

Announcements



St. James Family Festival is today!
Come join us today after the Masses for delicious food, games for the children, music and great fun with your family and Church family!



UNBOUND SAYS “THANK YOU!”
After Masses were cancelled last January due to a winter storm, I was pleased to be invited back to St. Richard and St. James Churches on the weekend of August 15-16. It was good to preach on behalf of Unbound and seek sponsors of children and elders among the very poor. **Twenty persons were sponsored.** Thank you! Those who are sponsored give thanks to God for having been chosen. They or their families will soon send a note of appreciation to their new sponsor-friends. Still, more sponsors are needed for many others who are on waiting lists at various projects and are seeking an answer to prayer. Please go to unbound.org and make a selection. Fr. George Knab, O.M.I.

New Coming Events

Sunday, August 30 – No Confession, OCIA Class after the 9:00 am Mass, NO CRE Classes **Family Festival is today!**
Monday, August 31 – Bible Study at 5:30 pm, Spanish Baptism Class at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 1 - Ladies Guild Meeting at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 2 - Bible Study at 5:00 pm
Friday, September 4 - First Friday Adoration- 9:00 am Mass, 10:00 am Adoration, 6:00 pm Benediction, Bible Study at 11:00 am
Sunday, September 6 – OCIA after the 9:00 am Mass
Monday, September 7 - Happy Labor Day,Church Office Closed, 5:30 pm Bible Study
Tuesday, September 8 – **No Noon Mass,** Sizzling Seniors 5:30 pm
Wednesday, September 9 – **No Confession,** 5:00 pm Bible Study, Group Activities after Mass
Friday, September 11 – Happy Birthday Father Nelson!! 10:00 am Bible Study
Saturday, September 12 – Birthday Celebration for Father Nelson after 5:30 pm Mass
Sunday, September 13 – OCIA after the 9:00 am Mass, Birthday Celebration for Father Nelson after the 11:30 am Mass, Last day to register for CRE
Monday, September 14 – 5:30 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, September 16 – 5:00 pm Bible Study
Friday, September 18 – 10:00 am Bible Study
Saturday, September 19 – Sunday – September 20 – Second Collection Catechetical Sunday, OCIA after the 9:00 am Mass
Monday, September 21 – 5:30 pm Bible Study

Las Misas están disponibles para **Septiembre y Octubre de 2026.**

Para programar una Intención de Misa, por favor rellene un sobre de Intenciones de Misa en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, llame a la Oficina de la Iglesia al **501-268-5252** o hable con el P. Nelson.



Mass Intentions

Masses are available for **September and October 2026.**

To schedule a Mass Intention, please fill out a Mass Intentions envelope in Church Vestibule, call the Church Office **501-268-5252** or talk with Fr. Nelson.

Prayer List/ Lista de Oraciones

Jake Morris, Randle Laffon, Georgia Kaye Garriott, Ian Aasen, Dorothy & Mark Boeckmann, Dorothy Koffler, Kathy, Lakesha White, Flynn family, Brenda Baldwin, Debbie Myers, Blake Lercher, Deborah Sue Mobley, Dwayne Travis, Sully Wren, Troy Knight, Laura James, Charlotte Marshall, Malichi Davis, Ann Smith, Debbie House, Joyce Kemper, Lizbeth Jones, Kim Baty, Henry Nguyen, Jeremy Duncan. Larry & Vicki Stumpenhause, Cesar Gonzalez & Diana Vasquez.. Mike Thompson, Mark Parker, Danny Sublette, Don Fitch, Shirley Hooks, Marsha Pond, Vicki Stumpenhause, Susan Bolton, Florence Wolfe, Claire Leheny, Carol Kent, Lawrence Family, John & Lee Jones, Virginia & Randy Snow, Pat & Megan Johnson, Reuben & Cheri Thonerfelt,, Michael Richmond, Sharon Hughes, Mary Kay Dawes, Gloria Chavez, Tim Harrison, Charles & Laura McDaniel,, Peggy McCord, Nancy Springer, Jim Gilliam, Judy Shannon, Dan Hepner, Jr, Rudy Hess Jr., Ana Lopez- Monatano,. Arnulfo Cota. Mary Ann Jackson, Debra Hudson, Deb Cyfert, Lina Martinez, Higinio Hernandez & their family. Gerald and Pam Medlin, Katie Cooley, Sandi Gumm, Adrian Reyes, Aldo, Darrin Gainer, Gordon Sizemore,Judy Casey, Elizabeth Faircloth, Mary Louise Pruitt , Charles Stephenson, Kathy Krintz, Stephenson Family, Morris Family, Arnulfo & Maria Cota, Riley Jones, Raymond Hulsey, Joann Hulsey, Roberta Spencer, Patricia Webber, Bill Casey, Laverne Hess, Florence Wolfe



