Mass Schedule December 20, Saturday 6:00pm

In Memory of Charlie Eckhout

December 21, Sunday 9:30am Mass

In honor of the Drake Family 11:00am Mass [Spanish]

December 23, Tuesday 8:00am Mass

December 24, Wednesday 6:00pm Mass

In memory of Bernice Dohnalik 10:00pm Mass

December 25, Thursday

9:30am Mass

In memory of Helen Thompson 11:00am [Spanish] Mass

December 26, Friday 8:00am Mass

December 27, Saturday 6:00pm

In honor of All Parishioners **December 28, Sunday**

9:30am Mass In honor of Ramiro & Candi Rodriquez 11:00am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

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

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 21, 2025

Sunday Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Monday 1Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a

Lk 1:67-79

Thursday Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 Is 9:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Friday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-49 Mt 10:17-22

Saturday 1Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

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:

Laura Hagen, Jimmy 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, 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.

	Christmas Eve 6:00pm	Christmas Eve 10:00pm	Christmas Day 9:30am
Servers	Karlee & Cole Dominion	Need 2	Norah & Cecila Meeks
Lector	Melissa McPherson Karen Ussery	Michele Legrid Janet Murray	Karen Ussery Jean Thorton
EM	Jerry Hoepfl Jennifer Drake Jo Lampkins Ben Sleeper— Choir	Sandra Kelley Henry Polk Stephen Posey Jerry Hoepfl	Mandy Kerperien
Gift Bearers	Rodriguez	Posey	Kerperien
Ushers	Steyer	Collins	Inman

	Saturday 6pm 12/27/25	Sunday 9:30am 12/28/25		
Servers	John VanDon Bradley Johnson	Hudson Colton AnnaMae Wortham		
Lector	Stephen Posey	Angie & Ava Halverson		
EM	Karen Ussery Jo Lampkins	Michele Legrid Jennifer Drake		
Gift Bearers	Posey	Livingston		
Ushers	Barry	Inman		
Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Halverson				

	New Years Eve 6pm 12/31/25	New Years Day 9:30am 1/1/26
Servers	Hudson Colton AnnaMae Wortham	Daniel Kristofcak
Lector	Jennifer Bouldin	Dean Inman
EM	Jerry Hoepfl Andy Stickler	Rosario Puello Kem Drake
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez	
Ushers	Barry	Steyer

St. Mary Churc	Thank you!	
Week	Collection	Expenses
December 14, 2025	\$ 4,161.00	\$5,000.00

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.

<u>Prayer Garden</u> Please get your orders in for the Prayer Garden Memorial Wall. A new order will be submitted December 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 information on how to help or donate to this great cause.

SOS NEWS

In November, the 5 SOS teams feed an average of 88 people every week. We are needing a few more volunteers to help prepare and serve God's people. If anyone would like more information you can call Mary Jo at 870-486-1747.

We would like to thank our parishioners that have made donations to the program as well as all the donations for our winter drive. We are still in need of 2XL coats for both men and women, XL men's gloves, and socks. God bless all of you for the blessings you are giving to those in need!

<u>Luke Study</u> will not meet the month of December. The last two sessions will be on 1/6/2026 and 1/13/2026.

Parish Census

Please complete a **Parish Census** form, they will be located in the pews throughout December. This spring we will be completing a new parish directory and the census will assist in getting everyone's correct information in the directory. Also this will assist in sending out emails about upcoming events. Please return your completed census to the box at the entrance to the Church or give to Fr. Aby.

<u>Lector Workbooks</u> are available for pick up in the sacristy, please sign your name when picking up a book.



Food drive results:

November food drive results. We collected 131 food items and \$911 for Griffin memorial food pantry.

On December 24th & 25th the Clergy Welfare Christmas Collection will be held (this is the only collection for these masses. This is the primary source of income for this fund. Your support will help continue to provide benefits for our retired priest and build the fund to meet our future obligations.

Christmas & New Year Schedule:

December 24: 6pm & 10pm

December 25: 9:30am & 11am [Spanish]

December 31: 6pm

January 1: 9:30am & 11am [Spanish]

Christmas Flower Donations

Please contact the office or send Mandy (secretary@stmaryparagould.org) a message to make a donation for flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. For printing in the Christmas bulletin, please have names sent by 9am on Tuesday, December 23.

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Little Rock invites you to celebrate this annual Mass with Bishop Taylor.

JANUARY 18, 2026 MASS FOR LIFE



PRAY TO END ABORTION

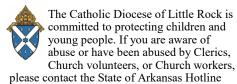
** CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW 617 S. LOUISIANA ST., LITTLE ROCK 12:05 P.M.

the Arkansas State Capitol

ARKANSAS RIGHT TO LIFE'S 48TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE, 2PM along Capitol Ave. to the steps of

→ ADORATION & ROSARY FOR LIFE 11:20 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.

→ AFTER MASS FREE TACOS Grab-and-go to make it easy to attend the March for Life!



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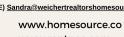


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Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church 320 W. Free Street Walnut Ridge, Arkansas 72476 **Mass Times** Thursday: 12:00pm Saturday: 4:00pm



Let the Lord enter: He is King of glory

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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