

In final testament, pope wants simple burial at St. Mary Major

written by Catholic News Service |



Pope Francis has requested to be buried at Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he has prayed and entrusted his life to Mary. He has asked for a simple tomb with only the inscription "Franciscus".

U.S. cardinal announces pope's death to the world

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U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell announced the death of Pope Francis, who passed away at 88. Bells tolled the death knell from St. Peter's Basilica and local churches throughout the day.

Charcoal artist turns devastation into beauty for St. Joseph Center

written by Katie Zakrzewski |



North Little Rock artist Matthew Billingsley's studio at St. Joseph Center was destroyed in a fire. Using charcoal from the fire, he created an art piece and auctioned it to raise funds for the center.

Snowy photo wins first place in directory contest

written by Arkansas Catholic Staff |



Father Brian Cundall's photo of snow falling outside the chapel at Christ the King Church in Fort Smith took top honor in the Diocese of Little Rock Directory Photo Contest. The photo will appear on the cover of the 2026 diocesan directory, which will be published this fall.

Prayer breakfast

written by Arkansas Catholic Staff |

The St. Thomas More Society of Arkansas and the Pulaski County Bar Association are hosting an interfaith prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 1 at McDonald Hall of the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock. Bishop Anthony B. Taylor and speakers from the Arkansas faith community will pray for peace in families, cities and the world.

Organ donors

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Mercy Arkansas hospitals recently earned national recognition from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for their efforts to increase organ, eye and tissue donor registrations across the state through the DoNation Campaign.

Voting open

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St. Theresa School in Little Rock was nominated for the Heart of the Community Award by the state's Office of Innovation for Education. The winner will be announced at the Innovation Rally June 4-6.

Vocations Day

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Students from Catholic schools across Central Arkansas attended the Fifth-Grade Vocations Day at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Little Rock April 8. They listened to Bishop Anthony B. Taylor and several men and women religious about the importance of religious vocations.

Medical achievement

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Doctors at Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas in Rogers achieved a milestone in thoracic oncology by detecting and removing a cancerous lung nodule in a single procedure. This innovative approach, a first in Arkansas and across Mercy, minimizes patient stress and the risk of cancer spread.

Senior crest

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St. Joseph High School senior class officers presented the annual crest, representing the unity

and faith of the 31 graduating seniors, to the faculty and student body on April 9.