

Mass Schedule
24th & 25th Canceled
January 23, Saturday
6:00pm
In memory of Mary Ann Stickler
January 24, Sunday
9:30am Mass
In honor of all Altar Society mem-
ber both living & deceased
11:00am Mass [Spanish]
In Memory of
Ramiro Rodriquez Sr.
January 27, Tuesday
8:00am Mass
January 28, Wednesday
6:00pm Mass
January 30, Friday
8:00am Mass
January 31, Saturday
6:00pm
February, Sunday
9:30am Mass
11:00am Mass [Spanish]

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JANUARY 25, 2026

Sunday Is 8:23-9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Mt 4:12-23

Monday
2 Tim 1;1-8
Ti 1:1-5(520)

Tuesday
2Sm 6:12b –15,17-19
Mk 3;31-35(318)

Wednesday
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20(319)

Thursday
2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29
Mk 4:21-25

Friday
2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday
2 Sm 12:1-7a ,10-17
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-2a

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

Also please remember in your prayers:
David Huynh, Juanita Rodriguez, John and Marva Varner, Laura Hagen, Jim-
my Chatman, Kaden Siebert, Lane Clayton, Lisa Hunt, Joan Dicus, Mary
Wood, Scott Giles, Roger Specking, Linda Pope, Jan Giles, Fred
Granger, Marinelle Paladino, Charlie Hogue, Nina Tuberville, Donald
Jamieson, Ella Ballentine, Olivia Vasquez, Kimbrough Family, Roger
Specking, Lynda White, Phillip Cable, Gregory Eicocco, Nattie Towery,
Jerry Sharp, Lavon Booth, Bob & Helen Marcotte, Leo Genovesi, Kathy
Puckett, Melissa Coffel, Crystal & Sammy Leisure, Dorothy Manley,
Don Shinkaruk, Mike & Kathy Smoker, David & Annetta Allen, Mary
McKinney, Marty Barrack, Mary Killela, Cindy Shepard, Fr. Amal, El-
len Rogers, Keegan Neldon, Melonie Southard, Marti Johnson, Nathan
Bridges, Anthony Allen, James Whitson, Carolyn Webster, Carter Pace,
Bonita Quette, Marilyn Posey, and De La Salle Blackfeet School.

	6:00 PM Mass 1/31/2026	9:30 AM Mass 2/1/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Norah & Cecilia Meeks
Lector	Andy Stickler	Sandra Kelley Jennifer Drake
EM	Stephen Posey Brad Smithee	Ramiro & Maria Rodiguez
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez	Phil & Judy Allen
Ushers	Mark	Collins
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Legrid		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!		
Week	Collection	Expenses
January 18, 2026	\$4,008.00	\$5,000.00

Food drive results:
We collected 103 food items in January and \$
465 for Griffin Memorial food pantry.
For the year 2025 the food pantry served 1,378
households, which consisted of 3,970 people.
Age range of these people are.
0-17 1,174
18-60 2,156
60+ 640
We want to thank you for your support!!
St. Mary’s plays a huge part in helping us serve
the need in our community!

Special Collections:

- **Jan. 24-25 & 31st** Black & Indian Missions
- **February 7 & 8** [CASA] Catholic Arkansas
Sharing Appeal



Interested in Becoming Catholic? OCIA provides an op-
portunity to learn and grow with others. For more infor-
mation contact Dc. John and Kem Drake. OCIA is held
each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 6pm.

Prayer Garden Please get your orders in for the Prayer
Garden Memorial Wall. A new order will be submitted De-
cember 17th. \$100.00 per Plaque and one name per Plaque
is listed. This is a great Christmas gift for family members.

Donations are being accepted for the Statue of the Blessed
Mother for the Prayer Garden and additional stepping
stones. Please see Phil Allen is you would like more infor-
mation on how to help or donate to this great cause.

SOS NEWS
December was a very busy month for SOS, as we served
322 meals to those in need. In addition, our annual winter
drive was a great success. We were able to distribute 49
coats, 75 blankets, 23 pairs of gloves, 50 toboggans and
scarves, 46 pairs of socks, and several hoodies. None of
this would be possible without the incredible support we
receive. Thank you for your generous donations of funds,
winter items, and the time so many of you faithfully give
each month. We are truly grateful for your compassion and
commitment. God bless each of you for your generosity.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.
Dc Ricardo J Puello Brenes.
(Isaiah 8:23—9:3. Psalm 26:1. 4. 13-14. 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17. Mt
4:12-23 or 4:12-17)
After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus comes to Caperna-
um, in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali to begin his public
ministry; and so that the prophecy that the prophet Isaiah an-
nounced seven centuries earlier, making a clear reference to
the coming of the Messiah and his successful saving mission,
would be fulfilled.
Isaiah announced that his glory would spread throughout the
world, to overcome the oppressive darkness with his shining
light, so that his people, might live the happiness and free-
dom of being in his presence, and enjoying the promised in-
heritance.
The prophet compares the day of the Messiah's triumph to
the day of Midian, when God gave victory to Gideon and his
three hundred men, using only torches, empty clay vessels,
and trumpets, over the multitude of the Midianites and their
allies. Jesus, the true light that shines by its own power,
comes into the world reducing itself to the human condition,
to overcome sin and death forever.
Jesus begins his ministry by announcing, ***"Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand"***; and to leave a tangible lega-
cy and faithful witnesses who would continue his mission
until all humanity received his gift, he began to call those he
wanted to make his disciples, saying, ***"Follow me, and I will
make you fishers of men."*** and they left everything and fol-
lowed him.
This call of Christ continues in every baptized person. That is
why it is good to ask yourself: "Am I casting my nets into the
sea of this turbulent and polluted world, or am I ignoring Je-
sus' call to his mission?
In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul exhorts us all to live
"in harmony and without division." And it does so in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to give it the moral weight that
gives the indisputable doctrinal authority of Jesus.
He reminds us of the reality of the unity of our Church,
which is one, with Christ its head. There is not a European
church, and an African church, an American church and a
Latin American church; or a church of whites and another of
blacks; a church that follows a political party and another
that follows another party, etc. Our only head is Jesus Christ,
who reigns through the hierarchy of apostolic succession.
Of course we can have different preferences in all fields of
civil life, but without letting it lead us to division, since this
does not come from Christ, but from the devil ("the one who
divides"); and even less, to do so publicly, because it consti-
tutes a scandal that wounds his Mystical Body, the Church.
What our Lord Jesus Christ wants from the beginning is a
Church perfectly united ***"in the same mind and in the same
heart"***, in intimacy for him and with him; a Church that lives
and moves according to his will, expressed in the directives
that he taught us in his doctrine, and that remains faithful to
holy Tradition.
The Kingdom of God has already come to us by the grace of
the Holy Spirit; so, to announce it we must accept living it.
That is the most convincing proof that it is at hand.
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be faithful fishers
of men who, accompanying our Lord, bring healing, union,
peace and hope to every corner of the earth.
May God bless you.



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Office Hours:
 8:00am-11:30am
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Confessions
 Wednesday 5pm-5:45pm
 Sunday 8:30am-9:15am

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 320 W. Free Street
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Mass Times
 Thursday: 12:00pm
 Saturday: 4:00pm



Welcome to

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JANUARY 25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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