Faith Formation

ACTIVITIES	DATE	CRE CLASSES
ACTIVIDADES	FECHA	CRE CLASES
St. James Festival	AUG	No CLASS
Fiesta de Santiago	30	No hay CLASE
Parent Meeting at 10:30 am	SEPT. 06	CLASS/CLASE
Reunion de Padres 10:30 am		
Last day to register for CRE	SEPT 13	CLASS/CLASE
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Respect Life Youth Art Contest Deadline		



Attention Parents!
Faith Formation (CRE)
There will be a Parent Meeting on **Sunday, September 6 at 10:30 am.**

The last day to register for your child’s Faith Formation is **Sunday, September 13. So please register your children as soon as possible!**

¡Atención, Padres! Formacion de Fe (Catecismo)

Habrá una reunión de padres el **domingo 6 de septiembre a las 10:30 de la mañana.**

El último día para inscribirse en la **Formación en la Fe de tu hijo es Domingo, 13 de septiembre. Así que por favor, inscribís a tus hijos lo antes posible ¡Lo más posible!**

Join us
For Breakfast!



DATE	GROUP
Aug. 30	Family Festival
Sept. 6	Knights of Columbus
Sept. 13	Vicentians
Sept. 20	CYM/Youth Group
Sept. 27	Charismatics
Oct. 4	No CRE/Catecismo Classes



Bible Studies

Come join us for Bible Study!

Monday – 5:30 pm (Parish Hall)

Wednesday – 5:00 pm (Parish Hall)

Friday – 10:00 am (Bible Study will be at 11:00 am on First Friday Adoration days) (Old Church)



the BAPTISM CLASS

English Classes are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month after 9:00 am Mass. Please contact the Church office at 501-268-5252 to put your name on list for class & for more information.



Pilgrimage to Pray the Family Rosary

Peregrinación para rezar el Rosario Familiar

DATE	FAMILY
Aug 23 - 30	Tom & Margie Lercher
Aug 30 – Sept 6	Carine Kamdem Kamdem
Sept 6 - 13	Daniel Hernandez
Sept 13 - 20	Mirella Lopez y Familia
Sept 20 - 27	Lori & Dennis Horan

Anuncios



UNBOUND



¡Hoy es el Festival Familiar de St. James!
¡Únete a nosotros hoy después de la Misa para disfrutar de comida deliciosa, juegos para los niños, música y mucha diversión con tu familia y la familia de la iglesia!

Nuevos Eventos

Domingo, 30 de agosto – **No hay Confesión,** Clase OCIA después de la Misa de las 9:00 am, Festival Familiar, No hay CRE
Lunes, 31 de agosto – 5:30 horas Estudio bíblico, Clase de Bautismo en español a las 7:00 pm.
Martes, 1 de septiembre - Reunión del Gremio de Damas a las 6:00 h
Viernes, 4 de septiembre - **Adoración del Primer Viernes** - Misa a las 9:00 am, Adoración a las 10:00 h, Bendición a las 6:00 h y estudio bíblico a las 11:00 am
Domingo, 6 de septiembre – OCIA después de la Misa de las 9:00 am
Lunes, 7 de septiembre - Feliz Día del Trabajo, Cierre de la oficina de la Iglesia, 5:30 horas Estudio bíblico
Martes, 8 de septiembre – **No** hay Misa, Sizzling Seniors 5:30 pm
Miércoles, 9 de septiembre – **No hay Confesión,** 5:00 horas Estudio Bíblico, Actividades en grupo después de la Misa
Viernes, 11 de septiembre – ¡Feliz cumpleaños, Padre Nelson! 10:00 am Estudio bíblico
Sábado, 12 de septiembre – Celebración de cumpleaños del Padre Nelson después de la Misa a las 5:30
Domingo, 13 de septiembre – OCIA después de la misa de las 9:00 am, celebración de cumpleaños para el Padre Nelson después de la Misa de las 11:30 am
Lunes, 14 de septiembre – 5:30 h Estudio bíblico
Miércoles, 16 de septiembre – 17:00 horas Estudio bíblico
Viernes, 18 de septiembre – 10:00 h Estudio bíblico
Sábado, 19 de septiembre – Domingo – 20 de septiembre – Segundo Domingo Catéquico de Colección, OCIA después de la Misa de las 9:00 am
Lunes, 21 de septiembre – 5:30 horas Estudio bíblico

