



Woe to those who
are complacent....
[T]hey shall be
the first to go
into exile.

AMOS 6:1, 7



Adrift

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Reflect

Which of St. Thomas Aquinas' questions describes me and my choices?

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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 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. Jerry & Betty

Lindsey 64th wedding Anniv.

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Monday September 29

No Mass

Tuesday September 30

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Robert E Gschwend, d.

Wednesday October 1

9:00AM St Paul Mass

Int: Alice Jansen d, Keith Sut-
 ton d.

Thursday, October 2

12:00 PM St John Mass

Int: Paul & Jeff Leister, d

Madeline Throesch, d.

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Thurman Kerst, d

Friday, October 3

9:00 AM St Paul Mass

Int: James Farris, d.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

Saturday, October 4

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass

Int: Parishioners

6:00 PM St Paul Mass

Int: Henry Dust, d.

Sunday October 5

8:00 AM St John Mass

Int.: Karen (Peters) James, d &
 Harold Ungerank, d.

10:30 AM St Paul Mass

Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule

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
 October 25-Alex Baltz October 26 Scott & Kim Hills

Financial Report	
September 28, 2025	\$5,217.00
2025 year to date	\$325,814.00
Children's Collection	\$51.40
St Joseph, August	
DOLR	\$660.32
Food Bank, August 2025	\$1,070.69



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



Church Cleaning Committee-Schedule October 5 - Debbie
 Schaechtel, Sarah Counts, Rene' Tyler, Gail Jones, Rita Rowe.
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

6:00P M 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 Minters: 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 Ministers: 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 Ministers: Matt & Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Debbie Hibbard

Cups: Terri Jansen, Jill Neely

Altar Servers: Mary Morgan & Kipton Jansen, Cash Cox

6:00PM Saturday, October 18, 2025

Host Ministers: Mitch Baltz, Christie Yemma

Cups: Paul Yemma, Teresa Baltz

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Chris Baltz

Altar Servers: Luke, Jacob & Blakely Jansen

10:30 AM Sunday October 19, 2025

Host Ministers: Scott & Kim Hills

Cups: Cyndy Busick, Jennifer Nichols

Cups: Shelly James, Monica Loyd

Altar Servers: Hayden Moore, Owen Smith, Aven Thielemier

First Saturday devotion in honor of Our Blessed Mother, October 4, 2025 Holy hour and confessions @ 11:00 AM

Christmas Choir

Rehearsals will start Monday September 29th at 6 PM at the church. Jeremy Carter will be our director.

Please contact Catherine Jarret @ 870-810-7349 or email cathyj9623@hotmail.com

The Knights of Columbus : Prayers requested for the family of our departed brother, Dr. Albert Baltz. His devotion to our church and council will be missed .

Upcoming Events:

Council Meeting- Oct 8th

KC Golf Tournament- Oct 25th

October is Respect Life Month

Help us celebrate the gift of life all October long! Please see bulletin insert for more information

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

Questions or want to help contact Allison Swann, The Respect Life Coordinator @ 870-219-9824.

Life Chain

Life chain is a nationwide peaceful & prayerful public witness of pro-life. Americans standing together for one hour to silently pray for an end to abortion in our nation where millions of babies have lost their lives to this procedure. This event will be held Sunday October 5th from 2-3PM at the Black River Overlook Park. A selection of signs will be provided. This is your chance to stand up for the life from conception to natural death.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, Joe Bergman, 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 28, 2025
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31

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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 27, 2025 – October 5, 2025

St. John Sun Sept 28: Edgar Throesch (d); Pat Parker (d); Jerry & Bet Lindsey (64 th wedding anniv) Thur Oct 2: Paul & Jeff Leister (d); Madeline Throesch (d) Sun Oct 5: Karen (Peters) James (d); Harold Ungerank (d)
St. Paul Sat. Sept 27: Shirley Sorg (d) Sun, Sept 28: For the Parishioners Tues, Sept 30: Robert E Gschwend (d) Wed, Oct 1: Alice Jansen (d); Keith Sutton (d) Thur, Oct 2: Thurman Kerst (d) Fri. Oct 3: James Farris (d) Sat. Oct 4: Henry Dust (d) Sun, Oct 5: For the Parishioners

Ministry Schedule

	September 28th	October 5th	October 12th	October 19th
Eucharistic Ministers	Stella Steimel Lori Steimel Joe Steimel Becky Brown	Stella Steimel Lori Steimel Joe Steimel Becky Brown	Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Jim Bergman Lori Bergman	Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel Jim Bergman Lori Bergman
Servers	Kadence McKenzie Haley Stout Caroline Stout	Isaac Throesch Parker Liebhaber Madeleine Throesch	Lucy Throesch Caroline Stount Henry Taylor	Perry Throesch Jaxon Kasinger Catarina Throesch
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

September 21, 2025	Loose Cash: \$360.00	Checks & Envelopes: \$2965.00
	Catechetical Sunday: \$189.00	

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.

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** leaving the hall at **3:00PM**. Entry fee will be \$30 a hand including a pizza meal. Half the pot gets split between winners and other half of the pot goes towards the Safe Haven Baby Box.

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.

OCTOBER-RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Rosary each Sunday in October will be for Respect Life, St Paul will be having a baby item drive all month. Donate new baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, onesies, blankets, etc.) Drop off at church office or contact Allison Swann for pick-up. Respect Life Trivia Night with Father Stephen, Wednesday, October 22nd in Life Center. More details coming.

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.

CHURCH CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE: The league will be starting on September 30th. We are looking for some men & women to join the team! Reach out to Kyle Sutton @ 870-758-0737. Games will be on Tuesday evenings.

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, Doris Flanigan, Bonny Schmidt, Max 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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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

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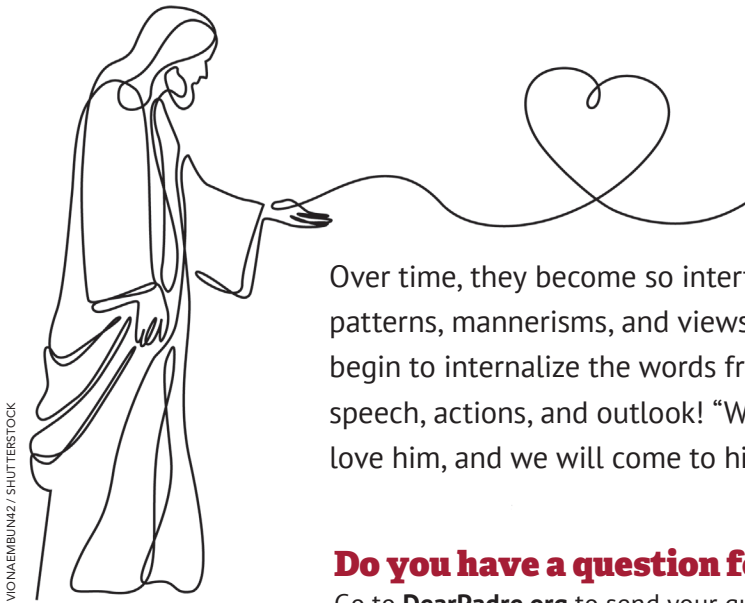
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

Monday

September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or
Rv 12:7–12ab
Jn 1:47–51

Tuesday

September 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zec 8:20–23
Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday

October 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1–8
Lk 9:57–62

Thursday

October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12
Mt 18:1–5, 10

Friday

October 3
Weekday
Bar 1:15–22
Lk 10:13–16

Saturday

October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29
Lk 10:17–24

Sunday

October 5
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4
2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14
Lk 17:5–10