



**Do nothing out of selfishness or out of
vainglory; rather, humbly regard others
as more important than yourselves.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4



Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

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Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

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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-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

Monday Sept 28, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday Sept 29, 2026

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Robert E Gschwend, d

Wednesday Sept 30, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Aaron Jansen

Thursday October 1, 2026

12:00 pm St John Mass

Int: Marie Peters, d; Dickie Flanagan, d; Jane Junkerfeld, d

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Keith Sutton, d

Friday October 2, 2026

9:00 am St Paul Mass

Int: Justin Baltz, d

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday October 3, 2026

4:00 pm St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 pm St Paul Mass

Int: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault, d

Sunday October 4, 2026

8:00 am St John Mass

Int: Paul & Jeff Leister, d; John Thielemier, d; Treva Throesch, d

10:30 am St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

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

October 10- Chris Baltz Oct 11- Jeff Evers

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

Financial Report	
September 24, 2026	\$6,440.53
2026 year to date	\$304,247.43
Children's Collection	\$82.43
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 October 3, 2026

Host Minister: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Chris Baltz

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 Yemma, Rose Hutsell

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

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

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

Ushers for October:

Saturday: Benny Baltz, Nick DeClerk

Sunday: Richard Blount, Doug Thielemier

First Saturday devotion in honor of our Blessed Mother Oct 3rd. Holy hour and confessions begin at 11:00 am.

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 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 10:30am 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.** 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.

Mass schedule Change - Sunday, October 11th. St Paul Mass will be at 8:00 am. St John Mass will be at 10:30 am. Following the 10:30 am Mass at Engelberg, everyone is invited to attend the 100th Anniversary luncheon at St John's Hall.

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 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 18:25–28 / Philippians 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 / Matthew 21:28–32

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September 27, 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)
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Mass Intentions

September 26, 2026 – October 4, 2026

St. John

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Thur Oct 1: Marie Peters (d); Dickie Flanigan (d) (by KC's); Jane Junkersfield (d)

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St. Paul

Sat Sept 26: Bob & Lil Gogan (d)

Thur Oct 1: Keith Sutton

Sun Sept 27: Parishioners

Fri Oct 2: Justin Baltz (d)

Tues Sept 29: Robert E Gschwend (d)

Sat Oct 3: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault (d)

Wed Sept 30: Aaron Jansen (d)

Sun Oct 4: Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	September 27	October 4	October 11	October 18
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Jenniet Galvan Deb Martin	Priests	Mike Taylor Patty Hoose Brenda Liebhaber Jessica Stout
Servers	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Jaxson Kasinger	Madison Throesch Isaac Throesch Jaxon Steimel	Seminarians	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Raelyn Alphin
Lectors	October: Maria Taylor & Amy McKenzie November: Brenda Liebhaber & Elaine Wallis			
Ushers	October: Dwain Hausman & Don Liebhaber November: Sid Thielemier & Bernard Thielemier			

Weekly Financial Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of September is dedicated to our Lady of Sorrows. Whose Feast we celebrate on the 15th.

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

September 20, 2026 Loose Cash \$455.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$1505.00

100th Anniversary Collection: \$600.00 Special: \$307.00 BRAD \$20.00

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 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.

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.

100th ANNIVERSARY 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. **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.**

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. Additional information about the festival will come soon.

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.

