

Mass Schedule

May 11, Saturday
6:00p.m.

In Honor of All Parishioners

May 12, Sunday

9:30a.m. In Honor of all Mothers

11:30am Spanish Mass

May 14, Tuesday

8:00a.m.

In Memory of Martha & John Hey

May 15, Wednesday

6:00p.m.

In Memory of Fred Hotzman

May 17, Friday

8:00a.m.

In Memory of Martha & John Hey

May 18, Saturday

6:00p.m.

In Honor of All Parishioners

May 19, Sunday

9:30a.m.

11:30am Spanish Mass

Confessions

Wednesday 5:00pm-5:45pm

Sunday 8:30am-9:15

Adoration is held each Wednesday

beginning at 8am until 8pm.

All are welcome!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 12, 2024

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

Monday

Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

	Saturday 6pm 5-18-24	Sunday 9:30am 5-19-24
Servers	Bradley Johnson Avery Dement	Andrew & Molly Hale
Lector	Jennifer Bouldin	Angie & Ava Halverson
EM	Stan Adams Stephen Posey	Rosario Puello Kem Drake
Gift Bearers	Posey	Wenger
Ushers	Barry/JT	Inman
Refreshments after Sunday Mass: Halverson		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!		
Week	Collection	Expenses
May 5, 2024	\$5,624.00	\$5,000.00

April Food Drive: We collected 115 food items and \$618.36. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary Catholic Church Paragould



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St. Mary News

- ⇒ Change in Weekly Mass: Monday morning mass will no longer be said beginning May 6th. Week day mass will be held on Tuesday and Friday at 8am.
- ⇒ Beginning on May 5th Announcements will be said after Communion instead of the beginning of Mass.
- ⇒ We are seeking volunteers to assist with our Vacation Bible School this summer. Needing 4 adults volunteers and youth volunteers (this is a great opportunity for service hours).
- ⇒ Amicorum will be held on May 14th at Carlos Cantina in Downtown Paragould at 6pm.
- ⇒ The SOS (Supper on Sunday) program served 274 meals in April. If anyone in our parish family needs a meal please don't hesitate

- to join us on Sundays at 4. There are times, some are sick or have extenuating circumstances that may need a meal and can't attend. Please call 870-476-1747 if you need a meal please order by 5:00 on Friday and we deliver one to your home that Sunday. Thank you and God bless everyone for the support we receive from our parish family!
- ⇒ The Rosary will be said Sunday May 19th at 3pm in the Church. Please join us as we pray for our country.
- ⇒ Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30pm will be our end of the year picnic for PRE and CYM. All students and families are welcome to attend.
- ⇒ Thank you to everyone who supported our Golf tournament. It was a wonderful success thanks to your support!



PASTOR'S CORNER
May 12, 2024,
Ascension Sunday (Acts 1:1-11;

Eph 1:17-23; or 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20) The Ascension of Jesus into heaven at the right hand of God the Father is a promise of our lives in heaven. The Catechism says: "Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever" (666). We have been given an opportunity to participate in His divine life. His Ascension completes Jesus' salvific act which began with His Incarnation. It is consistent with His life on earth. He witnessed and obeyed His Father unto death. In the conclusion of his Gospel, St. Mark says Jesus told His disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (16:15-20). Jesus trusted His disciples and us to carry on His mission. In any relay race, the passing of the baton is a key moment. The Ascension is such a moment where the baton of God's kingdom is passed down to us to share His divine life. Therefore, we must join His mission.

The Ascension of Christ opens the doors for us to act in His name. We need to witness as true followers of Christ. Through His Great Commission, Jesus commands His disciples and us to follow in His footsteps. In other words, we should be completely immersed in the fullness of God. The Ascension of Jesus is simultaneously the beginning of the Church's mission throughout the world. The Catholic writer Michael Stevens says, "So while this may appear on the surface to be a scene of abandonment, we know that the Church has received a new form of his continual presence until his promised return to earth." We must remember as the disciples were looking up at the sky, the two men in white garments told them that Christ would come again. The Acts of the Apostles states that Jesus urged His disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait, as He told them, for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak . . . in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (1:4-5). They will receive the power from the Holy Spirit to establish the Kingdom of God. Dear friends, the Ascension teaches us to surrender to the power and authority of God, as Christ did. We are called to imitate Christ, thereby leading to Him those whose lives we touch. We should live our lives ever mindful of this mission on our path to eternal happiness in the Kingdom of God.

Knights of Columbus JOIN US FOR ST MARY'S

BINGO NIGHT

Monday's at 6pm

Early Jackpot \$750
Late Jackpot \$1000

\$30 TO PLAY
\$10 EXTRA FOR EARLY BIRD GAME

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. MARY SCHOOL

HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ALTAR SOCIETY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Doors open at 6:00pm | Early Bird Game at 6:30pm | Bingo at 7:00pm | St. Mary's Parish Hall

Prayer Request

Please pray for Fr. Aby, Deacon John and Deacon Ricardo. Also Fr. Nazarus, Fr. Josh, Fr. Mariadass, 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:

Nina Tuberville, Donald Jamieson, Ella Ballentine, Holly Stokes, Shawn Hagen, Olivia Vasquez, Fred Holtzman, Kimbrough Family, Roger Specking, Lesley Purlman, Kaut & Lynda White, Phillip Cable, Gregory Eicocco, Nattie Towery, Jerry Sharp, Lavon Booth, Bob & Helen Marcotte, Leo Genovesi, Gerald Orr, Kathy Puckett, Melissa Coffel, Crystal & Sammy Leisure, Dorothy Manley, Don Shinkaruk, Mike & Kathy Smoker, David & Annetta Allen, Mary McKinney, Marty Barrack, Galen Williams, Mary Killela, Cindy Shepard, Fr. Amal, Ellen Rogers, Keegan Neldon, Melonie Southard, Mary Lane, Marti Johnson, Nathan Bridges, Anthony Allen, James Whitson, Carolyn Webster, Carter Pace, Bonita Quette, Marilyn Posey, and De La Salle Blackfeet School.

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 and Preschool

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Come check out our new Library of Books to help us in our spiritual lives. The library will be open on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Wenning Center.

St. Mary Catholic Church
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LET'S GO CAMPING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 11-13
5:30PM-8PM
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RSVP NATALIE STONE 870-215-1137

Prayer Garden:
Order forms are available at the entrance to the Church for plaques to be placed in the new prayer garden located on the east corner of the parish hall.

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is Committed to Protecting Children, Youth, and Adults at Risk

If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the Vicar General for the Diocese of Little Rock at (501) 664-0340 ext. 361 and the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crime Against Children at (800) 482-5964. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinators for the Diocese of Little Rock, Laura Gottspomer at (501) 766-6001.



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- Confessions**
Wednesday 5pm-5:45pm
Sunday 8:30am-9:15am
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**
320 W. Free Street
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas 72476
Mass Times
Thursday: 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:00pm



Welcome to ST. MARY CATHOLIC Church
*Happy Mother's Day
Her children rise up and call her blessed.
Proverbs 31:26*

**MAY 12, 2024
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into Heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

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