



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 2, 2026

FIRST SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00am NO Rosary & Confessions
8:30am NO Mass
9-10am NO Confessions
4:30pm Rosary & Confessions
5:00pm Mass: †Consolacion So Magtoto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00am Rosary & Confessions
8:30am Mass: †Luis Cantu

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

— NO MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

5:00pm NO Rosary & Confessions
5:30pm NO Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

4:30pm NO Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00pm NO Confession & Benediction
5:30pm NO Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00am Rosary & Confessions
8:30am Mass: †Agnes Edgmon

FIRST FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00am Rosary & Confessions
8:30am Mass: †Newt & †Ruth Foster
9:00am Fatima Rosary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

9-10am NO Confessions
4:00pm Confessions
4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Mass: †Joann Campbell



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OFFICE INFO

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, "the mood all changed."

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, "**When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.**" Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— 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.

CYM POOL PARTY

All youth of the parish and their families are invited to the Annual Back-to-School Pool Party on Sunday, **Aug. 9**, from 3–5pm at 308 St. Andrews Dr., Harrison. Food and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP with Holly Coffman through the church office by *Aug. 2*. Don't forget to bring towels and lawn chairs!

ADULT EDUCATION/OCIA CLASS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- Wednesday, **Aug. 12** - Lesson 1: What Do You Seek?
- Wednesday, **Aug. 19** - Lesson 2: How Can We Know That God Exists?
- Wednesday, **Aug. 26** - Lesson 3: God Reveals Himself to Us

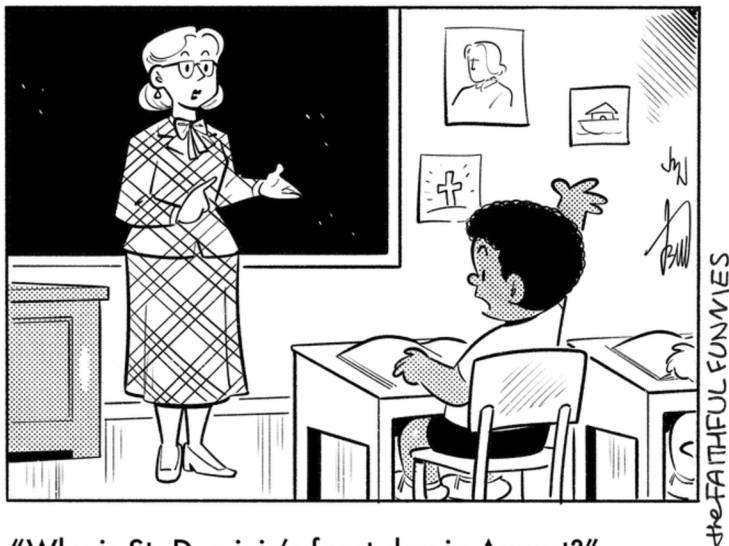
All sessions are open to everyone, Catholics and non- Catholics alike. Come grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, and learn to live the Gospel more fully. A meal will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

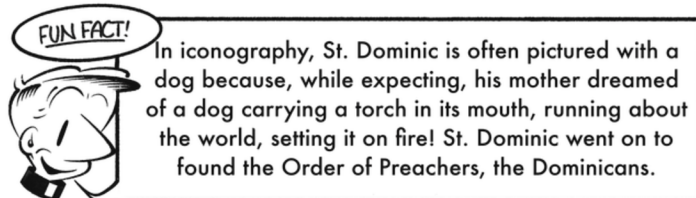
The 2027 Diocese of Little Rock Directory is coming soon. It is an invaluable resource to keep in your home or car for finding Mass times at another parish or contacting a parish, priest, deacon, or religious in the diocese by phone or email. It costs only \$18, including shipping. Send your check to 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.

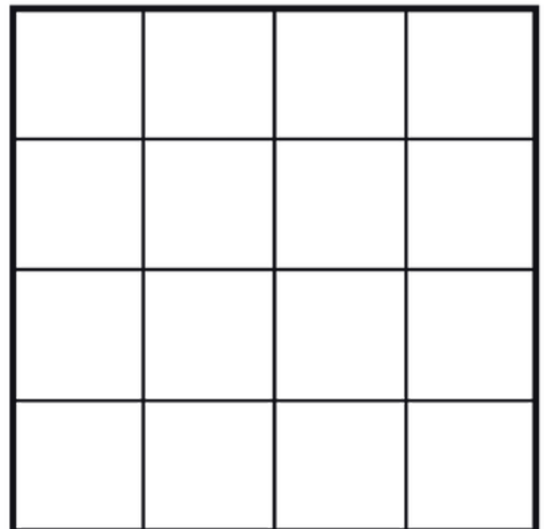


“Why is St. Dominic’s feast day in August?”
“Because those are the **Dog Days** of summer?”



PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
Deacon	Mark Scouten	870-741-1579
Parish Manager	Melissa Garrison	870-741-5234
Secretary	Holly Coffman	870-741-5234
Pastoral Council (Chair)	Stacy Burge	
Finance Council (Chair)	Joe Koenig	
Parish Life Council (Chair)	Holly Coffman	
Pro-Life Council (Chair)	Sandra Guidry	
Cemetery Council (Chair)	Richard Criger	
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
Knights of Columbus	Mike Urlaub	402-995-1760
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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

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, 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, 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.

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
- Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
- Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
- Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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



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.



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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY POOL PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH - 3:00 - 5:00 PM

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