

Mass Schedule

April 27, Saturday
6:00p.m. In Honor of All Parishioners

April 28, Sunday
9:30a.m. In Memory of Martha & John Hey
5:00pm Spanish Mass

April 29, Monday
8:00a.m.
In Memory of Charles Masingale

May 1, Wednesday
6:00p.m.
In Memory of Fred Hotzman

May 3, Friday
8:00a.m.

May 4, Saturday
6:00p.m.

May 5, Sunday
9:30a.m.
11:30am Spanish Mass

Confessions
Wednesday 5:00pm-5:45pm
Sunday 8:30am-9:15

Adoration is held each Wednesday beginning at 8am until 8pm. All are welcome!

Prayer Request
Please pray for Fr. Aby, Deacon John and Deacon Ricardo. Also Fr. Nazarus, Fr. Josh, Fr. Mariadass, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Mike, Fr. John, Fr. Les, Fr. Alejandro, Fr. Payden, Fr. Matt, and all seminarians, deaconate candidates and the religious brothers and sisters from our Diocese.

Also please remember in your prayers:
Nina Tuberville, Donald Jamieson, Ella Ballentine, Holly Stokes, Shawn Hagen, Olivia Vasquez, Fred Holtzman, Kimbrough Family, Roger Specking, Lesley Purlman, Kaut & Lynda White, Phillip Cable, Gregory Eicocco, Nattie Towery, Jerry Sharp, Lavon Booth, Bob & Helen Marcotte, Leo Genovesi, Gerald Orr, Kathy Puckett, Melissa Coffel, Crystal & Sammy Leisure, Dorothy Manley, Don Shinkaruk, Mike & Kathy Smoker, David & Annetta Allen, Mary McKinney, Marty Barrack, Galen Williams, Mary Killela, Cindy Shepard, Fr. Amal, Ellen Rogers, Keegan Neldon, Melonie Southard, Mary Lane, Marti Johnson, Nathan Bridges, Anthony Allen, James Whitson, Carolyn Webster, Carter Pace, Bonita Quette, Marilyn Posey, and De La Salle Blackfeet School.

New Members If you would like to become a part of the Saint Mary Parish family please fill out a New Member Form. These forms can be found at the entrance of Church. You may bring it to the Parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass.

Baptism The Diocese of Little Rock requires that any child age 7 and over must complete RCIA prior to receiving sacraments. Baptism will be announced a week before the actual date of baptism to give sufficient notice for those wishing to participate.

Matrimony Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor or Deacon Ricardo at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Church law, as well as Diocesan and Parish Policy, require that certain guidelines be met before a wedding may be scheduled.

Christian Burial Please call the Parish office before making funeral arrangements to confirm the availability of the Church and a Priest if a funeral Mass is to be celebrated.

Anointing of the Sick Please contact or have someone contact the Parish office if you are hospitalized or seriously ill. Due to privacy laws hospitals do not notify churches when patients are admitted. Catholics are encouraged to seek the Sacrament in advance of scheduling surgery.

First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation The Diocese requires two years of preparation in a Catholic School or Parish Religious Education program.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday
Acts 9:26-31
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Monday
Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

Friday
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Saturday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday
Acts 10:25-26,34-35
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

	Saturday 6pm 5-4-24	Sunday 9:30am 5-5-24
Lector	Jo Lampkins	Melissa McPherson Molly McPherson
Servers	Bradley Johnson Avery Dement	Neil & Lily Kerperien
EM	Karen Ussery Brad Smithee	Kem Drake Mandy Kerperien
Gift Bearers	Tompkins	Hale
Ushers	Mark	Collins
Refreshments after Sunday Mass: Legrid		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!		
Week	Collection	Expenses
April 21, 2024	\$3,948.00	\$5,000.00

April Food Drive: We collected 115 food items and \$618.36. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary News

- ⇒ The Knights of Columbus will be holding nominations and elections Thursday, May 2nd at 7pm. Social time begins at 6:30pm. Those Knights wishing to be considered for any position including Grand Knight are urged to attend.
- ⇒ Change in Weekly Mass: Monday morning mass will no longer be said beginning May 6th. Week day mass will be held on Tuesday and Friday at 8am.
- ⇒ Beginning on May 5th Announcements will be said after Communion instead of the beginning of Mass.
- ⇒ May Crowning will be held May 5th at the 9:30am Mass, all children are invited and encouraged to participate in the procession. Please bring children to the base-ment before mass begins to walk with Fr. Aby and bring flowers to the Blessed Mother Mary.
- ⇒ We are seeking volunteers to assist with our Vacation Bible School this summer. Needing 4 adults volunteers and youth volunteers (this is a great opportunity for service hours).
- ⇒ Easter Lilys are in the chapel and available for pick up.
- ⇒ Amicorum will be held on May 14th at Carlos Cantina in Downtown Paragould at 6pm.

