Mass Schedule

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)
October 21, Tuesday

8:00am Mass

October 22, Wednesday

6:00pm Mass

In Memory of Gerald Orr

October 24, Friday 8:00am Mass

In Memory of Olivia Vasquez

October 25, Saturday 6:00pm

In honor of all parishioners
October 26, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In Memory of Fred Holtzman 11am Mass (Spanish)

**Confessions** 

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

#### Adoration

Each Wednesday 8am-8pm

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 19, 2025

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

Monday Rom 4:20-25 Lk12:13-21

Tuesday Rom 5:12 15b 17-19 Lk 12:32-38

Wednesday Rom 6:19-23 Lk12:49-48

Thursday Rom 6:19-23 Lk12:49-53

Friday Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Sir 35:12-14,16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18 Lk 18:9-14

#### 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 6pm 10/25/25	Sunday 9:30am 10/26/25
Servers	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Norah & Cecilia Meeks
Lector	Margarita Gonzalez	Michele Legrid Jean Thornton
EM	Brad Smithee Karen Ussery	Sandra Kelley Melissa McPherson
Gift Bearers	Livingston	Holmes
Ushers	Mark	Collins

Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Legrid

St. Mary Church Collection		Thank you!
Week	Collection	Expenses
October 12, 2025	\$7,795.00	\$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 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 following 8am Mass. Please see the sign up sheet in the Church. Fr. Aby is asking for this to be a quarterly deep clean as a service to our beautiful Church, if you would like to be a member of this newly formed service committee, please sign up!

#### 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.

#### **Today is World Mission Sunday!**

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hopewhere despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As

Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ. Please see the Pope's message on World Mission Sunday on our website www.stmaryparaoguld.org.

Catholic Charities of Arkansas has a job opening for an Immigration Specialist in Little Rock. Qualifications include: bachelor's degree, fluency in English and Spanish, and computer proficiency. This is a full-time position with competitive pay and benefits, including health insurance, paid time off and a 403(b) retirement plan. To inquire or apply by providing a cover letter and resume, contact Dennis Lee, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of Arkansas, Diocese of Little Rock, at dlee@dolr.org or call (501) 664-0340.



#### 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

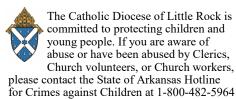
November 25, 2025

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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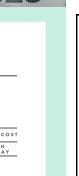






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# Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## OCTOBER 19, 2025

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