



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 16, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30AM MASS †Carol Bomboy
9-10AM Confessions
9:30-11:30AM Marian Pathways
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS †Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS †Summer Rykert

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

5:00PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30PM MASS †Mark Rowe

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

~~4:30PM~~ NO Evening Prayer & Adoration
~~5:00PM~~ NO Confession & Benediction
~~5:30PM~~ NO MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

~~8:00AM~~ NO Rosary & NO Confessions
~~8:30AM~~ NO MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

~~8:00AM~~ NO Rosary & NO Confessions
~~8:30AM~~ NO MASS
9:00AM Fatima Rosary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

~~9-10AM~~ NO Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS †Donald Coffman



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We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother Of God Church. We hope you enjoy your stay in this area and may God be with you on your trip home.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir, ©LPI

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God, Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of his living body, the church, to bring the kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, parish, and community.

ADULT EDUCATION/OCIA CLASS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- Wednesday, **Aug. 19** - Lesson 2: How Can We Know That God Exists?
- Wednesday, **Aug. 26** - Lesson 3: God Reveals Himself to Us

All sessions are open to everyone, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Come grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, and learn to live the Gospel more fully. A meal will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!

BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER DOCUMENTARY

A feature-length documentary on Blessed Stanley Rother, endorsed by Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, will be shown across Arkansas this August in English and Spanish. *American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story*, narrated by Martin Sheen, tells the story of the Oklahoma priest who gave his life for the flock he served in Guatemala. English showings are **Aug. 25–26** at 7pm, with Spanish showings on **Aug. 27**. The film is presented by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Purchase tickets at bit.ly/rotherdoc. For more information, visit rotherdoc.com.

PROJECT RACHEL DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Project Rachel will offer a “Day of Prayer and Healing,” a one-day retreat for anyone who seeks healing from a past abortion. The retreat will be held Saturday, **Aug. 29**, in English, in the Fayetteville/Springdale area from 9am–5pm. Hope and support are offered by a trained team, including others who have experienced this journey to healing. Call or text the confidential helpline at 501-663-0993 or email projectrachel@dolr.org to register. All inquiries are strictly confidential, and the exact location will be revealed only to registered participants. This is a non-judgmental group, and we love you and are praying for you. Project Rachel in Arkansas is a ministry of the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Little Rock.

OCTOBER PARISH EVENTS

Mark your calendar! Two events are coming up at Mary Mother of God in October!

- Mary Mother of God will host a Theology on Tap with Fr. Ben at TallGrass Bar & Grill on Saturday October 3 following the 5PM Mass.
- The Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, **Oct. 11**, at 2pm. Additional information on both events will be available soon!

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The 2027 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your home or car for finding Mass times at another parish or contacting a parish, priest, deacon, or religious in the diocese by phone or email. It costs only \$18, including shipping. Send your check to Directory, Arkansas Catholic, P.O. Box 7417, Little Rock, AR 72217, or order online at arkansas-catholic.org/product-category/directory/. Directories will be shipped in October.

PRE 2026–2027 REGISTRATION

Registration for Parish Religious Education (PREP) for the 2026–2027 year is now open. Religious education plays an important role in helping youth grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare for the sacraments. Early registration also helps us plan effectively and ensure we have enough materials and supplies for all participants. Please visit harrisoncatholic.org, select “Groups,” scroll down to PREP, click on it, and register your youth today.

ASPIRE NEWSLETTER

Get uplifting stories, useful tips, and important news from Arkansas Catholic, Pope Leo, and the Diocese of Little Rock. Subscribe to the twice-monthly aSpire for free at arkansas-catholic.org/aspire-email-newsletter.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Some of you have asked what has been sung just before communion these past three weeks. It is the Communion Antiphon sung in Gregorian chant. According to the *Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)*, one of the documents produced by Vatican II, “the Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as distinctive of the Roman liturgy; therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services” (SC 116). In another Liturgical document titled *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, it states “...care should be taken to foster the role of Latin in the Liturgy, particularly in Liturgical song” (STL 61). Many Catholic subscriptions such as Magnificat provide an English translation, or you can always do a quick Google search.

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Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne /Judy Keith	870-365-3570
Catholic in Recovery	Eric Bausch	870-688-6245

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
- Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
- Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

Visit <https://harrisoncatholic.org/> for:

- Parish calendar
- New parishioner registration
- Online giving
- YouTube (search "Harrison Catholic" for Masses and parish videos)
- FORMED, free Catholic streaming (movies, audiobooks, and daily reflections). Under resources, create an account and search "Mary Mother of God." Select the Harrison location



PRAYER LIST

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Military & emergency personnel, veterans, victims of terrorism, war, and other violence, victims of natural disasters, the sick & injured, all others in need of prayer, and for an increase in vocations.

INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

David Allen, Patricia Bel, Larry & Cindy Benner, Sandi Black, Terry Bodson, Kyle Bowling, †Mary Bowling, Betty Burge, Norma Calhoun, Brian Coffman, Darlene Coffman, Larry & Rita Coffman, †David Decker, Mary Decker, Meghan Decker, Wayne Dixon, John & Wink Duncan, Heather Faught, John Forrest, Casey Gibbs, Becky & Hank Hartman, Pat Heinen, Sheila Hight, Jon Hill & Family, Dianne Hoberock, Derek Holden, Connie Israel, Ed & Virray Karlovic, Darby Kester, Lavonne Keehn, Scott Kennebec, Mary Koenig, Dennis Kyler, Eleanor Lipsmeyer, Mary Lynam, Mike & Sandy Luckenbill, Andi Miller, Shane & Esther Neeley, Christine Neely, Tina Pietrabella, Jimmy Pierce, Baby Guy Reading, Seamus Roche, Teresa Rotkowski, Giovanna Sandri, Liz Smalley, Betty Stechly, Greg Stephens, Dr. Grace St. Pierre, Linda Utaski, Nettie Virnig, Carly Webb, Cooper Webb, Ray Wood.

To add a name or ensure a name remains, please contact the parish office.

COMMUNITY DEVOTIONS

- **Eucharistic Adoration**, 24/7 (Sign up for daytime hours)
- **Fatima Rosary**, every Friday at 9 AM
- **Patriotic Rosary**, First Friday at 8 AM
- **Marian Pathways to Holiness**, every First Saturday
- **First Saturday Devotions**, every First Saturday.
- **Seven Sisters Apostolate**, praying for our priests.
- **CCW Rosary** for Parish intentions, every Second Thursday at 9am.

For more info, call or text Carmen Andrade at 305-815-1795.

Fasting Brothers: For more information, contact Trevor Buckhout at 870-414-1115.

VOLUNTEER FOR A MASS MINISTRY

Eucharistic Ministers: Call Dcn. Mark, 870-741-1579

Lectors/Rosary Leaders: Call Greg or Julie Jasper, 870-688-9369 / 688-3354

Ushers: Call Jerry Hogue, 870-378-2605

Thank you to all Mass volunteers! New volunteers are welcome, and training is provided.



**O GOD,
LET ALL
NATIONS
PRAISE
YOU!**

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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 | General Counsel, 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) 499-9110. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



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