

Mass Schedule

August 22, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In memory of Cathy Lattus

August 23, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all Parishioner

11am Mass [Spanish]

August 25, Tuesday

8:00am Mass

In memory of Lee Lampkins

August 26, Wednesday

6:00pm

In memory of Tammye Caldwell

August 28, Friday

10:00am Mass

In memory of Janice Martinez

August 29, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In memory of Cathy Lattus

August 30, 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, diaconate candidates and the religious brothers and sisters from our Diocese.

Also please remember in your prayers:
Catherine Laffoon, 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 23, 2026

Sunday

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20 (121)

Monday

Rv 21:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Jn 1:45-51 (629)

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Mt 23:23-26 (426)

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18

Mt 23:27-32 (427)

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9

Mt 24:42-51 (428)

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25

Mt 25:1-13 (429)

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31 (430)

Mk 6:17-29 (634)

NEXT SUNDAY

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27 (124)

	6:00 PM Mass 8/29/2026	9:30 AM Mass 8/30/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson	Avery Whitson Hudson Colton
Lector	Jennifer Bouldin	Molly Baker-Huynh Jean Thornton
EM	Brad Smithee Karen Ussery	Kem Drake Carolyn Block
Gift Bearers	Livingston	Rodriguez
Ushers	Barry	Steyer
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Altar Society		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	August 16, 2026	\$3,228.00	\$5,000.00
School Marketing Fund Drive	We are currently in need of an additional \$13,000 beyond the amount already pledged to cover the marketing program expense.		

Food drive results:
We collected 72 food items and \$510 for Griffin Memorial food pantry. Thank you!

Special Collections:
Catholic Home Mission Appeal Aug. 22-23

Thank you to all who donated to the Wortham

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

STEP INTO A NEW YEAR WITH Jesus

Walk by faith, learn with joy, and grow in His love.

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

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

Questions? Natalie Stone, DRE 870-215-1137

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

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. Opening prayer begins at 6:00PM each Thursday. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake, or the parish office at 870-236-2568

Seeking Liturgical scheduler: Thank you, Angie, for your many years of dedication to coordinating and scheduling our liturgical team each month. We are truly grateful for the time, care, and commitment you have given to this ministry! If anyone is interested in taking on this much needed ministry of coordinating the liturgical schedule, please reach out. We would be very grateful for your help.

The Gospel of Matthew Study will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a drink and a snack and join us as we journey through Matthew's Gospel. Please read chapters 1-4 of Matthew to prepare for the study. If you have not signed up, please contact Karen Ussery by text or phone at 870-335-8301. There is no fee to attend. We just need an accurate count so we can have materials printed for everyone.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARAGOULD, AR

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

CELEBRATING 135 YEARS OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL

DAYTIME FAMILY FUN! STARTS AT 10:00 AM FREE ADMISSION!

Bounce Houses

Balloon Fun

Pony Rides

Gospel Singing

Bingo

Chances

Pumpkin Painting Contest

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PORK STEAK DINNER STARTS AT 5:00 PM

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Chances for

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Chance TICKETS

1 TICKET - \$10 • 6 TICKETS - \$50

MORE DETAILS TO COME

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

Welcome to
ST. MARY CATHOLIC Church

August 23, 2026

21ST 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