### Mass Schedule

Aug. 16, Saturday 6:00pm

In Memory of Sandra Chappel

Aug. 17, Sunday

9:30am Mass In Memory of Galen Williams 11:00am Mass (Spanish)

> Aug 19, Tuesday 8:00am Mass

Aug. 20, Wednesday

6:00pm Mass In Memory of Galen Williams

Aug. 22, Friday

8:00am Mass
In Honor of Jeanne & Urban
Dohogne

Aug. 23, Saturday 6:00pm

In Memory of Anna Brady

Aug. 24, Sunday 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass (Spanish)

**Confessions** 

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

**Adoration** 

Each Wednesday 8am-8pm

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 17, 2025

Sunday Jer 38-4-6,8-10 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

Monday Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7,11-13 Lk 13:22-30

### 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:

Kaden Siebert, Lane Clayton, Lisa Hunt, Joan Dicus, Mary Wood, Scott Giles, Roger Specking, Winston Hollis, Linda Pope, Randy Scott, Jan Giles, Fred Granger, Carolyn Clayton, 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, 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, Marti Johnson, Nathan Bridges, Anthony Allen, James Whitson, Carolyn Webster, Carter Pace, Bonita Quette, Marilyn Posey, and De La Salle Blackfeet School.

|                 | Saturday<br>6pm<br>8/23/25       | Sunday<br>9:30am<br>8/24/25       |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Servers         | Bradley Johnson<br>John VanDon   | Millie & Minley<br>Baker-Huynh    |
| Lector          | Need One                         | Molly Baker-Huynh<br>Janet Hoepfl |
| EM              | Jennifer Bouldin<br>Brad Smithee | Phil & Judy Allen                 |
| Gift<br>Bearers | Bustamante                       | Kristofcak                        |
| Ushers          | Mark                             | Inman                             |

Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Drake

| St. Mary Churc  | Thank you! |            |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Week            | Collection | Expenses   |
| August 10, 2025 |            | \$5,000.00 |

### July food drive results:

We collected 68 food items and \$ 778.25 for Griffin memorial food pantry. Thank you!

### **Second collection will be held for:**

August 16 & 17 Catholic Home Mission Appeal August 23-24 Special Collection for Gaza August 30 & 31 St. Mary Catholic School

### Special Collection—Gaza [Aug. 23-24]

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock, As you know from the news, the ongoing crisis in Gaza has left many people in desperate circumstances. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas. These people are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. Pope Leo XIV continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory.

Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, we have been asked to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support through either the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) or Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region. Moreover, I am a member of the board of directors of CRS and so have chosen CRS to be the recipient of donations from the Diocese of Little Rock, but any donations intended for CNEWA will be sent to them.

I am asking that all priests make arrangements to take up a second collection, as soon as reasonably possible, to assist the suffering people of Gaza and send it to the diocese for transmittal to CRS. Thank you for your generosity and your prayers for the suffering people of Gaza. Sincerely in Christ, +Anthony B. Taylor

### **Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

OCIA provides an opportunity to learn and grow with others. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake.

### **Prayer Garden**

Order forms are available at the entrance to the Church for plaques to be placed in the new prayer garden at the parish hall.

### **SOS NEWS**

SOS Served 310 meals in May. Please keep SOS in mind if you have extra summer garden vegetables or fruit to donate, you can bring them to the Parish Hall. Thank you for your support and God Bless.



be a DEACON?

For questions about the Diaconate Program, please contact Dc. Ricardo Puello. If you could not make it to an inquiry meeting but are interested, please contact Dc. Ricardo.

### Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM

Join us for a meal and updates from our Finance & Pastoral Council on the parish.

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Pastoral Council Nominations Open

Nominations for the upcoming Pastoral Council will be taken until August 31st. Nominations may be placed in the box at the entrance to the Church.

The election will be held September 13-14.

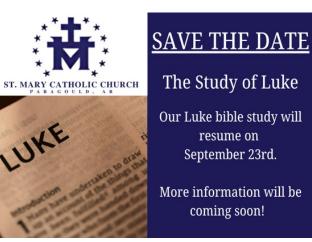


Choir Practice will resume each Monday in the Church at 6pm.

### **Lost & Found**

We have a small tote in the

basement of the Church with all things found in the Church. If you are missing an item, please







**Now Enrolling!** 

2025-2026 Openings

## ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL

We have openings in our 3 year old and 4 year old program for the 2025-2026 year!



<u>New Members</u> 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.

**<u>Baptism</u>** 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.

<u>Christian Burial</u> 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.

#### 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 Gottsponer at (501) 766-6001.



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# Lord, come to my aid: come to my aid!

**AUGUST 17, 2025** 

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