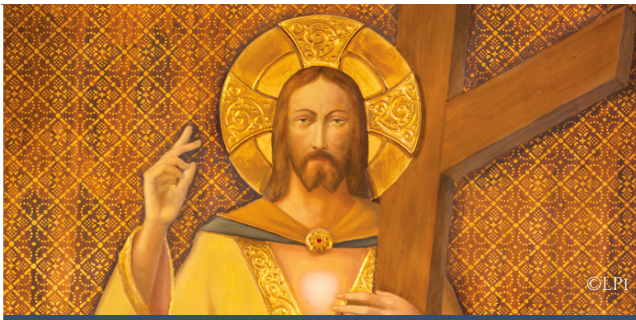




22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 2026

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9-10AM Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS: SI All MMG Parishioners

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: †Tony Gokenbach

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30PM MASS: †Patricia Castellano

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:30PM Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00PM Confession & Benediction
5:30PM MASS: †Mary Allen

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: †Marin Jones

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: †Fr. Norman McFall
9:00AM Fatima Rosary & Adoration

FIRST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: SI Sarah Bray
9-10AM Confessions
4:00PM Confessions
4:30PM Rosary
5:00PM MASS: SI Greg & Julie Jasper

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: †Corazon Abanes



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "**Get behind me, Satan.**"

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we

avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**" In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear

— 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.

PROJECT RACHEL DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING

Project Rachel will offer a "Day of Prayer and Healing" **Saturday, Aug. 29**, in English, in the Fayetteville/Springdale area from 9am-5pm, for anyone seeking healing from a past abortion. A trained team, including others who have made this journey, offers support. Call or text the confidential helpline at 501-663-0993 or email projectrachel@dolr.org to register. Inquiries are confidential; location is shared only with registered participants. This non-judgmental ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock's Respect Life Office loves you and is praying for you.

ADULT EDUCATION/OCIA CLASS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Weds. Sept. 2 - Lesson 4: The Holy Trinity: God is Love in Relationship

Weds. Sept. 9 - Lesson 5: If God is Good, Why the Mess?

Weds. Sept. 16 - Lesson 6: Salvation History: God's Promise to Free Us

Weds. Sept. 23 - Lesson 7: Jesus Christ: God Becomes Man

Weds. Sept. 30 - Lesson 8: The Paschal Mystery: Jesus Delivers Us From Evil

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!

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY

Catholic in Recovery meets the second Saturday of each month at 8am in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **Sept. 12**.

SCOUTING AMERICA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our New Scout Troop is excited to host a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, **Sept. 13**, following Mass, and we would love for you to join us. The event will feature delicious pancakes with sausage, and admission will be by donation, with all proceeds directly supporting our upcoming activities and projects. We appreciate your continued support of our troop and look forward to seeing you there. Please let us know if you have any questions or need further details.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Strengthen your marriage and deepen your faith at "God Chose You for Me," a Worldwide Marriage

Encounter event designed to help couples grow closer to each other and to God through a new way to pray, connect, and encounter God's love. **Sept. 26**, 9am-4pm at St. John's Catholic Center, 2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock. Cost is \$100 per couple. Email Michael.Anne.Mancino@wwwme.org or call 501-831-0931 or 501-831-0932, or use the QR code.



OCTOBER PARISH EVENTS

- Theology on Tap:** Fr. Ben will be presenting a "Theology on Tap" at TallGrass Bar & Grill on Saturday, **Oct. 3**, following the 5pm Mass. The parish will provide appetizers. Parishioners will be responsible for purchasing their meal and drinks. A sign up sheet is located in the Church vestibule.
- Annual Parish Picnic:** Sunday, **Oct. 11**, at 2pm. Meat and drinks provided. Bring a side dish if your last name is A-M, or a dessert if N-Z. Enjoy a jump house, BINGO and prize drawings from the Church fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Support Catholic Charities of Arkansas by sponsoring or playing in this year's golf tournament at Rebsamen Golf Course in Little Rock on **Friday, Oct. 9**. Proceeds go toward a pick-up truck for donation items and food deliveries. A hole sponsor is \$500, a priest sponsor \$150 and a four-person team \$600. Players enjoy on-course contests, complimentary refreshments and food before and after play. Tee time is 1pm, shotgun start, scramble format. Register at birdease.com/ccagolf or contact Megan Moore at mmoore@dolr.org or (501) 664-0340, ext. 379.

