



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

— NO MASS
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

~~5:00PM~~ NO Rosary & Confessions
~~5:30PM~~ NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:30PM Evening Prayer & Adoration
5:00PM Confessions & Benediction
5:30PM MASS: †Laura Brown

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: †Harry & †Mary Rowe Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: †Melvin & †Eliska Pollock
9:00AM Fatima Rosary & Adoration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

~~9-10AM~~ NO Confessions
4:30PM Rosary & Confessions
5:00PM MASS: †Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30AM MASS: †Art Van Houten



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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

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "**Go and tell your brother his fault,**" He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "**If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,**" we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. 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.

PRE 2026–2027

Welcome Back! We are excited to begin another wonderful year of PRE & CYM! Classes will begin Wednesday, **Sept. 9**, with dinner at 6pm and PRE classes from 6:30-7:30pm. We look forward to a year filled with opportunities for our youth to grow in faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, build community and prepare for the Sacraments. We are blessed to walk alongside our young people on their journey of faith and can't wait to see everyone! Please contact Holly Coffman at the Church Office to register your youth. We look forward to a great year together!

ADULT EDUCATION/OCIA CLASS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

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.

VIRTUAL HEALING RESOURCE (VHR) GATHERING

Anyone suffering from the trauma of a past abortion is invited to join a virtual small prayer group and discussion meeting on Monday, **Sept. 14**, from 6:30-7:30pm. The topic for this meeting is "Reconciliation and New Life in Christ." You may join anonymously from the comfort of your own space. This gathering is hosted by Project Rachel, a ministry of the Diocese of Little Rock. This non-judgmental group desires to assist anyone who is searching for healing, peace and forgiveness. Please call or text our CONFIDENTIAL helpline at 501-663-0996 or email projectrachel@dolr.org for more information and to receive a link to join the group meeting. We are here for you and genuinely want to help.

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@wwme.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!

CONTACTS, COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, & SERVICES

Pastor	Fr. Ben Riley	870-741-5234
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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, Marie Bottini, 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, Art Honeymann, 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, Meddie Olsen, 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.

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OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

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

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- 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 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

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.

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