.

Thursday, September 25

12:00 PM St John Mass

Int: Bob & John Thielemier, d.
 Wilma Wren, d.

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Jeffrey & Allison Kerst

Friday, September 26

9:00 AM No Mass

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 27

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Shirey Sorg, d

Sunday September 28

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int: Pat Parker d, Edgar
 Throesch d.

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

September 27 - Susan Meier September 28- Scott & Kim Hills
 October 4- Nick DeClerk October 5- Scott & Abby Tyler
 October 11- Robert Sorg October 12- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
 October 18- Joan Gross October 19- Jeff Evers

Financial Report	
September 14, 2025	\$6,750.00
2025 year to date	\$320,597.00
Children's Collection	\$142.00
St Joseph, July	\$2,368.00
DOLR	\$660.32
Food Bank, August 2025	\$1,070.69



**BECAUSE VIBRANT
 CHURCHES MATTER**

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



Church Cleaning Committee-Schedule September 28 - Gary,
 Susan, Bobby, Nicole Meier, Paige Radcliff, Ryan & Emily
 Throesch. **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 September 27, 2025

Host Minister: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Rose Hutsell, Susan Meier

Cups: Kelly Throesch, Mitch Baltz

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

10:30 AM Sunday September 28, 2025

Host Minister: Scott & Kim Hills

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Abby Tyler

Cups: Rene' Tyler, Jill Neely

Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Aven Thielemier, Cash Cox

6:00 PM Saturday October 4, 2025

Host Ministers: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Rose Hutsell, Trish Thielemier

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Aubrey Hogan, Keegan Presley, Raycen Cato

10:30 AM Sunday October 5, 2025

Host Ministers: Cyndi Busick, Michelle Olvey

Cups: Jennifer Nichols, Brin Presley

Cups: Monica Loyd, Shelly James

Altar Servers: Mathias Duran, Dru & Evelyn Steimel

6:00 PM Saturday October 11, 2025

Host Minister: 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 Minister: Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Debbie Hibbard

Cups: Terri Jansen, Jill Neely

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan & Kipton Jansen, Cash Cox

Bishop Taylor will be celebrating a Jubilee Mass at St. Mary Church in Helena on Saturday, September 27th at 4:00PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bible study Lectio "Eucharist" Discovering the Mass in the Bible by Dr. Brant Pitre will be held on Monday's from 11am-12pm at the Parish Life Center classroom, beginning September 22, 2025. Bring your Bible and learn more about the miracle of the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to join. If you have any question call Teresa Baltz @ 870-930-5700.

Christmas Choir

Plans for music for midnight mass on 12-24-25 are under way. Mass will be preceded by a 30 minute choral prelude beginning @10PM. Rehearsal will begin September 29th @ 6pm. We are very pleased to welcome back our director Jeremy Carter, who has taken the choir to the next level! Jeremy has a music degree and is an accomplished singer and music teacher. We are very proud of our Wicks organ with 65 ranks, 66 stops and over 1,000 pipes. We are able to really showcase the organ at Christmas and Easter vigil. New members are most welcome. It's not necessary to have experience or read music. We would love to have you join the choir. A sampling of music can be emailed by request. Please contact Catherine Jarret @ 870-810-7349 or email at cathyj9623@hotmail.com

We are Thankful, The Good Neighbor Committee would like to thank all the parishioners of St Paul for the wonderful food and monetary donations for funeral meals. The families served by this ministry are always most appreciative and thankful at their time of grief. The Good Neighbor Committee could not serve so many families without your generosity. We thank you so very much. The Good neighbor Committee.

Church Co-Ed Softball League will be starting Sept 30th. We are looking for some men & women to join the team! Reach out to Kyle Sutton @ 870-758-0737. Games will be on held on Tuesday evenings.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Joe Bergman, Albert Baltz, 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 and Keith Broadway.

Good News!

September 21, 2025
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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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 20, 2025 – September 28, 2025

St. John

Sun Sept 21: Pamela Galvan (d); Jonathan Cagle (d)

Thur Sept 25: Bob & John Thielemier (d); Wilma Wren (d)

Sun Sept 28: Edgar Throesch (d); Pat Parker (d)

St. Paul

Sat Sept 20 : Bob & Lil Gogan (d); Ronnie Rose (d)

Sun, Sept 21: For the Parishioners

Tues, Sept 23: Teresa Fender (d)

Wed, Sept 24: Louise & Martin Ed Jansen (d)

Thur, Sept 25: Jeffrey & Allison Kerst

Fri. Sept 26: NO MASS

Sat. Sept 27: Shirley Sorg (d)

Sun, Sept 28: For the Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	September 21st	September 28th	October 5th	October 12th
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Wren Tina Sharp Jane Smith Rebecca Steimel	Stella Steimel Lori Steimel Joe Steimel Becky Brown	Stella Steimel Lori Steimel Joe Steimel Becky Brown	Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Jim Bergman Lori Bergman
Servers	Max Hoose Madison Throesch Jaxon Steimel	Kadence McKenzie Haley Stout Caroline Stout	Isaac Throesch Parker Liebhaber Madeleine Throesch	Lucy Throesch Caroline Stount Henry Taylor
Lectors	September: Christian Helms & Lori Steimel October: Bridgette Kasinger & Rebecca Steimel			
Ushers	September: Mike Taylor & Sonny Throesch October: Dickie Flanigan & Ron Zitzelberger			
Money Counters	September: Richard & Ellen Thielemier & Elaine Wallis October: Jessica Stout, Joe & Lori Steimel			

Weekly Financial Report

September 14, 2025	Loose Cash:	\$343.00	Checks & Envelopes:	\$1290.00
	Food Bank:			\$277.00

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This weekend, 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. For more information, contact the Stewardship and Development Office at (501) 664-0340.

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

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.

SEPTEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: David Meier
SEPTEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Dwayne Capps family

POKER RUN: Ladie’s of Grace will be hosting a fund raiser for Safe Haven Baby Box. The poker run will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, October 5th.

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

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, Bonny Schmidt, Max Baltz, Albert Baltz, Owen Sanders, 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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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

**HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025**



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

*St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest*

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

*St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest*

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

*Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31