

**Mass Schedule**

**May 4, Saturday**

6:00p.m. In Honor of All Parishioners

**May 5, Sunday**

9:30a.m. In Honor of all Altar Society Members

both Living and Deceased

11:30am Spanish Mass

**May 7, Tuesday**

8:00a.m.

In Memory of Luis Puello

**May 8, Wednesday**

6:00p.m.

In Memory of Fred Hotzman

**May 10, Friday**

8:00a.m.

In Memory of Martha & John Hey

**May 11, Saturday**

6:00p.m.

In Honor of All Parishioners

**May 12, Sunday**

9:30a.m. In Honor of all Mothers

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!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 5, 2024**

**Sunday**

Acts 10:25-26,

34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

**Monday**

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday**

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday**

Acts 17:15, 22—

18:1

Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday**

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20

**Friday**

Acts 18:9-18

Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday**

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday**

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

Mk 16:15-20

	<b>Saturday 6pm 5-11-24</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30am 5-12-24</b>
<b>Servers</b>	Bradley Johnson	Millie & Molly Baker-Huynh
<b>Lector</b>	Karen Ussery	Phil Allen Dean Inman
<b>EM</b>	Stephen Posey Jo Lampkins	Judy Allen Melissa McPherson
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Smoker	Stone
<b>Ushers</b>	Brad Smithee	Steyer
Refreshments after Sunday Mass: Knights of Columbus		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!		
Week	Collection	Expenses
April 28, 2024	\$2,513.00	\$5,000.00

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

**St. Mary News**

- ⇒ 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 basement 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 Lilies are in the chapel and available for pick up.
- ⇒ Amicorum will be held on May 14th at Carlos Cantina in Downtown Paragould at 6pm.
- ⇒ The SOS (Supper on Sunday) program served 274 meals in April. If anyone in our parish family needs a meal please don't hesitate to join us on Sundays at 4. There are times, some are sick or have extenuating circumstances that may need a meal and can't attend. Please call 870-476-1747 if you need a meal please order by 5:00 on Friday and we deliver one to your home that Sunday. Thank you and God bless everyone for the support we receive from our parish family!



**May 5, 2024, 6th Sunday of Easter (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1Jn 4:7- 10; Jn 15:9-17)**

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.” There is no doubt about this theme which the gospel confirms. The most loved and quoted statement in the bible restates the same idea: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” St. Paul is so convinced of God’s indomitable love for us that nothing can separate us from God’s love that he says: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, . . . [nothing here on earth] will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:38-39). Nothing in human history parallels Jesus’ love for us and His sacrificial death which made possible our salvation. This action established a bond of friendship with us.

Likewise, we are called to establish a friendship with each other in answer to His commandment, “Love one another as I have loved you.” Such sacrificial love leads to joy. Pope Francis says that joy does not mean living from one laugh to another. It arises from a deep-rooted love within us from the presence of Jesus in our hearts. When we emulate Him, we find joy. God is our love and our joy. If we do not love, we cannot have Him, we cannot have joy. We experience more joy in giving than in receiving.

I remember reading long ago a novel, the title and author of which I have forgotten. One night, its protagonist, who was living alone in his house, started crying loudly. He explained to his neighbors who came to comfort him that he had worked hard all his life and turned all his wages into gold coins, even at the expense of his basic needs. Every day after work, he counted and buried them in a chest under his bed. But on that day, he found pebbles, instead of gold coins in it. One of his neighbors told him that now he could count pebbles instead of gold coins and asked what difference does it make? The gold coins were not useful to anyone, not even to him.

The usefulness of life is in loving others. It is love for God and for one another that inspired St. Teresa of Calcutta to help the poor and needy. The same love led St. Maximilian Kolbe to volunteer his life in place of a stranger’s in Auschwitz. St. Peter Damian remained in God’s love by staying with lepers and died as one of them. These and others like them made Jesus their friend and remained in His love. Dear friends, we all need to be filled with that same love to be the best, whether a good husband, wife, parent, teacher, physician, clergy, or whatever our position. We need Jesus and His love to live our lives meaningfully. Let us work to strengthen this bond of friendship to live our lives joyfully.

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**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.

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- Cafeteria Worker
- Custodian

Send your Resume to: [principal@stmaryparagould.org](mailto:principal@stmaryparagould.org)

**3rd Annual BENEFIT GOLF Tournament**

9TH MAY 2024 1:00PM PARAGOULD COUNTRY CLUB 4 MAN SCRAMBLE

**WIN PRIZE**  
Cash prizes for: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place  
Additional Prizes for: Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to Pin

**TO REGISTER**  
Call Emily Kueter at 870-476-8878 or email registration form to [emilykueter@gmail.com](mailto:emilykueter@gmail.com)  
Alternatively, you can mail registration & check payable to: St. Mary Catholic School, Attn: Golf Tournament, 310 N. 2nd Street Paragould, AR 72450.

**Team Registration \$500**  
green fees, lunch, cart, and driving range balls included

YOU MAY PAY ON DATE OF EVENT, BUT PLEASE REGISTER NOW

All proceeds go directly to St. Mary Catholic School & Preschool

**Save the Date June 7th Dinner & Auction**

BENEFITING THE **REX BOULDIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND** WILL BE HELD AT THE **PARAGOULD COMMUNITY CENTER** 3404 LINWOOD DR, PARAGOULD, AR

**LET'S GO CAMPING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 11-13 5:30PM-8PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

RSVP NATALIE STONE 870-215-1137

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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 Thursday: 12:00pm  
 Saturday: 4:00pm



**MAY 5, 2024**  
**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*This is my commandment: Love one another as I loved you.*

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