

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

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February 9th, 2025

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SACRAMENTS: BAPTISM: By Appointment Call – 501-354-4181

MARRIAGE: Call 8 month prior to schedule date with the Church and to make appointment to consult with Pastor.

Mass Times and Intentions:

February 9th – Sunday 10:30 a.m. – William Dold by Louise Dold

February 12th – Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – Jo Grabher by Peggy Granberry

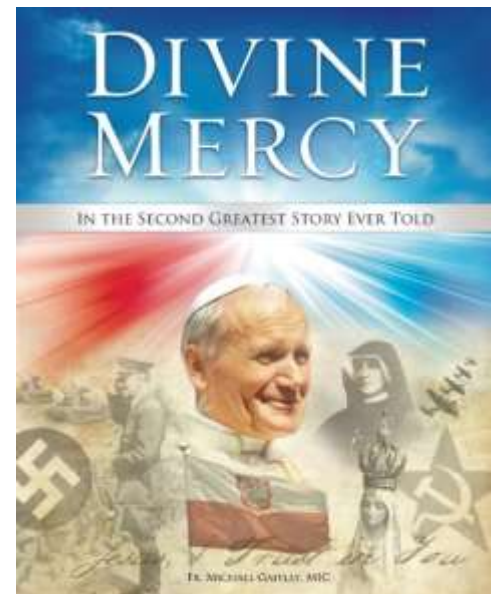
February 16th – Sunday 10:30 a.m. – Jim Ryan by Annise Ryan

February 19th – Wednesday 5:30 p.m. – Charles Granberry by Peggy Granberry

Senior Saints -Come Play and Pray: Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday monthly at 10 a.m. at the KC Hall in Morrilton. Ages 50 & up are welcome. Snacks, bingo, prayer, and FUN! Coordinators: Julie Session 501-977-6535 and Karen Welcher 501-472-3870. Please call if you need a ride.

Praise and Worship Service: Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday monthly at 10 a.m. at the Family Mission.

Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat Dates/Times: Seven weekly sessions will be conducted on Sundays beginning February 23 and continuing through April 13. (We will not meet on Sunday, March 23, due to Spring Break). Sessions will be offered between the Sunday morning masses, at 9 am. **Signups:** This weekend after all masses. You can also sign up directly on the church website at sacredheartmorrilton.org. For any questions, please call Angie Hartman 501-208-7748 or Haylee Beck 501-215-6451. You may also pick up a flyer in the back of church for more information. **Cost:** \$10 optional donation can be made at the first session to help cover materials. **Breakfast and childcare will be provided for the morning sessions.**





at Point Remove
Sunday, Feb 23rd, 4-6 p.m.



**Stump
 the priest!**

Ask your hardest questions
 in-person or write & place
 them in the box in the vestibule



A Petit Jean Relationship Ministry Event

Join us for
Couple's Happy Hour



March 8, 2025
 7:00 - 8:00 pm
 at El Charro

Registration opens up on
 Tuesday - February 11th



Join us for a relaxing evening at our Couple's Happy Hour. Spend a fun-filled evening investing in your relationship while building new friendships. The first round of drinks and appetizers is on us. Afterward, feel free to stay for dinner at the restaurant to continue the night!

