

**June 26, Saturday**  
6:00pm Mass  
In honor of All Parishioners

**June 27, Sunday**  
9:30am Mass  
In memory Roberta Straub  
11am Mass [Spanish]

**June 30, Tuesday**  
8:00am Mass  
In memory of Roberta Straub

**July 1, Wednesday**  
6:00pm  
In memory of Rev. Norman McFall

**July 3, Friday**  
8:00am  
In memory of Roger Specking

**July 4, Saturday**  
6:00pm Mass  
In honor of All Parishioners

**July 5, Sunday**  
9:30am Mass  
In honor of all Altar Society members living and deceased  
11am Mass [Spanish]

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

**Adoration**  
Wednesday 8am-8pm

**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 Diamones, 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.

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

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

**Monday – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**  
Acts 3:1-10  
Gal 1:11-20  
Mt 16:13-19 (591)

**Tuesday**  
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12  
Mt 8:23-27 (378)

**Wednesday**  
Am 5:14-15, 21-24  
Mt 8:28-34 (379)

**Thursday**  
Am 7:10-17  
Mt 9:1-8 (380)

**Friday – Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
Eph 2:19-22  
Jn 20:24-29 (593)

**Saturday**  
Am 9:11-15  
Mt 9:14-17 (382)

**Next Sunday**  
Zec 9:9-10  
Rom 8:9, 11-13  
Mt 11:25-30 (100)

	<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 21, 2026	\$3447.00	\$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:**  
St. Mary School & Preschool June 27 & 28  
Peter 's Pence July 11 & 12

**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 7:00pm 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.

**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!

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  
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320 W. Free Street  
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Mass Times  
Thursday: 12:00pm  
Saturday: 4:00pm



Welcome to  
**ST. MARY CATHOLIC Church**

Happy 4th of July

June 28, 2026

**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Parish Staff

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