

**Mass Schedule**  
**May 16, Saturday**  
 6:00pm Mass  
 In honor of All Parishioners

**May 17, Sunday**  
 9:30am Mass  
 In Honor of St Mary School Graduates

11:00am Mass [Spanish]  
 In memory of Ramiro Rodriguez Sr.

**May 19, Tuesday**  
 8:00am Mass

**May 20, Wednesday**  
 6:00pm Mass

**May 22, Friday**  
 8:00am Mass

In memory of Roger Specking

**May 23, Saturday**  
 6:00pm Mass  
 In honor of All Parishioners

**May 24, Sunday**  
 9:30am Mass  
 In memory of Ken Blattler  
 11:00am Mass [Spanish]

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

**Adoration**  
 Wednesday 8am-8pm

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**MAY 17, 2026**

**Sunday**  
 Acts 1:1-11  
 Eph 1:17-23  
 Mt 28:16-20

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

**Tuesday**  
 Acts 20:17-27  
 Jn 17:1-11a

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

**Thursday**  
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
 Jn 17:20-26 (300)

**Friday**  
 Acts 25:13b-21  
 Jn 21:15-19 (301)

**Saturday**  
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
 Jn 21:20-25 (302)

**Sunday**  
 Gn 11:1-9  
 Rom 8:22-27  
 Jn 7:37-39

	<b>6:00 PM Mass</b> 5/23/2026	<b>9:30 AM Mass</b> 5/24/2026
<b>Servers</b>	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Karlee & Cole-Dominion
<b>Lector</b>	Karen Ussery	Phil Allen Angie Halverson
<b>EM</b>	Jennifer Bouldin Brad Smithee	Rosario Puello Carolyn Block
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Mark	Stone
<b>Ushers</b>	Smoker	Steyer

**Refreshments following 9:30am Mass:**

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
<b>Offertory</b>	May 10, 2026	\$4,054.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	May 2026	\$60,450.00	

**Food drive results:**  
 We collected 51 food items and \$430.76 for Griffin Memorial food pantry. Thank you

**Special Collections:**  
**Thank you for the generous donations to Fr. Aby's order.**  
**Building Fund donation** envelopes 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.

**SOS Program Updates:**  
 332 SOS meals were served during March. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Rosary for America will be next Sunday, May 17, at 3:00p.m.**

**SEARCH #158 RETREAT Registrations** are now being accepted for Search #158, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to in-coming juniors, seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #158 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of June 26-28, 2026. The fee is \$150.00. Catholic Charities

**Summer Institute – C2SI Registrations** are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program put together by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Little Rock. This week is open to youth in the 10th - 12th grades interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During this 5-day session participants will have the opportunity to learn how to put the social justice lessons learned each morning into action with worthwhile "hands on" experience by working in the community. Join us in Jesus's invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and welcome the stranger among us. Participants receive 40 hours of community service for the week. C2SI is held at St. John Center, Little Rock, July 13-17, 2026. The fee is \$250.00.

If you have questions you may contact Trish Gentry tgenry@dolr.org at the Diocese of Little Rock Youth Ministry office: 501-664-0340, ext 418.

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 \$50 per person, \$350 for a table of 8

Paragould Community Center  
 3404 Linwood Drive  
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Please RSVP by May 30 via the enclosed card.

**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:**  
 Charles Dachs, Bob Marcotte, Edward McCoy, Allen Hagen, Larra Shepard, David Huynh, Juanita Rodriguez, John and Marva Varner, 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.

*Please*  
**RSVP**  
*by May 30*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. Enclosed is my payment.

I regretfully cannot attend. Please find enclosed a donation of \_\_\_\_\_.

I regretfully cannot attend.

Please make checks payable to: Rex Bouldin Scholarship Fund. If you would like to pay by credit card, please enter your phone number, and we will call you. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**  
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Contact Leia Taylor or the church office.




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*May 17, 2026*

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