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| <p>February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Lector Carol Zimmerman Communion Min Joseph Dold Altar Servers Ansley Parham, Piper Noland Offertory Butch and Kay Hoyt Ushers Joseph Dold, Frank Andrews Greeters Frank & Jeannie Andrews</p> | <p>February 16, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Lector CYM Mass Communion Min CYM Mass Altar Servers CYM Mass Offertory CYM Mass Ushers CYM Mass Greeters CYM Mass</p> |
| <p>February 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Lector Becky Dold Communion Min Abby Parham Altar Servers Abby and Olivia White Offertory John Widner Family Ushers Matt Zimmerman, Paul Hoyt Greeters Paul Hoyt, Sharon Hoyt</p> | <p>March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Lector Tim Zimmerman Communion Min Matt Zimmerman Altar Servers Brayden Parham, Ayden Zimmerman Offertory Kevin Koonce Family Ushers Joseph Dold, Frank Andrews Greeters Steve & Peggy Granberry</p> |
| <p>March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Lector Julie Palmer Communion Min Carol Zimmerman</p> <p>Altar Servers Offertory Tommy & Susie Mooney Ushers Matt Zimmerman, Paul Hoyt Greeters Frank & Jeannie Andrews</p> | <p>March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Lector Morgan Zimmerman Communion Min Becky Dold Altar Servers Rylee Widner, Ealyn Parham, Margo Zimmerman Offertory Mike and Julie Palmer Ushers Mike Palmer, Jeff Riedmueller Greeters Paul Hoyt, Sharon Hoyt</p> |
| <p>March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Lector CYM Mass Communion Min CYM Mass Altar Servers CYM Mass Offertory CYM Mass Ushers CYM Mass Greeters CYM Mass</p> | <p>March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Lector Alisha Koonce Communion Min Joseph Dold Altar Servers Parker and Landon Dold Offertory Matt Zimmerman Family Ushers Mike Palmer, Jeff Riedmueller Greeters Frank & Jeannie Andrews</p> |



DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK

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January 23, 2025

To all people of good will,

As you know, the contentious issue of immigration continues to dominate the public square, often without any serious consideration of what Jesus and our Christian faith has to say about this matter. It is my hope that our elected officials will have the courage and wisdom to do what is right, to do what Jesus would do—to do the loving thing. You may feel like there is nothing you can do to change politicians' minds. But the place to begin is with ourselves, our own hearts and our own parishes, and our own discomfort in dealing with another culture and immigrant group. And to not forget about the human dignity and the human rights of the other person.

As you also know, I've written a pastoral letter which you can download from the Diocese of Little Rock website. I have preached and taught on this issue throughout my time here as your bishop. And so, I don't want to rehash all the Catholic principles that must be taken into account. Rather, I want to appeal to your hearts—to the reality that we are all brothers and sisters—including the 1/3 of Arkansas Catholics who worship in Spanish in 43 of our parishes. And right now, this Spanish speaking part of our body of Christ is hurting and living in fear.

If you're living in fear today, I want you to know we stand in solidarity and in prayer with you.

And if you're not familiar with the parts of our one body of Christ who are living in fear, I implore you to pray for them and try to find ways to get to know them. Find ways to help your fellow believers feel welcomed.

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us at the last judgment he will say to his chosen ones: *"I was a stranger and you welcomed me.... As often as you did it for one of my least brothers and sisters, you did it for me."* And to others he will say: *"As often as you neglected to do it to one of these least ones, you neglected to do it to me."*

I could go into all the theological reasons behind the Church's teachings on the rights of migrants, and all the arguments as to why our current immigration system is deeply broken. For example, many of us are under the mistaken impression that people who want to migrate to the United States can easily do so by getting in line. But for most people there really is no line, which is why circumstances forced them to come here without papers. And anyone who's tried to navigate the system can tell you how bureaucratic, complex, inconsistent, and expensive it really is—and that's for people who have financial means and family or highly skilled employment-based connections! But all those arguments aside, what Jesus is challenging us to do here regarding immigration is to let him share his heart and mind with us. All that I've said in the past really boils down to Jesus' call for us to love as he loves, without fear, trusting in God's providence.

One of the most distinguishing features of our Catholic faith is that we are called to be "universal" in fact as well as in name. This means that there must be no dividing lines within our parishes, no second-class parishioners—all are welcome, no exceptions. But there's more to it than that. You and I are being offered a unique and privileged opportunity to share the mind and heart of Jesus Christ, the same Jesus whom we honor with so many images of the Sacred Heart, his heart visible, crowned with thorns and on fire with love. And that's who he now invites us to be, Christ for others. In this, God will use us to be not only a light to our nation (enlightening others about human rights, about truth, about life), but also more importantly a source of love, love that banishes fear, love that brings hope and healing, and in this way become a model for what all of American society is called to be.

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock