Mass Schedule

Sept. 27, Saturday 6:00pm

In Honor of All Parishioners

Sept. 28, Sunday

9:30am Mass
In Memory of Galen Williams
5pm Mass (Spanish)

Sept. 30, Tuesday 8:00am Mass

October 1 Wednesday

6:00pm Mass October 3, Friday

8:00am Mass October 4, Saturday

6:00pm In Memory of Terry Barentsen

October 5, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In Honor of all Altar Society Members both living & deceased 11am Mass (Spanish)

Confessions

Sunday 8:30am-9:15 Wednesday 5:15pm-5:45pm

Adoration

Each Wednesday 8am-8pm

This weekend Fr. Beni Wego [English masses] and Fr. Stephen Elser [5pm Spanish mass] will be celebrating Mass with us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Sunday Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

Monday Dn 7:9-10 Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday Neh 2:1-8/Lk9:57-62

Thursday Neh8:1-4a, 5-6,7b-12 Mt18:1-5, 10

Friday Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday Hb 1:2-3;2:2-4 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

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:

Jimmy Chatman, Kaden Siebert, Lane Clayton, Lisa Hunt, Joan Dicus, Mary Wood, Scott Giles, Roger Specking, Linda Pope, Randy Scott, Jan Giles, Fred Granger, Marinelle Paladino, Charlie Hogue, Nina Tuberville, Donald Jamieson, Ella Ballentine, Olivia Vasquez, Kimbrough Family, Roger Specking, 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.

	Saturday 6pm 10/4/25	Sunday 9:30am 10/5/25
Servers	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Minhly Bake-Huynh Hudson Colton
Lector	Karen Ussery	Sandra Kelley Melissa McPherson
EM	Brad Smithee Andy Stickler	Phil & Judy Allen
Gift Bearers	Gonzales	Kristofcak
Ushers	Mark	Steyer

Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Kerperien

St. Mary Churc	Thank you!	
Week	Collection	Expenses
September 21, 2025	\$4,091.00	\$5,000.00

July food drive results:

We collected 24 food items and \$430 for Griffin memorial food pantry. Thank you!

Second collection will be held for:

Sept. 27th & 28th, the second collection for St. Mary School & Preschool.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY October 5, 2025

at the Cathedral of St. Andrew & the Shrine of Divine Merc

·Rosary for Life 11:20 a.m., Cathedral in Little Rock

•Eucharistic Procession for Life, 11:50a.m. - 12:50 p.m. from the Cathedral to the Shrine of Divine Mercy

•Respect Life Mass 1:00 p.m., Bilingual English & Spanish St. Edward Church (Shrine of Divine Mercy)

·Tacos for Respect Life & Student Art Contest awards ceremony 2:00-3:00 p.m., St. Edward Church Hall

•Holy Hour for Life at the Shrine of Divine Mercy, 3:00–4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

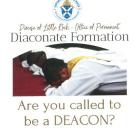
OCIA provides an opportunity to learn and grow with others. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake. OCIA will begin on September 25th.

Prayer Garden

Order forms are available at the entrance to the Church for plaques to be placed in the new prayer garden at the parish hall.

SOS NEWS

SOS Served 128 meals in July (2 weeks of service due to remodel). In August we served 384 (1 week closed due to remodel). Please keep SOS in mind when you are out shopping as we will start our annual drive for winter items in November. Thank you for your support and God Bless.



For questions about the Diaconate Program, please contact Dc. Ricardo Puello. If you could not make it to an inquiry meeting but are interested, please contact Dc. Ricardo.

<u>Christmas Bazaar</u>

It's time to start saving boxes for our annual Christmas Bazaar. Please save your shoe boxes or any box that has a detachable lid. See Brenda Lane for questions and to drop off boxes.

Luke Study:

Begins at 6:30pm, sign up sheet to assist with the meal will be available in the parish hall. If you do not have a book but want to attend, please contact Karen Ussery at stmary-sparagould@gmail.com.

The Saint Thomas More Society of Arkansas invites you to attend the 31st Annual Red Mass on Friday, October 17, 2025, 12:05 Noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana Street in Little Rock, with the Most Reverend Francis I. Malone, Bishop of Shreveport, celebrant and homilist, assisted by the JCL priests of the Diocese of Little Rock. Everyone is invited to join judges, lawyers, public officials, law professors and students to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in the administration of government and justice and for the intercession of St. Thomas More. Lunch for \$25 will follow in McDonald Hall. Make reservations at https://tinyurl.com/Arkansas-Red-Mass or Post Office Box 1426, North Little Rock AR 72215. For additional information contact Connie Brown Phillips, at cbphillisplaw@gmail.com or 501-680-6919.



Discover Deeper Faith Join Our Luke Bible Study

Are you searching for a stronger connection to God and a supportive community of believers? This Bible study is a place for honest discussion, spiritual growth, and encouragement.

All are welcome,

regardless of where you are on your journey.

This is more than just a meeting; it's a family committed to walking with each other through the book of Luke.

What We're Studying: Continuing our dive into the book of Luke.

Real Stories from Our Members

The quest for knowledge is a compelling force, particularly when that quest is centered on our basic desire to better understand our faith, and the gospel messages which set the foundation.

And so it is with our study of the Gospel of Luke. Cheryl and I both cherish the opportunity to participate in the open, honest, and thought-provoking small group sessions. In my opinion, it is these sessions which allow for a genuine exchange of ideas and perspectives that represent the very best that St. Mary's Parish has to offer!

I can tell you that we really look forward to every
Tuesday night! These classes are an important part of
our week, and a wonderful opportunity to share
friendship, fellowship, good food and a laugh or two!
If you were blessed to attend the first session of Luke,
please come back again! If you were unable to attend
the first session, please join us for this session! I
promise you will not be disappointed!

Andy Stickler

The dates for the Study will be:

September 23, 2025 September 30, 2025

October 7, 2025

October 14, 2025

October 28, 2025

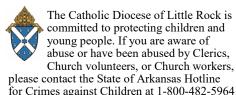
November 4, 2025

November 11, 2025

November 25, 2025 December 2, 2025

If anyone that did not attend the 1st half of the Study and would like to attend this 2nd half,

<u>books are available.</u>
Please contact Karen Ussery to reserve a book.



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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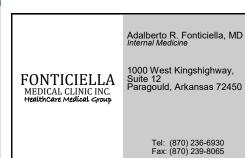
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Praise the Lord, my soul!

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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