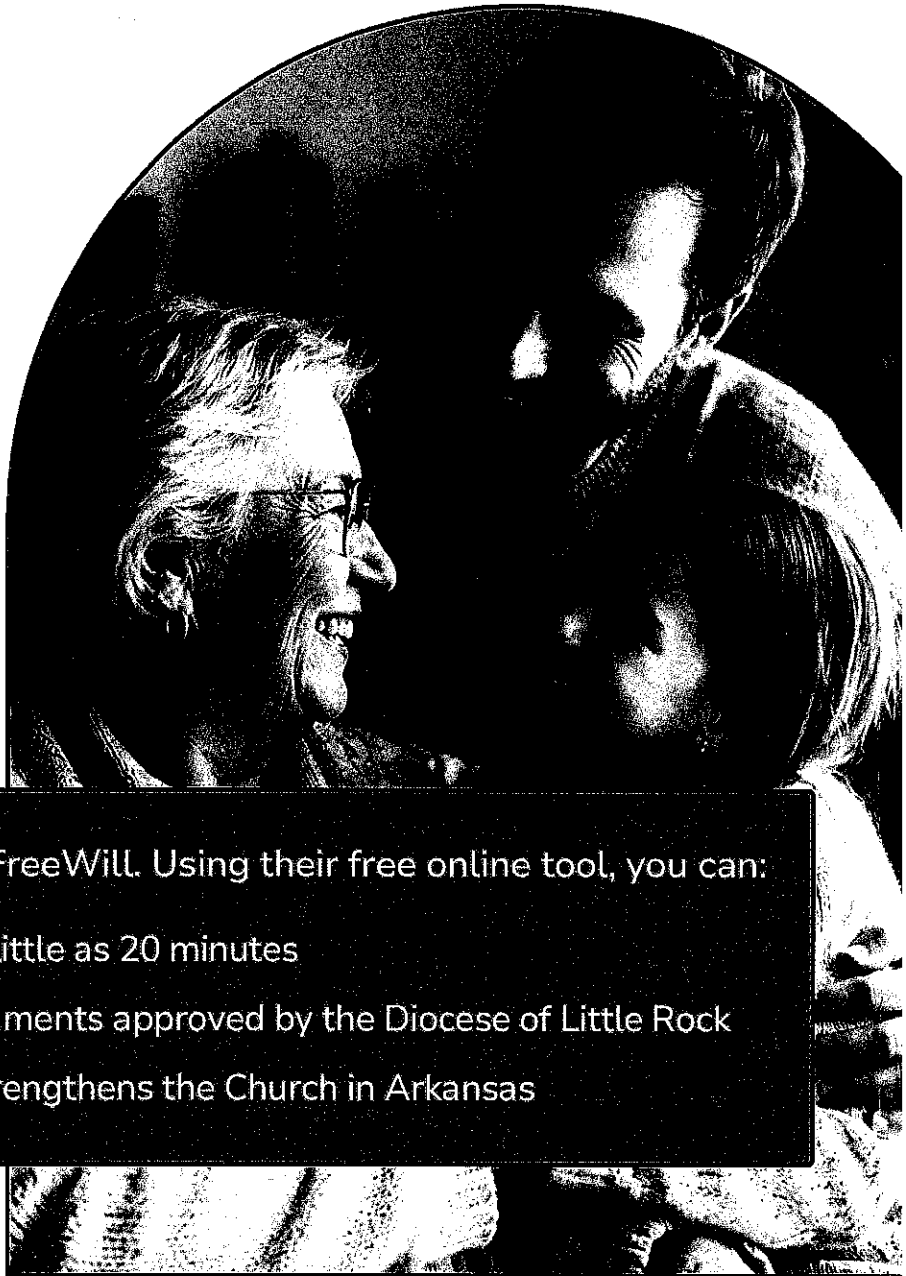
LADIES RETREAT: There will be a retreat for ladies of all ages at St. Paul. The event will be held Friday October 9th from 6:30 – 8:30PM and Saturday October 10th from 8:30AM – 4:00PM. Registration fee is \$25.00 which includes materials, meals and snacks. Deadline to register is September 30th. For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

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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
Weekday	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	The Holy Guardian Angels	Weekday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 1:6–22	Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16	Jb 19:21–27	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17	Is 5:1–7
Lk 9:46–50	Jn 1:47–51	Lk 9:57–62	Lk 10:1–12	Mt 18:1–5, 10	Lk 10:17–24	Phil 4:6–9
						Mt 21:33–43



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord’s instruments.

MESSAGE TO FADICA NETWORK, ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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