PASTOR'S CORNER

May 2, 2021, 5th Sunday of Easter (Acts 9:26-31; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8)

We belong to Christ; He is the vine, and we are its branches. We abide in Him and are united as one in Christ. To abide in Christ means that we abide in the Church. No one is alone. We all share the same faith, baptism, and Lord.

In the Old Testament, Israel is portrayed as God's choice vine, which was nurtured with special care. Instead of producing fruit, Israel only produced thorns and bristles. Israel failed because they disengaged from God.

Jesus is portrayed as the true vine which will not fail. Branches that do not bear fruit will be separated and destroyed. The new Israel's indwelling with Jesus alone will make us successful.

Reflecting on this allegory, Pope Benedict tells us when Jesus says, "I am the vine, and you are the branches," He means: "I am you and you are I." Jesus identifies Himself with us both individually and collectively as His Church. That is why He asked Paul on the way to Damascus, "Why are you persecuting me?" He was pained when His followers were persecuted. Jesus teaches against absolute individualism. Our humanity and individuality are developed in relationships with God and others – our families, friends, neighbors, and even our enemies.

Just as an irrevocable bond exists between the vine and its branches, a life-giving mutual relationship remains between Jesus and us. Jesus is the source of life and fruitfulness. Anyone who does not abide in Him is cast out like the pruned dead branch left to be gathered and burned. However, Jesus tells us the one who abides in Him "... because without me you can do nothing" will bear much fruit.

In fact, the Bible teaches that we are responsible for each other which is clear from Jesus' commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." St. Peter writes: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10). We know how much importance Jesus gave to this from the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. This sense of abiding and care is needed in our families. This is the challenge we are facing today. Family life is changing. We communicate more with gadgets than with God or other family members. We have alarming increases of single parent families, divorce, and cohabitation. Often adult children who leave home do not communicate with their parents. If we do not preserve the unity of the family, we will fall apart as a society. We must follow the example of Jesus as the true vine. Dear friends, Jesus is the source of our strength, vitality, and unity; He is the fountain of our spiritual lives. Detached from Him, we are spiritually dead. We must maintain constant communion with Him, by praying to Him, participating in the sacramental life of the Church, and strengthening our spiritual lives. This means a total commitment to Jesus and His Church. He is the vine and we, the branches. Let Him live in us and we in Him.

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is Committed to Protecting Children, Youth, and Adults at Risk

If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the Vicar General for the Diocese of Little Rock at (501) 664-0340 ext. 361 and the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crime Against Children at (800) 482-5964. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators for the Diocese of Little Rock, Laura Gottspomer at (501) 766-6001.



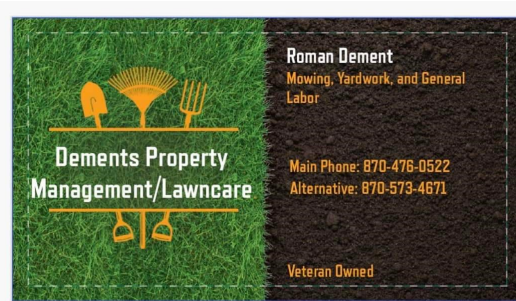
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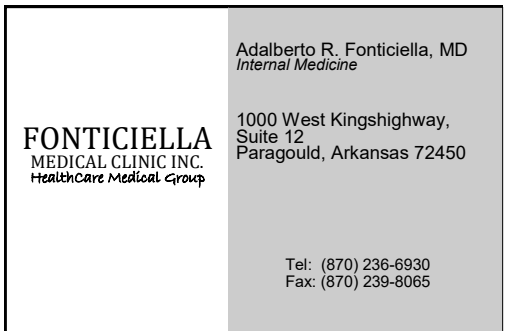


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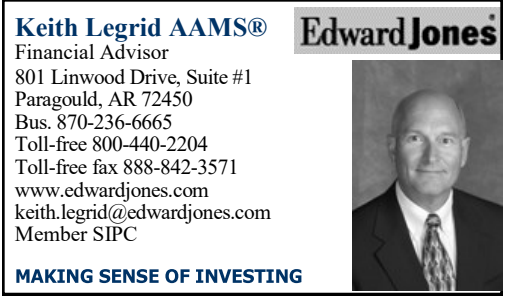
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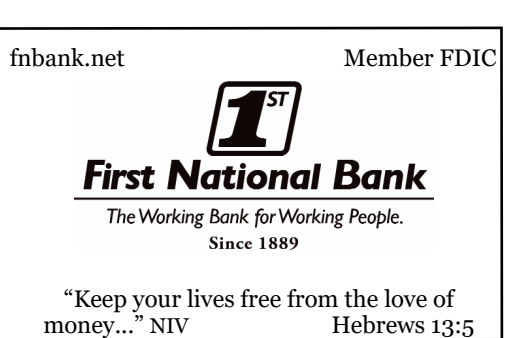
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Mass Times
Thursday: 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:00pm



APRIL 28, 2024
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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