Ladies Guild

Service. Faith. Fellowship



Join the Ladies Guild!
Come join us Saturday, September 12 as we go as a group to the Magnificat Presentation in Conway.

Contact Yolanda Garcia at 501-827-4828 if you are interested in coming to this event.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 1 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



Holy Baptism

Baptismal Packets

If you would like to schedule a Baptism, please pick up a Baptismal packet in the rack in the Church Vestibule or from the Church Office to fill out for each person being baptized. Parents & Godparents will need to attend a Baptismal Class before scheduling Baptism. Please bring envelope with **COPY** of Birth Certificate and date you attended Baptismal Class to the Church office so you can Schedule Baptism. Thank you!

Paquete Bautismales

Si desea programar un bautismo, por favor recòlte un paquete bautismal en el estante del vestíbulo de la Iglesia o en la oficina de la Iglesia para rellenoarlo para cada persona que se bautize. Los padres y padrinos deberán asistir a una clase bautismal antes de programar el bautismo. Por favor, lleva un sobre con **COPIA** del certificado de nacimiento y la fecha en que asististe a la clase bautismal a la oficina de la iglesia para que puedas programar el bautismo. ¡Gracias!

Grupo Carismático

Todos los Viernes a las 7 pm
(están TODOS invitados a dejarse tocar por la Gracia del Espiritu Santo.)

