

Mass Schedule

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]

August 4, Tuesday

8:00am Mass

August 5, Wednesday

6:00pm

In memory of Cathy Lattus

August 7, Friday

No Mass

August 8, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In memory of Phil Arvelo

August 9, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all Parishioner

11am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

Sunday 8:30am-9:15am

Wednesday 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

A reminder that you may request a Mass to be offered for a special intention. These can be for a deceased loved one, for healing, in thanksgiving, or for any special need. Offering a mass is a beautiful way to place our intentions before the Lord and unite our prayers with the sacrifice of Christ. If you would like to request a Mass intention, please contact the Parish office or email secretary@stmaryparagould.org.

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, An-

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 2–9, 2026

Sunday, August 2

Is 55:1–3

Rom 8:35, 37–39

Mt 14:13–21 (112)

Monday, August 3

Jer 28:1–17

Mt 14:22–36 (408)

Tuesday, August 4

Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22

Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14 (408)

Wednesday, August 5

Jer 31:1–7

Mt 15:21–28 (409)

Thursday, August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Mt 17:1–9 (614)

Friday, August 7

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7

Mt 16:24–28 (411)

Saturday, August 8

Hb 1:12–2:4

Mt 17:14–20 (412)

Next Sunday, August 9

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a

Rom 9:1–5

Mt 14:22–33 (115)

	6:00 PM Mass 8/8/2026	9:30 AM Mass 8/9/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson	Brady Stone AnnaMae Wortham
Lector	Karen Ussery	Dean Inman
EM	Stephen Posey Jennifer Bouldin	Ben Sleeper Ramior Rodriguez
Gift Bearers	Bustamante	Knights of Columbus
Ushers	Barry	Knights of Columbus
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Knights of Columbus		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	July 26, 2026	\$3,313.00	\$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

LADIES OF ALL AGES

Save the Date

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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!

René Tyler — 870-378-0781
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Save the Date! St. Mary's Shrimp Shack Fundraiser

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!

Christmas Bazaar [Christmas in July, Ha!]

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

LET'S START THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH JESUS LEADING THE WAY!

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WHEN: 3 WEDNESDAYS IN A ROW! August 19 August 26 September 2

TIME: 5:30 – 8:00 PM

WHERE: St. Mary Catholic Church

MUSIC

BIBLE STORIES

CRAFTS

GAMES

SNACKS

NEW FRIENDS

“Let the little children come to me.” Matthew 19:14

Questions?

Natalie Stone, DRE 870-215-1137

SOS Program

Serving over 572 meals in the months of May and June. 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.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic or learn more about the Catholic Faith? OCIA provides an opportunity to learn and grow with others. We pray together, learn about the teachings of the Catholic Church and grow in faith together. On Thursday, August 20th an overview of the OCIA process will be presented and questions will be answered about what you will encounter during the journey. Come and see if this program is what you are searching for. Opening prayer begins at 6:00PM. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake, or the parish office at 870-236-2568.

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!

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.

We hope you’ll join us as we grow together in our understanding of God’s Word!

SESSION DATES:

Aug 25

Sept 1

Sept 22

Sept 29

Oct 6

Oct 13

Oct 27

Nov 3

Nov 10

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28



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 Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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Supper on Sunday S.O.S

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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
320 W. Free Street
Walnut Ridge,
Arkansas 72476
Mass Times
Thursday: 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:00pm



Welcome to
ST. MARY CATHOLIC Church

August 2, 2026

18TH 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