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**August 16, 2026**

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***St. Mary of the Springs Catholic Church***  
***Iglesia de Santa Maria***

***100 Central Ave.***  
***Hot Springs, AR 71901***

***Welcome visitors and new parishioners***

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**Pastor: Fr. Alejandro Puello**

**Deacons:**

**Joe Harrison - Mike Cumnock**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Saturday 4:00PM**

**Sunday 8:30AM & 11:00AM**

**Sunday 5:30PM (Spanish)**

**WEBSITE:**

**[www.stmaryofthesprings.com](http://www.stmaryofthesprings.com)**

**FACEBOOK:**

**[www.facebook.com/  
stmaryofthesprings/](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryofthesprings/)**

**EMAIL: [stmcc@hotsprings.net](mailto:stmcc@hotsprings.net)**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday 8:00AM**

**Tuesday No Mass**

**Wednesday 6:00PM**

**Thursday 8:00AM**

**Friday 12:00PM**

**Office Phone: 501-623-3233**

**CONFESSIONS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 12:30PM - 1:30PM**

**Saturday: 2:00PM - 3:30 PM**

**Wednesday: 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:00AM**

**Holy Day Vigil Masses as  
announced**

**ADORATION**

**Friday 9:00AM - 12:00PM**

***St Mary of the Springs On-Line Giving Portal***

***Powered by Vanco***



**August 16, 2026**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Intentions**

|           |      |         |                                            |
|-----------|------|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| 8/15/2026 | Sat  | 4:00PM  | Linda Burban+                              |
| 8/16/2026 | Sun  | 8:30AM  | Brenda Stevens (BD)<br>Anna Steinhaus (BD) |
| 8/16/2026 | Sun  | 11:00AM | Linda Burban+<br>Katie Coco+               |
| 8/16/2026 | Sun  | 5:30PM  | Our Parishioners                           |
| 8/17/2026 | Mon  | 8:00AM  | All Holy Souls in<br>Purgatory             |
| 8/19/2026 | Wed  | 6:00PM  | Janet Borchert (BD)                        |
| 8/20/2026 | Thur | 8:00AM  | David Barry+<br>Suzanne Goyette+           |
| 8/21/2026 | Fri  | 12:00PM | Special Intentions                         |
| 8/22/2026 | Sat  | 4:00PM  | Don+ & Marguerite<br>Rhodes (Ann)          |
| 8/23/2026 | Sun  | 8:30AM  | Tony+ & Jeanne+<br>Giannini                |
| 8/23/2026 | Sun  | 11:00AM | Catherine Wade (BD)                        |
| 8/23/2026 | Sun  | 5:30PM  | Our Parishioners                           |

**Intentions Symbol Key**  
 + - Mass for the Repose of a Soul  
 BD - Mass for a birthday  
 Ann - Mass for an anniversary

**OFFICE PERSONNEL**

**Fr. Alejandro Puello**  
 fralejandropuello@gmail.com

**Margo Myers**, Office Administrator  
 stmcc@hotsprings.net

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**Veronica Hughes**, Spanish Coordinator  
 hughesvero.17@gmail.com

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 Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM  
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**HOT SPRINGS YOUTH DIRECTOR**  
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**Zulema Valencia**  
 stmcc.education@gmail.com

**MUSIC COORDINATOR**  
**Samantha Millard**  
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**MUSICIANS**  
**Larry Womack**  
**Trae Warner**  
**Reynaldo Martinez**

**August 2026 Stewardship**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Collection through August 9 | \$16,787.00 |
| Budget August               | \$40,000.00 |
| Difference August Budget    | \$23,213.00 |

**Catholic Mission Appeal**  
**August 22-23**

**Would you like a Mass intention for a loved one?**  
**Please come by the office, drop an envelope with the**  
**information in the collection basket, or mail it to us.**  
**The Mass stipend is \$10.00.**

**MASS INTENTION UPDATE**

**Each Mass is permitted to have one person's**  
**intentions. Please make sure to request your Mass**  
**intentions early, if you have specific dates in mind!**