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 30 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time 8:00 am – No Confession 8:30 am – Rosary 9:00 am – English Mass 10:15 am – CRE Catechismo 11:00 am – Rosario 11:30 am – Misa en Espanol OCIA after 9:00 am Mass Family Festival Today! 	August 31 No Mass 5:30 pm – Bible Study	1 Noon Mass 6:00 pm – Ladies Guild 	2 5:00 pm – Confession 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Mass Group Activities after Mass: CCM, CYM K4J, Grupo Vicentinos Knights of Columbus	3 Noon - English Mass 6:00 pm Adoración/Confesión 7:00 pm – Misa en Espanol	4  First Friday Adoration 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Adoration 11:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Benediction	5 4:00 pm – Mass at St. Richard 5:00 pm - Rosary 5:30 pm Mass
6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary time 8:00 am – Confession 8:30 am – Rosary 9:00 am – English Mass 10:15 am – CRE/Catechismo 11:00 am – Rosario 11:30 am – Misa en Espanol OCIA after 9:00 am Mass 10:30 am –Parent Meeting!/Reunion de Padres	7 Church Office Closed Labor Day No Mass 5:30 pm – Bible Study 	8 No Noon Mass 5:30 pm – Sizzling Seniors 	9 5:00 pm –No Confession 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Mass Group Activities after Mass: CCM, CYM K4J, Grupo Vicentinos Knights of Columbus	10 Noon - English Mass 6:00 pm Adoración/Confesión 7:00 pm – Misa en Espanol	11 10:00 am – Bible Study Noon - English Mass <i>Happy Birthday Father Nelson!</i> 	12 4:00 pm – Mass at St. Richard 5:00 pm - Rosary 5:30 pm Mass After 5:30 pm Mass – Birthday Celebration for Father Nelson 
13 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time 8:00 am – Confession 8:30 am – Rosary 9:00 am – English Mass 10:15 am – CRE/Catechismo 11:00 am – Rosario 11:30 am – Misa en Espanol OCIA after 9:00 am Mass After 11:30 am Mass – Birthday Celebration for Father Nelson 	14 No Mass 5:30 pm – Bible Study	15 Noon Mass	16 5:00 pm – Confession 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Mass Group Activities after Mass: CCM, CYM K4J, Grupo Vicentinos Knights of Columbus	17 Noon - English Mass 6:00 pm Adoración/Confesión 7:00 pm – Misa en Espanol	18 10:00 am - Bible Study Noon - English Mass	19 4:00 pm – Mass at St. Richard 5:00 pm - Rosary 5:30 pm Mass
20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time 8:00 am – Confession 8:30 am – Rosary 9:00 am – English Mass 10:15 am – CRE/Catechismo 11:00 am – Rosario 11:30 am – Misa en Espanol OCIA after 9:00 am Mass Catechetical Sunday – Second Collection	21 No Mass 5:30 pm – Bible Study	22 Noon Mass	23 5:00 pm – Confession 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Mass Group Activities after Mass: CCM, CYM K4J, Grupo Vicentinos Knights of Columbus	24 Noon - English Mass 6:00 pm Adoración/Confesión 7:00 pm – Misa en Espanol	25 10:00 am Bible Study Noon - English Mass	26 4:00 pm – Mass at St. Richard 5:00 pm - Rosary 5:30 pm Mass
27 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time 8:00 am – Confession 8:30 am – Rosary 9:00 am – English Mass 10:15 am – CRE/Catechismo 11:00 am – Rosario 11:30 am – Misa en Espanol OCIA after 9:00 am Mass	28 No Mass 5:30 pm – Bible Study	29 Noon Mass 6:00 pm – Financial Advisory Council Meeting 	30 5:00 pm – Confession 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Mass Group Activities after Mass: CCM, CYM K4J, Grupo Vicentinos Knights of Columbus	 Happy Labor Day September 7, 2026 Church Office Closed No Noon Mass, Tuesday, Sept. 8 No Confession, Wed., Sept. 9		

FAMILY FESTIVAL

St. James Catholic Church

Searcy, Arkansas

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

We warmly invite you to join us for a joyful day filled with fun and celebration! Enjoy lively music, entertaining games, delicious food, and so much more.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and bring along friends to share in the community spirit. Bring your whole family and have an even more memorable day together!

Remember, together, we are even stronger!

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GAMES

FOOD

AND MORE!

TICKETS ARE JUST

\$1

EACH!

TIME: 10:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: 1102 Pioneer Rd Searcy, AR 72143

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Are you interested in becoming a Catholic and learn more about the Catholic faith?

Come join us after the 9:00 am Mass every Sunday in the Old Church.

¿Te interesa hacerte católico y aprender más sobre la fe católica? Únete a nosotros. Llama a la oficina o la Sr. Carmen.



Group	Month	Contact
Carismatic Carismaticos	September Septiembre	Flor
KOC Caballeros de Colon	October Octubre	Ralph Cook
All the men	November Noviembre	Fr. Nelson 501-400-4724

WE NEED YOU!

Our Parish is blessed with a multi-talented community, and we need your talents to make our liturgies come to life!

Our Parish is in need of Volunteers in the following areas:

- Lectors – To proclaim the word of God with reverence and clarity.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – To share the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ with our parish family.
- Ushers – To give a warm welcome and assist our congregation.
- Choir Members – To lift our hearts to God through your gifts of music and song.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Church Office at 501-268-5252. Thank you!



TE NECESITAMOS

Nuestra parroquia está bendecida con una comunidad multifacética, Y necesitamos de su talentos para dar vida a nuestras liturgias. Nuestra parroquia necesita voluntarios en las siguientes áreas:

- Lectores: Proclamar la palabra de Dios con reverencia y claridad.
- Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión: Para compartir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesucristo con nuestra familia parroquial.
- Acomodadores: Dar una cálida bienvenida y ayudar a nuestra congregación.
- Miembros del Coro: Elevar nuestros corazones a Dios a través de tus dones de música y canto.

Si te interesa hacer voluntariado, por favor, llame a la Oficina de la Iglesia al 501-268-5252. ¡Gracias!



Sizzling Seniors

Like to meet fellow parishioners?
Need a fun night out?

Come to Sizzling Seniors!

**Next meeting, Tuesday, September 8
5:30 pm in the Parish Hall**

*Get ready to play cards, games and
enjoy food and fellowship
with other parishioners!*

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FAITH AT HOME

Every member of our parish can enjoy inspiring and entertaining movies, shows, and presentations on Formed.org, which is like a "Catholic Netflix." Our parish subscription means you have free, 24/7 access to quality Catholic spiritual programming.

To log-on from any device, visit formed.org and select "Formed for parishes." Then choose, "Find your parish subscription." Enter our zip code, "YR2XRF." Next, select "St. James." Finally, enter your name and email – and you're on your way to enriching Catholic shows and resources for all ages and interests. If you have questions, please call our parish office.

Cada miembro de nuestra parroquia puede disfrutar de películas, espectáculos y presentaciones inspiradoras y entretenidas sobre Formed.org, que es como un "Netflix católico". Nuestra suscripción parroquial significa que tiene acceso gratuito las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, a una programación espiritual católica de calidad. Para iniciar sesión desde cualquier dispositivo, visite formed.org y seleccione "Formado para parroquias". Luego elija: "Encuentre su suscripción parroquial". Ingrese nuestro código postal, "YR2XRF". A continuación, seleccione "St. James". Finalmente, ingrese su nombre y correo electrónico, y estará en camino de enriquecer los espectáculos y recursos católicos para todas las edades e intereses. Si tiene preguntas, llame a nuestra oficina parroquial.



We Need Your Help!
Necesitamos tu ayuda

We need volunteers to sign-up to cook food. We have been blessed to have several countries represented in the past and hope you will plan to contribute again! Please contact Theresa Gilliam 501-230-7515 if you are planning to cook. We also need volunteers for Raffle Support, Meal Ticket Sales, Promotion & Publicity, Set-up & Presentation, Night of Event Help, and Planning & Coordination. This community event has been widely successful in Searcy and a huge fundraiser for St. James. Please volunteer today!

Mark your Calendars!

The 16th Annual International Food Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Raffle Tickets will be sold after Masses so be sure to buy yours! Cash prizes of \$2,500, \$1,500 & \$1,000 along with a few smaller prizes. Raffle tickets will be 1 Ticket for \$5 or 5 Tickets for \$20.

¡Necesitamos tu Ayuda

¡Necesitamos voluntarios para inscribirse en cocinar comida. Hemos tenido la suerte de contar con varios países representados en el pasado y esperamos que planees contribuir de nuevo. Por favor, contacta con Theresa Gilliam al 501-230-7515 si planeas cocinar. También necesitamos voluntarios para el apoyo a la rifa, venta de tickets de comida, promoción y publicidad, montaje y presentación, ayuda en noches de eventos, y planificación y coordinación. Este evento comunitario ha tenido un gran éxito en Searcy y es una gran recaudación de fondos para St. James. ¡Por favor, hazte voluntario hoy mismo!

¡Marcad vuestros calendarios!

El 16º Festival Internacional de Gastronomía Anual se celebrará el Sábado 3 de Octubre de 2026. Los boletos de rifa se venderán después de las misas, así que ¡no olvides comprar los tuyos! Premios en metálico de 2.500 \$, 1.500 y 1.000 \$ junto con algunos premios menores. Los boletos para la rifa serán 1 Boleto por 5 \$ o 5 Tickets por 20 \$.



**Happy Birthday
Father Nelson!**

We will be hosting two celebrations so everyone has an opportunity to attend.
**Please come join us for
Father Nelson's Birthday!**



Saturday, September 12
After the 5:30 pm Mass
Sunday, September 13
After the 11:30 am Mass



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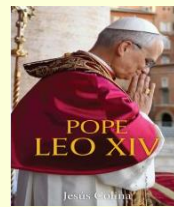
**¡Feliz cumpleaños
Padre Nelson!**

Organizaremos dos celebraciones para que todos tengan la oportunidad de asistir.
**¡Por favor, únete a nosotros
para el cumpleaños del
Padre Nelson!**

Sábado, 12 de septiembre
Después de la misa de las 5:30
Domingo, 13 de septiembre
Después de la Misa de las 11:30
de la mañana



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Prayer with Pope Leo XIV
September Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of September is for our relationship with all of creation.

