

Mass Schedule

April 18, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

April 19, Sunday

9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

April 21, Tuesday

8:00am Mass

April 22, Wednesday

6:00pm Mass

April 24, Friday

8:00am Mass

April 25, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In memory of the Nolan Family

April 26, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

Sunday 8:30am-9:15

No Wednesday Confessions

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

April 18 & 19

Fr. Phillip Reeves will be celebrating our Weekend Masses.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 19-26, 2026

Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Monday – Monday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday – Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday – Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday – Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday – Friday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday – Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14
Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts :214a36-41
1 Pt 2:20B-25
Jn 10: 1-10

	6:00 PM Mass 4/25/2026	9:30 AM Mass 4/19/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Brady Stone AnnaMae Wortham
Lector	Magarita Gonzalez	Janet Murray Michele Legrid
EM	Stephen Posey Karen Ussery	Rosario Puello Melissa McPherson
Gift Bearers	Livingston	Hoepfl
Ushers	Brad	Collins
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Legrid		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	April 12, 2026	\$4,254.00	\$5,000.00

Food drive results:

We collected 51 food items and \$430.76 for Griffin Memorial food pantry. Thank you

Special Collections:

- Catholic Church in Africa: April 18-19
 - St. Mary School & Preschool: April 25-26
- Building Fund donation** envelops are available in the pews.

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.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MAY 7, 2026

TICKETS ARE \$100 EACH

CHANCE TO WIN \$5,000



TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN DURING OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT.
THE LAST TICKET DRAWN WILL TAKE HOME \$5,000.

Email Mrs. Sleeper to purchase jsleeper@stmaryparagould.org

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 Please get your orders in for the Prayer Garden Memorial Wall. \$100.00 per Plaque and one name per Plaque is listed. This is a great gift for family members for Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Attention Flower Gardeners—If you are propagating perennial plant, could you reach out to Phil Allen 870-656-4660 please? Our prayer garden is in need of flowers and we would like to plant perennials.

Adoration: We are in need of a volunteer for the 8:00–9:00 AM Adoration hour. If you feel called to spend this time with the Lord, please contact the Church office or Mandy at 870-897-4849.

High School Graduates: Our 2026 High School Graduates will be honored during the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, April 26th.

Church Safety Team:

A safety meeting will be held on Sunday April 26th.

Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm. Spaghetti sauce preparation begins at 4:30pm. All members are welcome.

SOS Program Updates:

If anyone in our parish that is in need of a meal on any Sunday, please reach out to the SOS team or Church office. Delivery can be made if you are unable to attend SOS.

Severe Weather

During severe weather events the Church basement will be available. If Fr. Aby is not in the Church when you arrive, please reach out to Mandy.

Draw Down

In conjunction with the St. Mary School Golf Tournament, there will be a draw down. Draw down tickets are \$100 dollars and one lucky ticket holder will take home the \$5,000 prize! Tickets will be drawn down during the golf tournament. The final ticket drawn will be the winner. Only 200 tickets are available. Secure yours today by seeing: Fr. Aby, Julia Sleeper, Emily Kueter, Chad Register, or Angie Halver-son.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GOLF 2026

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

Paragould Country Club

\$500 Team Registration: 4 Man Scramble

Team registration includes lunch, green fees, cart, and range balls.

Become a Sponsor or Register Your Team

Complete our digital form using this QR code or contact Emily Kueter at (870) 476-8878 or emilykueter@gmail.com.



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To purchase a Draw Down ticket, please email Mrs. Sleeper at jsleeper@stmaryparagould.org. Only 200 tickets will be sold!



Golf Tournament

The St. Mary School Golf Tournament will be Thursday, May 7th. If you are interested in registering a team or being a sponsor please contact Julia Sleeper.

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Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena

for Protection and Healing from Abuse

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| Day 1: May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation. | Day 6: May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God. |
| Day 2: May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing. | Day 7: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported. |
| Day 3: May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm. | Day 8: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse. |
| Day 4: May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries. | Day 9: May our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock. |
| Day 5: May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people. | |

Prayers

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross. Cherish Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been grossly harmed, and the cries of those who love them.

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Chase their justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal our people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Create us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to see with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Chase that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, 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 Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



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Office Hours:
8:00am-11:30am
Tue, Wed, Fri.

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

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Contact Leia Taylor or the church office.


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April 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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