

*August 23, 2026
The Twenty-first
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Eureka Springs, Arkansas

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Sunday 8:30am
Tuesday 8:30am
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THIS WEEK at Saint Elizabeth

SPECIAL EVENTS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Adoration 8:00am
Daily Mass 8:30am
Extended Adoration after Mass
Mass Intention for Maria de Socorro Lopez

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Daily Mass 8:30am
Confessions 9:15am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of James Stephens

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Daily Mass 8:30am
Mass Intentions for the Repose of the Soul of James Stephens

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Confessions 2:30pm at the PC
Holy Rosary 3:30pm at the PC
Vigil Mass 4:00pm at the PC
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Grace Doss

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Holy Rosary 8:00am
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am
Mass Intention for the Repose of the Soul of Mary Etta Beaver



God's Blessings & Birthday Wishes to:

Virginia Jankowski-8/24 Dan Kees-8/27
Peggy Pot-8/28 Donna Buttecali-8/29

May you have many more!



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

4:00pm Mass at the Parish Center

Lector: Paula Perry

EMCs: see sign-up sheet

Ushers: Mark and Jo Elworth

Altar Server: TBD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30am Mass at the Church

Lector: Cassian Heath

EMCs: Mindy Godfrey, Phyl McGuire, Sandy McClung

Ushers: Mike Godfrey, Bev Wright

Altar Server: Dan Kees



Wednesday Scripture Study

Will not meet in July or August, but will resume Sept 9



Pray for us...



OUR PARISHIONERS -

Connie Blazek, Rob Breaux, Florence Giels, Barbara Witkowski, Virginia Jankowski & Barb McClung.

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS -

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OUR MILITARY - Nic Smith, Robby Bartos

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - Nancy Elfter

Catholic Appeal

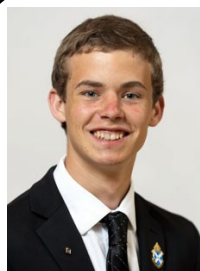
Thank you for your support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised money to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit

www.usccb.org/home-missions

Documentary

A feature-length documentary on Blessed Stanley Rother, endorsed by Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, will be showing across Arkansas Aug. 25-27 in English and Spanish. The movie, "**American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story**," narrated by actor Martin Sheen, tells the story of the Oklahoma priest who gave his life for the flock he served in Guatemala.

You can watch it at 7 p.m. Aug. 25-26 in English in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Conway, Cabot, Rogers, Fayetteville and Searcy. Watch it Aug. 27 in Spanish in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Fayetteville and Rogers. The film is presented by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. Buy your tickets now at bit.ly/rotherdoc. For more information, visit www.rotherdoc.com



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The Sunday Collection for August 16, 2026-\$3,968.25

Our **Project Revive Campaign** Update as of August 7, 2026:

	Pledges	Payments
Parishioners	\$837,333	\$661,508
Non-Parishioners	124, 283	101,107
Donations	0	117, 255
	\$961,616	\$879,870



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Mon 8/24	10:00-1:00	Deb Pickens
	1:00-4:00	R & C Breaux
Tues 8/25	10:00-1:00	Donna Buttecali
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Wed 8/26	10:00-4:00	CLOSED
Thurs 8/27	10:00-1:00	Terri Kees
	1:00- 4:00	Nanette Barnett
Fri 8/28	10:00-1:00	T & S Meyer
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Sat 8/29	10:00-1:00	R & P McGuire
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Project Rachel

“Day of Prayer and Healing” - Saturday, August 29, 2026

Project Rachel will offer a “Day of Prayer and Healing” which is a one-day retreat for anyone who seeks healing from a past abortion. The retreat will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in English, in the Fayetteville/Springdale area from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hope and support are offered from a trained team, including others who have experienced this journey to healing. Call or text our confidential helpline at 501-663-0993 or email projectrachel@dolr.org to register. All inquiries are strictly confidential, and the exact location of the retreat will be revealed to registered participants only. 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.



