

Mass Schedule September 26, Saturday
6:00pm Mass
In memory of Frank Mitchell

September 27, Sunday
9:30am
In honor of all parishioners
11am Mass [Spanish]

September 29, Tuesday
8:00am
In memory of Janice Martinez

September 30, Wednesday
6:00pm
In memory of Cathy Lattus

October 2, Friday
8:00am

October 3, Saturday
6:00pm Mass
In honor of all parishioners

October 4, Sunday
In honor of all Altar Society members both living and deceased
9:30am Mass
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. Naz-arus, 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:
Tim Livingston, 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 Ca-ble, 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 Smok-er, David & Annetta Allen, Mary McKinney, Marty Barrack, Mary Kille-la, 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 27, 2026	
Sunday, September 27	Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32 (136)
Monday, September 28	Jb 1:6-22 Lk 9:46-50 (455)
Tuesday, September 29 — St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Rv 12:7-12ab Jn 1:47-51 (647)
Wednesday, September 30 — St. Jerome	Jb 19:21-27 Lk 10:1-12 (458)
Thursday, October 1 — St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459) Lk 10:1-12 (458)
Friday, October 2 — The Holy Guardian Angels	Jb 38:1, 12-27; 40:3-5 (459) Mt 18:1-5, 10 (650)
Saturday, October 3	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Lk 10:17-24 (460)
NEXT SUNDAY — OCTOBER 4, 2026	
Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 (142)	

	6:00 PM Mass 10/3/2026	9:30 AM Mass 10/4/2026	
Servers	Bradley Johnson	Hudson Colton Cole Dominion	
Lector	Andy Stickler	Angie Halverson	
EM	Karen Ussery Brad Smithee	Ramiro & Candi Rodriguez	
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez	Stone	
Ushers	Mark	Collins	
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Halverson			
St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	Sept. 20, 2026	\$4,801.00	\$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 66 food items and \$890 for Griffin Memorial food pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Special Collections:
St. Mary School & Preschool Sept. 26-27

Sign up is available at the side entrance to the Church.

LADIES OF ALL AGES

Save the Date

*Becoming More:
Living Your Fiat
Every Day*

*Learning to say "yes" to God's plan
and becoming the woman He
created you to be.*

Join us for a meaningful time of
Prayer • Encouragement • Fellowship • Renewal

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!

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
Teresa Baltz — 870-930-5700

Saint Mary's Catholic School

23RD ANNUAL SHRIMP SHACK

TICKETS GO ON SALE AUGUST 31ST

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

DINE IN CARRY OUT SILENT AUCTION 50/50

Friday, October 2, 2026

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

Youth Ages 14 and Older – Confirmation Program
Youth ages 14 and older who are interested in participating in Confirmation preparation for 2027 are asked to contact the Church office by November 29, 2026. Please email secretary@stmaryparagould.org or call/text 870-897-4849 for more information or to register.

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 are on sale. See Steve McFall, Natalie Stone, or Mary Jo Granger for tickets. T-Shirts are on sale now; order forms are available in the back of the Church and in the Parish Hall on the bulletin board.

The Mass at 6:00pm on October 24th will be rescheduled to Sunday October 25th at 4:00pm due to the Fall Festival, so all parishioners can be available to participate in the wonderful festivities on the 24th!

SOS
Please reach out to the SOS team or Church office if anyone in our parish is in need of a meal delivered on Sunday, delivery can be made if you are unable to attend SOS at the Parish Hall.

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

EVENING EVENT

PORK STEAK DINNER
STARTS AT 5:00 PM

MARYBETH BYRD CONCERT
STARTS AT 7:00 PM

\$35 DINNER + CONCERT

CONCESSIONS:
HAMBURGERS • HOT DOGS • TAMALES

Chances for

POLARIS RANGER

TRAEGER GRILL

\$500 TO THE JONESBORO AIRPORT

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GARDEN BENCH

Chance TICKETS
1 TICKET - \$10 • 6 TICKETS - \$50

MORE DETAILS TO COME

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Matthew study: This week's discussion will cover chapters 11, 12, and 13.

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!

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

SESSION DATES:

- Aug 25
- Sept 1
- Sept 22
- Sept 29
- Oct 6
- Oct 13
- Oct 27
- Nov 3
- Nov 10

 The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have Church volunteers, or Church members in the State of Arkansas for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Den. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Vic-tim 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

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 ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Supper on Sunday S.O.S

PICK UP A MEAL AT THE PARISH HALL- NO COST

FREE MEAL | 4PM - 5PM | EACH SUNDAY

PARAGOULD, AR

 St. Mary Catholic School and Preschool

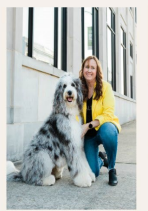
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(870) 236-3681
-  **Parish Hall**
(870) 236-3890
-  **Secretary@stmaryparagould.org**

 **Rectory**
410 North 2nd Street
Paragould, AR

 **Church 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 7746
Thursday: 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:00pm



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 27, 2026

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