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, 4:00PM August 22, 2026**  
**Rosary Leader:** Ursula Giompoletti  
**Lector #1 & #2:** Jonne Rosenau  
**Intercessions:** John Ledbetter  
**EMHC Host:** Chris Frazier  
**EMHC Chalice:** Ray Rhine & Marguerite Rhodes  
**Altar Servers:** Kevin Hodge & Seeley Pullen  
**Greeter/Ushers:** Charlie Wunderlin, Bill Ables, Lenny Hess, & Anthony Reiter

**Sunday, 8:30AM August 23, 2026**  
**Rosary Leader:** John Steinhaus  
**Lector #1:** Bart Newman  
**Lector #2 & Intercessions:** Bonnie Newman  
**EMHC Host:** Mary Drown  
**EMHC Host:** Michael Adamkiewicz  
**EMHC Chalice:** Mary Ellen Purifoy & Danny Elser  
**Altar Servers:** Ryan McMinn, David McMinn, & Resi Sellers  
**Greeter:** Kathy Logan  
**Ushers:** Danny Elser, Hanh Nguyen, Greg Quinney, Jerry Brinegar, George Purifoy, Cameron Wagner, & Michael Adamkiewicz

**Sunday, 11:00AM August 23, 2026**  
**Rosary Leader:** Justin Koonce  
**Lector #1:** Ashley Hemleben  
**Lector #2:** Catherine Wade  
**Intercessions:** Mayra Ramirez  
**EMHC Host:** Dawn Speas  
**EMHC Host:** Justin Koonce  
**EMHC Chalice:** Amy-Lynn Rhine & Kitty Slaughter  
**Altar Servers:** Peyton Speas, James Hall, John Thomas Hall, Michael Shubentsov, & Grady Smith  
**Greeter:** Mary Vaughn  
**Ushers:** Danny Marsh, Greg Speas, Thomas Smith, Bruce Burton, Bruce Bates, Heath Hall, Miles Millard, John Adamkiewicz, Ryan Burton, Kossie Wade, & Jose Tellechea

## Pray for the Sick

|                    |                  |                   |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Carol Andrews      | Pauline Harbert  | James Robin Myers |
| John Greg Baltz    | Darren Harris    | Tonya             |
| Diane Baker        | Betty Harrison   | Tillie Paney      |
| Diane Barham       | Dc. Joe Harrison | Lynn Pellegrino   |
| Marilyn Borgognoni | Carlo Holquin    | Mary Quick        |
| Don Chmura         | Kenneth Lamb     | Greg Quinney      |
| Eddy Christian     | Melba Lamb       | Amy Sheeler       |
| Mark Chunn         | Keith Lynchard   | Charles Smith     |
| Sarah Cumnock      | Mike Melancon    | Kara Womack       |
| Sandy Gallimore    | Matthew Morris   | Charlie Wunderlin |
| Bryan Guilbeau     |                  |                   |

St. John's School is looking for a person with a CDL with passenger license to be a substitute driver for taking and picking up the school children that go to Catholic High and Mount St. Mary's in Little Rock. If interested, please call St. John's School.



St. John's School is seeking Substitute Teachers. Please visit their website for more information.

[www.sjshs.org](http://www.sjshs.org)

**DID YOU KNOW?  
SABIAS QUE?**

**WHAT DOES THE PRIEST PRAY AS HE PURIFIES THE VESSELS?**  
**¿QUÉ REZA EL SACERDOTE MIENTRAS PURIFICA LOS VASOS?**

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

Haz, Señor, que recibamos con un corazón limpio el alimento que acabamos de tomar, y que el don que nos haces en esta vida nos aproveche para la eterna.

### Mary's Mats of Love

Mary's Mats of Love meet once a month on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9:00am-Noon. The next meeting will be on August 19, 2026.