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Our annual church fundraiser is back, with wonderful prizes up for grabs! Prizes include a whiskey tasting with Fr. Ben, brunch or afternoon tea at the Overlook Bed & Breakfast, a massage package and four canvas prints from our local photographer, Fr. Ben. Tickets are \$10 each and available now and until the Parish Picnic on **Sunday, Oct. 11**, or you can contact the Church Office. The drawing will be held at the Picnic; winners do not need to be present. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
Deacon	Mark Scouten	870-741-1579
Parish Manager	Melissa Garrison	870-741-5234
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Pastoral Council (Chair)	Stacy Burge	
Finance Council (Chair)	Joe Koenig	
Parish Life Council (Chair)	Holly Coffman	
Pro-Life Council (Chair)	Sandra Guidry	
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Adult Scripture Study	Jerry Hogue	870-378-2605
Annulment Advocacy	Mark Scouten	870-741-1579
Catholic Christian Women (CCW)	Judy Keith	870-365-3570
Communion to Sick/Legion of Mary	Pat Knickerbocker	405-824-3454
Flocknote	Holly Coffman	870-741-5234
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Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree	Dave Krueger	254-707-1158
Libraries	Jennifer Johnson	870-416-9930
Music Ministry	Julie Jasper	870-688-9369
PRE/CYM/Safe Environment	Holly Coffman	870-741-5234
Scouting USA	Chad Coffman	870-416-9928
Wedding Coordinator	Bonnie Tauer	870-688-1084
Welcome New Catholics (OCIA)	Wayne /Judy Keith	870-365-3570
Catholic in Recovery	Eric Bausch	870-688-6245

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (below)
- Next Sunday: 23rd 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, 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 at 9:30am
- **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

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



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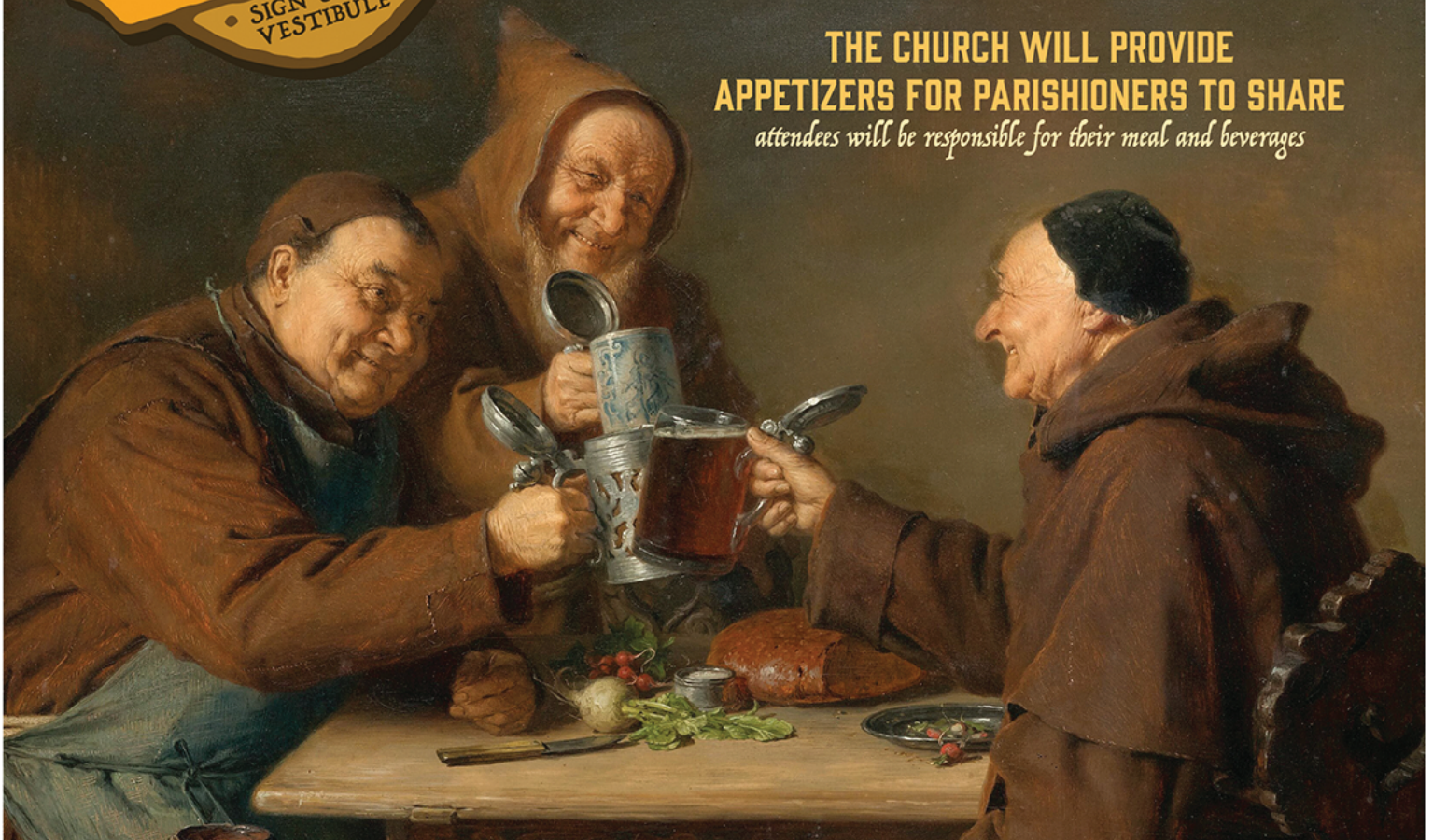
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