

Mass Schedule

July 25, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

July 26, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In memory of Cathy Lattus

11am Mass [Spanish]

July 28, Tuesday

8:00am Mass

July 29, Wednesday

6:00pm

July 31, Friday

8:00am

August 1, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

August 2, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all Altar Society members both living and deceased

11am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

Sunday 8:30am-9:15am

Wednesday 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

July 26 – August 2, 2026

Sunday, July 26

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52 or Mt 13:44–46 (109)

Monday, July 27

Jer 13:1–11

Mt 13:31–35 (401)

Tuesday, July 28

Jer 14:17–22

Mt 13:36–42 (402)

Wednesday, July 29

(Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus)

Jer 15:10, 16–21

Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42 (607)

Thursday, July 30

Jer 18:1–6

Mt 13:47–53 (404)

Friday, July 31

Jer 26:1–9

Mt 13:54–58 (405)

Saturday, August 1

Jer 26:11–16, 24

Mt 14:1–12 (406)

Next Sunday, August 2

Is 55:1–3

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Mt 14:13–21 (112)

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, 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.

	6:00 PM Mass 8/1/2026	9:30 AM Mass 8/2/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson	Avery Whitson Hudson Colton
Lector	Andy Stickler	Sandra Kelley Michele Legrid
EM	Karen Ussery Brad Smithee	Ramiro & Candi Rodriguez
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez	Stone
Ushers	Mark	Collins
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Legrid		

St. Mary Church Collection		Thank you!	
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	July 19, 2026	\$4,919.00	\$5,000.00

Food drive results:

We collected 72 food items and \$ 453 for Griffen memorial food pantry. Thank you!

Special Collections:

St. Mary School & Preschool July 25 & 26

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Friday, October 9 — 6:30 PM
Saturday, October 10 — 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
St. Paul the Apostle Parish Life Center
Pocahontas, Arkansas

Come for all or part — you will be blessed!

RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

Growing into the Woman God
Created You to Be

Hearing God's Voice Amid
the Noise

The Courage of
Mary's Fiat

RETREAT LEADERS

Fr. John Marconi
Former Pastor and Spiritual Director, affectionately known as the
"Arkansas Roadrunner" as he faithfully serves parishes across the Diocese.

Debbie Eckert
Wife, mother, grandmother, Spiritual Director, and award-winning author.
Debbie is passionate about guiding women into a deeper relationship
with Christ through prayer, reflection, and authentic community.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

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Save the Date! St. Mary's Shrimp Shack Fund-raiser Friday, October 2

Mark your calendars for our annual St. Mary's School Shrimp Shack Fundraiser! More details will be coming soon, but be sure to save the date. We look forward to seeing you for an evening of great food, fun, and support for our school!

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.

Ways to help: Anyone that has white elephant gifts/items please place on the table in the conference room of the parish hall. We will use these items for grab bags.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Christmas Bazaar [Christmas in July, Ha!]

Please begin saving boxes to be wrapped as gift boxes (boxes with separate lids preferred). Thank you!

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.

Taste of Faith

SUPPORTING SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

TOGETHER, WE INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH.

August 1, 2026

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
POCAHONTAS, ARKANSAS

MASS AT 5:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR AT 6:00 PM

NO COST TO ATTEND

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Please reach out to Jerry Hoepfl 870-236-0761 by Sunday at 5pm if you will be attending the **Taste of Faith dinner at St. Paul in Pocahontas.**

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study

Join us beginning Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a 9-session study of the Gospel of Matthew. There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you sign up in advance so we can prepare enough study materials for everyone. Sign-up sheets are available at the front entrance of the church, the parking lot entrance, and in the Parish Hall. Please bring your Bible and an ink pen. Additional session dates and information will be announced soon. We hope you'll join us as we grow together in our understanding of God's Word!

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 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 peren-



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Supper on Sunday S.O.S

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Office Hours:
8:00am-11:30am
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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

July 26, 2026

**17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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Message from Fr. Aby:

To better serve the faithful of Paragould, Walnut Ridge, Holy Angels, and St. Bernards Hospital, the following weekly schedule has been established.

Weekly Schedule Monday – Day Off Tuesday

6:00 a.m. – Mass at Holy Angels
8:00 a.m. – Mass in Paragould
Morning: Ministry in Paragould
Afternoon: Ministry at St. Bernards Hospital

Wednesday

6:00 a.m. – Mass at Holy Angels
Morning: Ministry at St. Bernards Hospital
Afternoon: Ministry in Paragould
6:00 p.m. – Mass in Paragould

Thursday

6:00 a.m. – Mass at Holy Angels
Morning: Ministry at St. Bernards Hospital
12:00 p.m. – Mass in Walnut Ridge
Afternoon: Ministry in Paragould

Friday

6:00 a.m. – Mass at Holy Angels
8:00 a.m. – Mass in Paragould
Morning: Ministry in Paragould
Afternoon: Ministry at St. Bernards Hospital

Saturday

6:00 a.m. – Mass at Holy Angels
4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass in Walnut Ridge
6:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass in Paragould

Sunday

6:30 a.m. – Mass at Holy Angels
9:30 a.m. – Mass in Paragould
11:00 a.m. – Mass in Paragould