# Mass Schedule

October 11, Saturday 6:00pm

In Memory of Mark Woodruff

# October 12, Sunday

9:30am Mass In Honor of Kem Drake 11am Mass (Spanish)

October 14, Tuesday 8:00am Mass

October 15, Wednesday

6:00pm Mass In Memory of Olivia Vasquez

> October 17, Friday 8:00am Mass

In Memory of Gerald Orr

October 18, Saturday 6:00pm

In honor of all parishioners

October 19, Sunday 9:30am Mass

In Honor of Dc. John Drake 11am Mass (Spanish)

## **Confessions**

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

# Adoration

Each Wednesday 8am-8pm

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 12, 2025

Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

Monday Jon 1:1-7 Lk11:29-32

Tuesday Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Rom 2:1-11 Lk11:42-46

Thursday Rom 3:21-30 Lk11:47-54

Friday Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9

Sunday Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8

### **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 candidates and the religious brothers and sisters from our Diocese.

## Also please remember in your prayers:

Jimmy Chatman, Kaden Siebert, Lane Clayton, Lisa Hunt, Joan Dicus, Mary Wood, Scott Giles, Roger Specking, Linda Pope, Randy Scott, 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, Ellen 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.

|                 | Saturday<br>6pm<br>10/18/25    | Sunday<br>9:30am<br>10/19/25      |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Servers         | Bradley Johnson<br>John VanDon | Hudson Bader<br>Daniel Kristofcak |
| Lector          | Roseanne<br>Livingston         | Sandra Kelley<br>Jennifer Drake   |
| EM              | Jo Lampkins<br>Karen Ussery    | Rosario Puello<br>Kem Drake       |
| Gift<br>Bearers | Smoker                         | Stone                             |
| Ushers          | Brad Smithee                   | Inman                             |

Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Drake

| St. Mary Church Collection |            | Thank you! |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Week                       | Collection | Expenses   |
| October 5, 2025            | \$7,100.00 | \$5,000.00 |

## **Food drive results:**

We collected 24 food items and \$430 for Griffin memorial food pantry. Thank you!

Second collection will be held for:
October 18 & 19 World Mission Sunday
October 25 & 26 St. Mary School & Preschool

The Rosary for America will be next Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 in the Church. October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Novena for America, and the Holy Rosary. Jesus said, "Wherever two or more or gathered in my name I am in their midst." We need all the two and more that we can get to pray for our nation as we go through this tumultuous time.

# The study of "Luke: The Gospel of Mercy" is

currently being held each Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 in the parish hall. Please join us for the Videos and small group discussions on this topic. Everyone that has attended has really enjoyed both the discussions and the personal interactions with each other.

# **Christmas Bazaar**

# Save the Date: Dec. 5ht & 6th | 8am-5pm

It's time to start saving boxes for our annual Christmas Bazaar. Please save your shoe boxes or any box that has a detachable lid. See Brenda Lane for questions and to drop off boxes.

## **Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

OCIA provides an opportunity to learn and grow with others. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake. OCIA is held each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 6pm.

### **Prayer Garden**

Order forms are available at the entrance to the Church for plaques to be placed in the new prayer garden at the parish hall.

#### **SOS NEWS**

We served 352 meals the month September.

Please don't forget our winter drive. We are in real need if 2XL Men and Women coats and blankets if anyone has any in their closet.

## **Church Cleaning Schedule**

With the upcoming holiday season, those interested in volunteering for a deep clean of our Church on October 28th please see the sign up sheet in the Church. Fr. Aby is asking for this to be a quarterly deep clean as a services to our beautiful Church. Future cleanings will be announced soon.

## Welcome to St. Mary's Church Group

If you are interested in becoming part of the **Welcome Group**, please see the sign up sheet in the Church. Please see Fr. Aby for more information.

The Saint Thomas More Society of Arkansas invites you to attend the 31st Annual Red Mass on Friday, October 17, 2025, 12:05 Noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana Street in Little Rock, with the Most Reverend Francis I. Malone, Bishop of Shreveport, celebrant and homilist, assisted by the JCL priests of the Diocese of Little Rock. Everyone is invited to join judges, lawyers, public officials, law professors and students to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in the administration of government and justice and for the intercession of St. Thomas More. Lunch for \$25 will follow in McDonald Hall. Make reservations at https://tinyurl.com/Arkansas-Red-Mass or Post Office Box 1426, North Little Rock AR 72215. For additional information contact Connie Brown Phillips, at cbphillisplaw@gmail.com or 501-680-6919.

#### PRE & CYM Updates

No PRE classes will be held at the Church on Wednesday, October 15th.

PRE students are invited to attend the Fields of Faith at GCT HS Arena. Tailgating in the courtyard if it doesn't rain and in the cafeteria if it does rain.

Parents must attend with their student if they are under 6th grade. Please see Stephen Posey for more information.



#### Discover Deeper Faith Join Our Luke Bible Study

Are you searching for a stronger connection to God and a supportive community of believers? This Bible study is a place for honest discussion, spiritual growth, and encouragement.

All are welcome,

regardless of where you are on your journey.

This is more than just a meeting; it's a family committed to walking with each other through the book of Luke.

What We're Studying: Continuing our dive into the book of Luke.

#### Real Stories from Our Members

The quest for knowledge is a compelling force, particularly when that quest is centered on our basic desire to better understand our faith, and the gospel messages which set the foundation.

And so it is with our study of the Gospel of Luke. Cheryl and I both cherish the opportunity to participate in the open, honest, and thought-provoking small group sessions. In my opinion, it is these sessions which allow for a genuine exchange of ideas and perspectives that represent the very best that St. Mary's Parish has to offer!

I can tell you that we really look forward to every
Tuesday night! These classes are an important part of
our week, and a wonderful opportunity to share
friendship, fellowship, good food and a laugh or two!
If you were blessed to attend the first session of Luke,
please come back again! If you were unable to attend
the first session, please join us for this session! I
promise you will not be disappointed!

#### **Andy Stickler**

The dates for the Study will be:

September 23, 2025

September 30, 2025

October 7, 2025

October 14, 2025

October 28, 2025

November 4, 2025

November 11, 2025

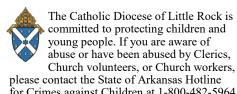
November 25, 2025

December 2, 2025

If anyone that did not attend the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Study and would like to attend this 2<sup>nd</sup> half,

books are available.

Please contact Karen Ussery to reserve a book.



please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



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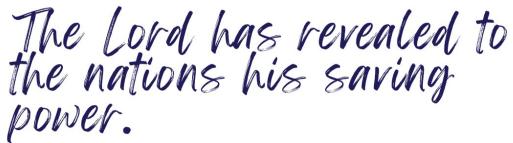
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**OCTOBER 12, 2025** 

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