

**June 20, Saturday**  
6:00pm Mass  
In honor of All Parishioners  
**June 21, Sunday**  
9:30am Mass  
6:00pm Mass [Spanish]

**Week day Mass and Confession are canceled this week . Fr. Beni will be celebrating our weekend Masses. Fr. Aby will be on vacation.**

**June 26, Saturday**  
6:00pm Mass  
In honor of All Parishioners  
**June 27, Sunday**  
9:30am Mass  
In memory Roberta Straub  
11am Mass [Spanish]

**Confessions**  
Sunday 8:30am-9:15am

**Adoration**  
Wednesday 8am-8pm

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
June 21-28, 2026

**Sunday, June 21**  
Jer 20:10-13  
Rom 5:12-15  
Mt 10:26-33 (94)

**Monday, June 22**  
2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18  
Mt 7:1-5 (371)

**Tuesday, June 23**  
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Mt 7:6, 12-14 (372)

**Wednesday, June 24 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 (586)  
Day: Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80 (587)

**Thursday, June 25**  
2 Kgs 24:8-17  
Mt 7:21-29 (374)

**Friday, June 26**  
2 Kgs 25:1-12  
Mt 8:1-4 (375)

**Saturday, June 27**  
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19  
Mt 8:5-17 (376)

**Next Sunday, June 28**  
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  
Mt 10:37-42 (97)

	<b>6:00 PM Mass</b> 6/27/2026	<b>9:30 AM Mass</b> 6/28/2026
<b>Servers</b>	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Cole & Karlee Dominion
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer Bouldin	Phil Allen Jean Thorton
<b>EM</b>	Karen Ussery Brad Smithee	Melissa McPherson Sandra Kelley
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Tompkins	Rodriguez
<b>Ushers</b>	Barry	Steyer
<b>Refreshments following 9:30am Mass:</b> Altar Society		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
<b>Offertory</b>	June 14, 2026	\$4,002.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	May 2026	\$60,450.00	

**Food drive results:**  
We collected 91 food items and \$ 385 for Griffin Memorial food pantry in June. Thank you

**Special Collections:**  
Church in Latin America June 20 & 21  
St. Mary School & Preschool June 27 & 28

**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 OCIA 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.

**Knights of Columbus**  
Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2nd at 6:00pm in the Wenning House. Please join us!

**SOS Program**  
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 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.

**2026 Respect Life Grant Application**  
The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Little Rock awards a limited number of grants to parish groups and community organizations in Arkansas that promote a consistent ethic of life. The grant application period is open from June 1 - August 31, 2026, with grants awarded in October 2026, Respect Life Month. Detailed information and the application are located at [Respect Life Grant Application | DOLR.org](#). If you have any questions, please email [respectlife@dolr.org](mailto:respectlife@dolr.org).

**Week day Mass and Confession are canceled this week. Fr. Beni will be celebrating our weekend Masses. Fr. Aby will be on vacation. The Spanish Mass on June 21 will be said at 6pm instead of 11am by Fr. Stephen Elser.**

**Jubilee Mass:** A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock to honor Fr. John Oswald (65 years), Msgr. Lawrence Frederick (60 years), Msgr. David LeSieur (50 years), Fr. Joseph Marconi, Fr. Salvador Vega-Alvarenga, and Fr. Arokiasamy M. Irudayaraj (25 years) on their anniversary of priestly ordination. Senior priests will be honored during this Mass as well. A dinner reception will follow in McDonald Hall that is open to everyone. For additional information contact Maria Velázquez at 501-664-0340, ext. 340.

**SAVE THE DATE! St. Mary's Fall Festival**  
**Date:** October 24  
**Location:** St. Mary's Church Grounds  
Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and community! We're preparing an exciting Fall Festival featuring games, activities, delicious food, entertainment, and much more for all ages. Additional details will be announced soon, so stay tuned. We look forward to celebrating with you!

**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, 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, Kimbrough Family, 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.



**Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
On the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:  
You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.  
From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.  
Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.  
We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.  
May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.  
May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.  
O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.  
Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

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

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**Mass Times**  
Thursday: 12:00pm  
Saturday: 4:00pm

Welcome to **ST. MARY CATHOLIC Church**

**Happy Father's Day**

**June 21, 2026**

**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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