Please join us to create prayer shawls, sensory mats for patients with dementia, and other items to help comfort and support people in their time of need.  
For more information contact - Lynn Lively at 501-282-6566

## Pray for those in the Military

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Jacob Breneman        | Aimee Moore         |
| Katherine Brock       | Rory Murphy         |
| A.J. Dierks           | Sean Patrick Murphy |
| Katelin (Van Wagner)  | Jeremiah Myers      |
| Drake                 | Bill Singletary     |
| Amanda Gorak          | Samuel Hudson Smith |
| Kyle Gorak            | Zach Smith          |
| Jack Harbert          | Barry White         |
| Spencer Henry         | Madisen Williams    |
| Sandy Vongsrir-Jordan | Chance Wunderlin    |

### Activities

**August 16 - August 22**

**Sunday, August 16**

Catholic Conversations 9:45am-10:45am in PH

**Monday, August 17**

Food Pantry 10:00am-11:30am in CR

**Wednesday, August 19**

Mary's Mats of Love 9:00am-12:00pm in PH

Choir Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm in Church

Calix Society Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm in CR

**Thursday, August 20**

Book Study Group 8:30am-10:30am in PH

**Friday, August 21**

Adoration 9:00am-12:00pm in Church

**Saturday, August 22**

Lector & EMHC Mandatory Training 9:00am-10:00am in Church

### ST. JOHN'S HEALING MASS

St. John's holds a Bilingual Healing Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00pm. English and Spanish prayer teams will be available after Mass.

**Next Healing Mass: Thursday, August 20**



**The Calix Society**  
We substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies

Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic Faith and a 12-step program.

You can learn more about the Calix Society at [Calixsociety.org](http://Calixsociety.org)

If you are interested in the Hot Springs Chapter please call 501-623-6201

The Hot Springs Chapter meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month. The meeting starts with Mass at 5:30pm in the church, followed by a meeting in the Carrol Room.

### ARE YOU CONNECTED???

Are you receiving important Church notifications via text? If not, please email [stmccadmin@hotsprings.net](mailto:stmccadmin@hotsprings.net) with your updated phone number and we will add you to our messaging system (Evangelus).

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST  
INTENCIONES DEL PAPA PARA EL MES DE AGOSTO



**For Evangelization in the City  
Por la evangelización en la ciudad**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.  
Recemos para que, en las grandes ciudades a menudo marcadas por el anonimato y la soledad, encontremos nuevas formas de anunciar el Evangelio, descubriendo caminos creativos para construir comunidad.

St. Mary's Music Ministry is always looking for new members.

If you enjoy singing, playing an instrument, or would like to cantor, contact Samantha Millard, music coordinator, at [smillard00@gmail.com](mailto:smillard00@gmail.com)



**HOT SPRINGS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**

583 W. Grand Ave, Suite B  
Located at St. John's Office Building



**Capilla de la Adoracion  
Ubicada en las oficinas de la Iglesia de San Juan el Bautista  
Experimente el refugio y la seguridad de la presencia de Dios dedicando algún tiempo esta semana a la adoración del Santísimo.  
La capilla está abierta todos los días y las noches.**



**St. Mary's Food Pantry  
August 17, 2026  
10:00 AM- 11:30 AM**

**Kathy Fehr  
Freddie Pipkin  
Laurie Flanigan  
Aline Smith**

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal  
August 22-23**

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories where resources are thin and priests are few. The funds collected help these Catholic communities survive and thrive, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, training for lay ministers and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help. For many years Catholic Home Missions has given much support to the Diocese of Little Rock, which has enabled the diocese to help many parishes in need of special support.

Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



**St Mary's Handbell Choir**

St. Mary's handbell choir is looking for new members!

A very basic ability to read music is needed and we will teach you the rest. Our Handbell Choir plays in Mass several times throughout the year and we also receive invitations to play at other churches in Hot Springs from time to time.

If this sounds like something you would like to try, contact Samantha Millard at 318-840-9195 or [smillard00@gmail.com](mailto:smillard00@gmail.com).

Order your Diocesan Directory

The **2027 Diocese of Little Rock Directory** is coming soon.

It is an invaluable resource to keep in your house or car for finding Mass times at another parish or to contact a parish, priest, deacon or religious in the diocese by phone or email.

It costs only \$18, which includes 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/](http://arkansas-catholic.org/product-category/directory/).

Directories will be shipped in October.