Lord, You love everything You have created, and nothing exists outside the mystery of Your tenderness. Every creature, no matter how small, is the fruit of Your love and has a place in this world. Even the simplest or shortest life is surrounded by Your care. Like St. Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say: "Praised be You, my Lord!" Through the beauty of creation, You reveal Yourself as a source of goodness. We ask You: open our eyes to recognize You, learning from the mystery of Your closeness to all creation that the world is infinitely more than a problem to solve. It is a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude and hope. Help us to discover Your presence in all creation, so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for this common home where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities. Praised be You, Lord! Amen.

Intención de oración del Papa León XIV para el mes de septiembre para nuestra relación con toda la creación. Señor, amas todo lo que has creado, y nada existe fuera del misterio de Tu ternura.

Toda criatura, por pequeña que sea, es fruto de Tu amor y tiene un lugar en este mundo. Incluso la vida más sencilla o corta está rodeada por tu cuidado.

Como San Francisco de Asís, hoy también queremos decir: "¡Alabado seas, mi Señor!"

A través de la belleza de la creación, Te revelas como una fuente de bondad.

Te pedimos: abre nuestros ojos para reconocerte, aprendiendo del misterio de Tu cercanía a toda la creación que el mundo es infinitamente más que un problema por resolver.

Es un misterio que debe contemplarse con gratitud y esperanza.

Ayúdanos a descubrir Tu presencia en toda la creación, para que, al reconocerla plenamente, podamos sentirnos y conocernos como responsables de este hogar común donde nos invitas a cuidar, respetar y proteger la vida en todas sus formas y posibilidades.

¡Alabado seas, Señor!

Amen.

Check out our Website!
¡Visita nuestra página web!

stjamessearcycatholicchurch.com

For information regarding Mass, copies of Bulletins, and other important information.



Between demanding schedules, traveling, and trying to get out the door in time for Mass, it can be challenging to tithe and/or donate on a regular basis!

St. James Parish wants to make it easier for you by providing two options of secure online giving. The first option is: You can make a one-time gift or a recurring gift using the link below.

<https://abundant.co/StJamesChurch/give>

**Or Text
STJGIVING
73256**

The second option for online giving is: Giving is simple, fast and secure with our new QR Code!

Open your cell phone camera and focus on QR Code below –



Click on the link and follow instructions
Thank you for your continued support of our parish! Truly, we could not do it without you.



2026 THEME:
Mary, Mother of Life
Pray for us!

Artwork

Create your art as a painting, drawing or mixed media! All art should be mounted on construction paper and delivered or mailed by Sept. 21, 2026 to the Diocese of Little Rock. Attn: Respect Life Office 2500 N. Tyler, LR, AR 72207

Exhibition

All artwork submitted will be displayed during Respect Life Month on the 4th floor of Morris Hall at the Diocese of Little Rock. Respect Life Art Contest entries can be viewed from October 1-30, 2026

Event Details

There are three divisions for entries: preK - 2nd, 3rd - 5th, and 6th - 8th grades. Please indicate artist's name and age or grade level on the back of the entry. Artwork will be judged on originality, creativity, and thematic expression. Awards will be given in each division.

Artwork can be picked up at the Diocese of Little Rock from Nov. 2-6, 2026 or returned by mail if a self-addressed return envelope is submitted with the entry.

Theme & Awards

This diocesan-wide contest encourages students to use their artistic gifts to express the dignity of every human life. The theme reflects on Mary's role as mother of all the living and our call to cherish, defend, and protect every human life from fertilization to natural death in every circumstance across the lifespan. Bishop Taylor will present awards on Respect Life Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Edward Church Hall, 801 Sherman, LR, AR. Everyone is welcome!

Questions? email: respectlife@dol.org