

Mass Schedule

September 12, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of the Kimbrough Family

September 13, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all parishioners

11am Mass [Spanish]

September 15, Tuesday

8:00am

In memory of Janice Martinez

September 16, Wednesday

6:00pm

In memory of Ellen Rogers

September 18, Friday

8:00am

In honor of the Kimbrough Family

September 19, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of the Kimbrough Family

September 20, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all parishioners

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 sec-retary@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:

Beth Pace, 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 13–19, 2026

Sunday, September 13-24th

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35 (130)

Monday, September 14 – The

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17 (638)

Tuesday, September 15 – Our

Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 12:12–14

Lk 2:33–35 (639)

Wednesday, September 16

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

Lk 7:31–35 (445)

Thursday, September 17

1 Cor 15:1–11

Lk 7:36–50 (446)

Friday, September 18

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3 (447)

Saturday, September 19

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15 (448)

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 – 25th

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6–9

Phil 1:20c–24, 27a

Mt 20:1–16a (133)

	6:00 PM Mass 9/19/2026	9:30 AM Mass 9/20/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson	Hudson Colton Cole Dominion
Lector	Roseann Livingston	Sandra Kelley
EM	Brad Smithee Jennifer Bouldin	Ramiro Rodriguez Jerry Hoepfl
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez	Holmes
Ushers	Mark	Steyer
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Altar Society		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	Sept. 6, 2026	\$4,842.00	\$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:

Catechetical Sunday Sept. 19-20

St. Mary School & Preschool Sept. 26-27

New Members 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.

Baptism The Diocese of Little Rock requires that any child age 7 and over must complete OCIA 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.

Christian Burial 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.

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

4-8 pm

St. Mary Parish Hall

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

St. Mary School Fall Mums Fundraiser: Sep. 8-24, 2026

All mums are \$25.00

Orders will be turned in on: Thursday, September 24th

Color choices are as follows: white, red, yellow, orange, purple, and pink **

PICK-UP WILL BE WED. 9/30 IN THE HALL

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

Our **Fall Festival** Team are working hard to make this year top notch! Please see the bulletin board in the parish hall for needed basket raffle items. Dinner & Marybeth Byrd concert tickets go on sale Sept. 14th. See Steve McFall, Natalie Stone, or Mary Jo Granger for tickets.

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!

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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

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



September 13, 2026

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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