**Knights of Columbus  
Fall**



# Save the Date

*Sale*

**October 23-24, 2026**

**October 30-31, 2026**

**9:00am-3:00pm**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
3045 Spring Street,  
Hot Springs AR**

**Lunch available for  
purchase 11am-1pm**

**We can only accept cash  
(preferred) or check with  
valid driver's license.**

**We cannot accept  
credit/debit cards.**



**Caballeros de Colon  
el otoño**



# Reserva la fecha

**23 y 24 de Octubre,  
30 y 31 de Octubre  
de las  
9:00am-3:00pm**

**Caballeros de Colon  
3045 Spring Street,  
Hot Springs AR**

**Almuerzo a la venta de  
11:00 a. m. a 1:00 p. m.**

**Solo aceptamos efectivo  
(preferiblemente) o cheque  
con una licencia de  
conducir válida.  
No podemos aceptar  
tarjetas de crédito o  
débito.**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



**WHEN:** Saturday, August 29, 2026 - Shotgun start at 9am

**WHERE:** Hot Springs Village - Balboa Golf Course

**COST:** \$100 per person - includes green fees, cart, range  
balls, prizes, light breakfast, and lunch after the tournament

**FORMAT:** 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE - Teams can be all male, all  
female, or a mix of each

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Scott Krantz at [scojean@yahoo.com](mailto:scojean@yahoo.com)

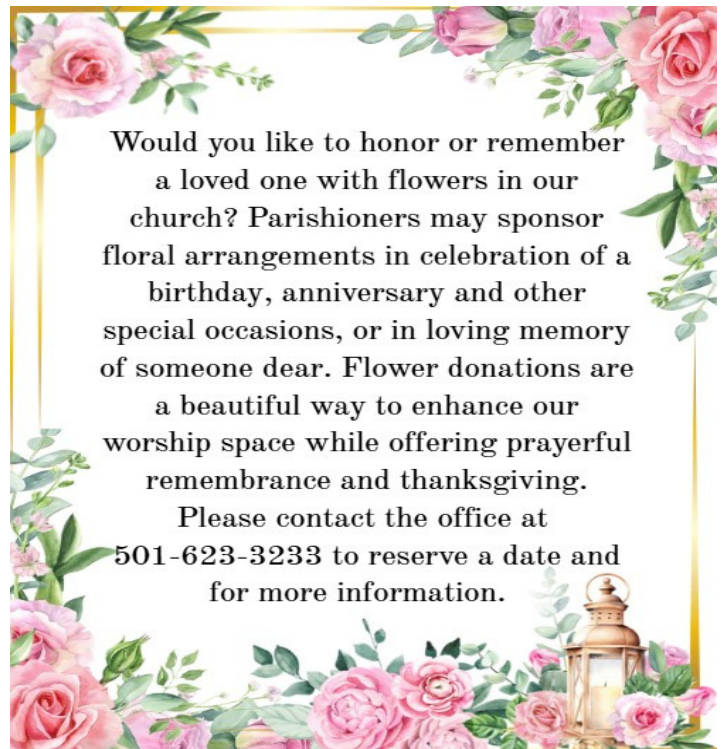
*All proceeds will go to St.  
John's School Financial  
Student Aid*



Entry forms are on the websites:

Sacred Heart of Jesus - [www.hsvsacredheart.com](http://www.hsvsacredheart.com) or Knights of  
Columbus - [www.hsvkofc.com](http://www.hsvkofc.com)

Please mail completed entry to arrive **NLT August 15, 2026**. Send entry  
along with check payable to Knights of Columbus 10208 for \$400.00 to  
Scott Krantz, 4 Alteza Dr., Hot Springs Village, AR 71909



Would you like to honor or remember  
a loved one with flowers in our  
church? Parishioners may sponsor  
floral arrangements in celebration of a  
birthday, anniversary and other  
special occasions, or in loving memory  
of someone dear. Flower donations are  
a beautiful way to enhance our  
worship space while offering prayerful  
remembrance and thanksgiving.

Please contact the office at  
**501-623-3233** to reserve a date and  
for more information.