Magnificat Meal

Saturday, September 12

10:00am-1:00pm

St. Joseph Spiritan Center
1115 College Ave. Conway, AR

Guest Speaker: Patti Drake

‘The Joy of the Lord is my Strength’

Tickets: \$20

Register online: tinyurl.com/3z23dvww

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

Deadline to register September 4th

Questions: email magnificatcentralarkansas@gmail.com

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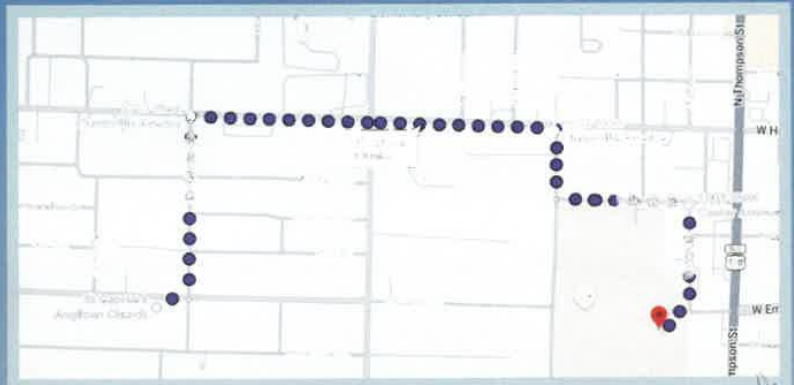
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "**Who do you say that I am?**" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Only Peter Has the Answer

“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority which stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don’t know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn’t really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus doesn’t ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn’t try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I’m just wondering why there isn’t a commandment about honoring children.

Answer:

Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God’s work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father."
- Mt 16:15-17

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah's palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor and revere?

Second Reading:

Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, "Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" What question do you have for the Lord?

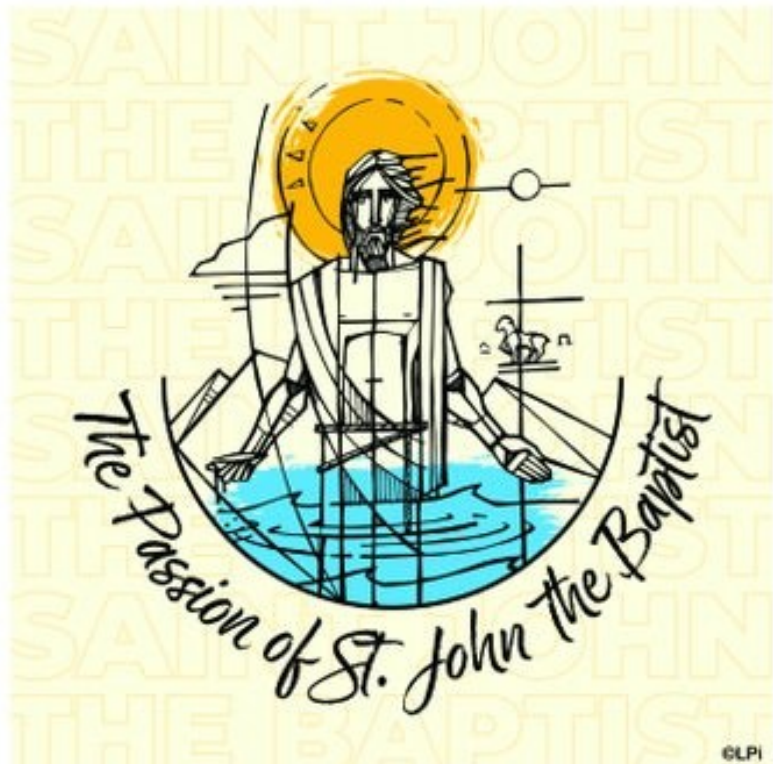
Gospel:

Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community?



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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20

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Prayer

Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

Mission for the Week

I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

Sharing the Gospel

In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

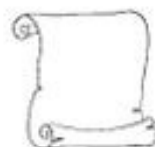
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