

Mass Schedule

August 29, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

August 30, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In memory of Melanie Posey

11am Mass [Spanish]

September 1, Tuesday

8:00am

September 2, Wednesday

6:00pm

In honor of the Kimbrough Family

September 4, Friday

8:00am

September 5, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

September 6, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all Altar Society mem-
bers both living and deceased

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:
Greg & Georgia Spooner, John D. Williams, Carolyn Kueter Boling, Lisa Siebert, 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27 (124)

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5

Lk 4:16-30 (431)

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37 (432)

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44 (433)

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11 (434)

Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39 (435)

Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5 (436)

NEXT SUNDAY

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20 (127)

	6:00 PM Mass 9/5/2026	9:30 AM Mass 9/6/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson	Avery Whitson Hudson Colton
Lector	Jennifer Bouldin	Angie Halverson Michele Legrid
EM	Brad Smithee Karen Ussery	Ramiro & Candi Rodriguez
Gift Bearers	Livingston	Stone
Ushers	Mark	Collins
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Legrid		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	August 23, 2026	\$3401.00	\$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:
St. Mary School & Preschool Aug. 29-30

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

STEP INTO A NEW YEAR WITH Jesus

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

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

FAITH FRIENDS FUN!

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

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

GAME

SNACKS

NEW FRIENDS

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

Questions?

Natalie Stone, DRE 870-215-1137

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23RD ANNUAL SHRIMP SHACK

TICKETS GO ON SALE AUGUST 31ST

\$25 one pound of shrimp served with corn, potatoes, red beans & rice, dessert

4-8 pm Friday, October 2, 2026

DINE IN CARRY OUT SILENT AUCTION 50/50

FOR TICKETS: SEE A SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL FAMILY OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

The Gospel of Matthew Study September 1, 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 5-7 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.

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

And More!

CONCESSIONS:

HAMBURGERS • HOT DOGS • TAMALES

Chances for

POLARIS RANGER

TRAEGER GRILL

\$500 TO THE JONESBORO AIRPORT

QUILT CHEST WITH QUILT

GARDEN BENCH

Chance TICKETS

1 TICKET - \$10 • 6 TICKETS - \$50

MORE DETAILS TO COME

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EVENING EVENT

PORK STEAK DINNER

STARTS AT 5:00 PM

MARYBETH BYRD CONCERT

STARTS AT 7:00 PM

\$35 DINNER + CONCERT

GOSPEL OF Matthew

BIBLE STUDY

SESSION DATES:

Aug 25

Sept 1

Sept 22

Sept 29

Oct 6

Oct 13

Oct 27

Nov 3

Nov 10

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!

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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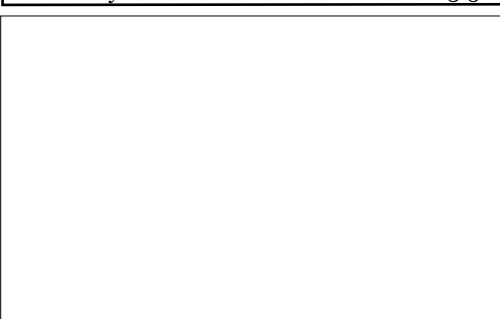
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Office Hours:
8:00am-11:30am
Tue, Wed, Fri.

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 30, 2026
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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