Dear Parishioners,  
On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming  
us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the  
generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the  
elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness  
to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken  
steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor.  
We pray that members of your parish community who  
answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by  
their experience.

**Scripture Readings For the Week of August 16, 2026**  
**Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana del**  
**16 de Agosto de 2026**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Monday/Lunes**

Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday/Martes**

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday/Miércoles**

Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

**Jueves Memoria de San Bernardo, Abad y Doctor de la Iglesia**

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope**

**Viernes Memoria de San Pio X, Papa**

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sábado Memoria de Nuestra Señora María Reina**

Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Vigésimo Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

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



**SOCIEDAD CALIX**

Ofrece apoyo espiritual a quienes se quieren recuperar de drogas y alcohol o cualquier otra adicción. También es para familiares y amigos del adicto.

**Programa de 12 pasos**

**501-623-6201**

**CALIXSOCIETY.ORG**

**Reuniones:**

En español el primer miércoles de cada mes y en inglés el tercer miércoles de cada mes. Comienza con una misa a las 5:30 p.m. y al seguir la reunión en el Carol Room

**En la Iglesia Católica Santa María**



**La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María**

fue fijada en el 15 de agosto ya en el siglo V, con el sentido de "Nacimiento al Cielo" o, en la tradición bizantina, "Dormición" de Nuestra Señora. En Roma, la fiesta se celebra desde mediados del siglo VII, pero hubo que esperar hasta el 1 de noviembre de 1950, con Pío XII, para que se proclamara el dogma dedicado a María asunta al cielo en cuerpo y alma. En el Credo Apostólico profesamos nuestra fe en la "Resurrección de la carne" y en la "vida eterna", fin y sentido último del camino de la vida. Esta promesa de fe se cumple ya en María, como "signo de consuelo y esperanza segura"

If you have prayer requests, or you would like to join the Hands of Mary prayer list and receive notifications for new requests, please e-mail

**HandsofMaryHS@gmail.com.**

Joining this e-mail list will also keep you up-to-date on Hands of Mary activities and service opportunities.

**OCIA 2026**—If you wish to become Catholic, or learn more about the process, please contact the church office at 501-623-3233. We would love to answer your questions and help connect you to our OCIA team!

# Youth News

HOT SPRINGS CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

## WESTERN Night

HIGH SCHOOL FALL KICK-OFF

**SATURDAY | AUGUST 29 | 5 - 9 PM**

St. John's School Gym

### SADDLE UP FOR CHRIST

Dress Code: Western attire is encouraged! Cowboy hats, boots, jeans, etc.

WITH JESUS AS YOUR GUIDE,  
NO ONE RIDES ALONE  
**MATTHEW 28:20**



SCAN CODE TO RSVP

**MUSIC • FOOD • GAMES • VENDORS**

MIDDLE SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY



GRADES 6-8

## BACK TO YOUTH FAMILY NIGHT



SCAN CODE TO REGISTER

### Ember Cup: Play for the Kingdom

A Soccer-Themed Fall Kick-Off for the Whole Family

DRESS CODE: APPROPRIATE ATHLETIC WEAR

De vuelta al grupo de jóvenes: noche familiar para grados 6 al 8  
El 16 de Septiembre de 6-8 PM  
En el gimnasio de la escuela St. John's

## SEPTEMBER 16 6-8 PM

St. John's School gym

RUN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GET THE PRIZE  
**1 CORINTHIANS 9:24**



## Youth Faith Formation

*Register now!*

Registration after Mass

[www.stmaryofthespring.com](http://www.stmaryofthespring.com)

August 29-30 & September 5-6



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.

La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida con la protección de niños y jóvenes. Si tiene conocimiento de abusos o ha sido víctima de abusos por parte de miembros del clero, voluntarios o empleados de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese con la Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Delitos contra Menores al 1-800-482-5964 y con el Canciller y Asesor Jurídico General, Diácono Matthew A. Glover, al (501) 664-0340, ext. 361. Para recibir asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock, Laura Gottsponer, al (501) 499-9110. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.