



“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’
and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’”

MATTHEW 5:37

Some Walk Away

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). This teaching of Jesus seems to get lost, perhaps because it comes at the end of a long listing of commandments. Regardless, it seems to get right to the point, almost making the other commandments unnecessary or perhaps clarifying them. Either you are going to be a child of your heavenly Father and live like one, or you are not. If you are a child of God, you would not contemplate any evil behaviors, let alone actually do them.

That is the clarity of the teaching of Jesus. It is authentic. It is compelling. It invites a response. Yet, there are those who were present with him who did not understand. Who missed the point. Who insisted on another way. Who could not discern the simplicity of the truth. To each of these men and women, including some with the religious title of scribe or Pharisee, he observed, “And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be” (Matthew 6:23). Even sadder is that not only did they miss the point, they also simply walked away.

Do you want to say more than a simple “Yes” or “No”? Do you want to say, “Yes, but... I can’t do it now.” Or “I can’t forgive this particular person.” Or “I can’t welcome this particular stranger.” Or “I can’t love him or her or them.”

Have you also missed the point? Do you also want to walk away? ●



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Reflect

What teachings of Jesus are too hard to consider?

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Mass Times

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216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

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ST MICHAEL

TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

SACRED HEART

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

*"COME ADORE THE LORD TRULY PRESENT IN THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT"*

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18

Join Us for Mass & Distribution of Ashes

ST. MICHAEL

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

SACRED HEART

12:00 Noon

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."*



MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

18 de febrero

Únase a Misa y la Distribución de Cenizas

ST. MICHAEL

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

SAGRADO CORAZÓN

12:00 Mediodía

*"Recuerda que eres polvo
y al polvo volverás."*



Happy Valentine's Day
from
*St. Michael's &
Sacred Heart*

*Wishing you a day filled with
Love, Kindness & Blessings*

*May your hearts be full of joy and
your relationships strengthened in
faith & friendship.*



Collection for
**Hispanic Ministry
Personnel**

Wednesday, February 18



Hispanic Ministry in many dioceses, including the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock, is led by a dedicated team focused on pastoral care, evangelization, and youth ministry.

Often guided by a director and assistants, these offices provide sacramental, educational, and social support while helping bridge cultural gaps within the Latino community.

Your generous support helps sustain
this important ministry in our Diocese.



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 for Canonical Affairs, 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 Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



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Please give generously and join us in supporting CASA 2026. Together, we can care for our neighbors and build a stronger Church in Arkansas.

Become a CASA supporter today.

Every contribution helps meet real needs, strengthen our faith community, and serve those most in need throughout our diocese.

*Have you prayed
the Rosary today?*

Take a few quiet moments to reflect, give thanks, and draw closer to God through the prayers of the Blessed Mother.

*“Pray the Rosary every day.
in order to obtain peace for the world”*
— Our Lady of Fatima

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions may be offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one, for healing, in celebration of a special occasion, or for any special intention for yourself, a family member, or a friend.

To request a Mass intention, please fill out an envelope located in the vestibule or contact the parish office for available dates.

A customary stipend of \$10 is requested for each Mass.

Contribution Statements 2025

are available in the church vestibule.



SAN MIGUEL RETIRO DE CUARESMA 13-14 de marzo Reserva la fecha



Acompáñanos en **San Miguel** para un tiempo sagrado de oración, reflexión y renovación durante esta santa temporada de **Cuaresma**.

Aléjate del ajetreo de la vida diaria y profundiza tu fe a través de la convivencia, la adoración y la meditación guiada.

¡Más detalles próximamente!

*"Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón limpio,
y renueva un espíritu recto dentro de mí."*

— Salmo 51:10

Feb. 21–22, 2026

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Wednesdays following the
8:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information, please contact:

Becky Rushing

(901) 652-2390





This Week AT SMCS



Intenciones de Misa

Las intenciones de misa pueden ofrecerse por el eterno descanso de un ser querido difunto, por sanación, en celebración de una ocasión especial o por cualquier intención especial para usted, un familiar o un amigo.

Para solicitar una intención de misa, por favor llene un sobre ubicado en el vestíbulo o contacte la oficina parroquial para fechas disponibles.

Se solicita una ofrenda habitual de \$10 por cada misa.

¿Has rezado el Rosario hoy?

Tómate unos momentos de silencio para reflexionar, dar gracias y acercarte más a Dios a través de las oraciones de la Santísima Madre.

“Recen el Rosario todos los días para obtener la paz para el mundo”
— Nuestra Señora de Fátima

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

February 14–15

Supporting the Faith, Rebuilding the Future

Help restore the Church, aid those affected by the war in Ukraine, and build a better tomorrow in Central and Eastern Europe.

Learn more & donate:
www.usccb.org/cee

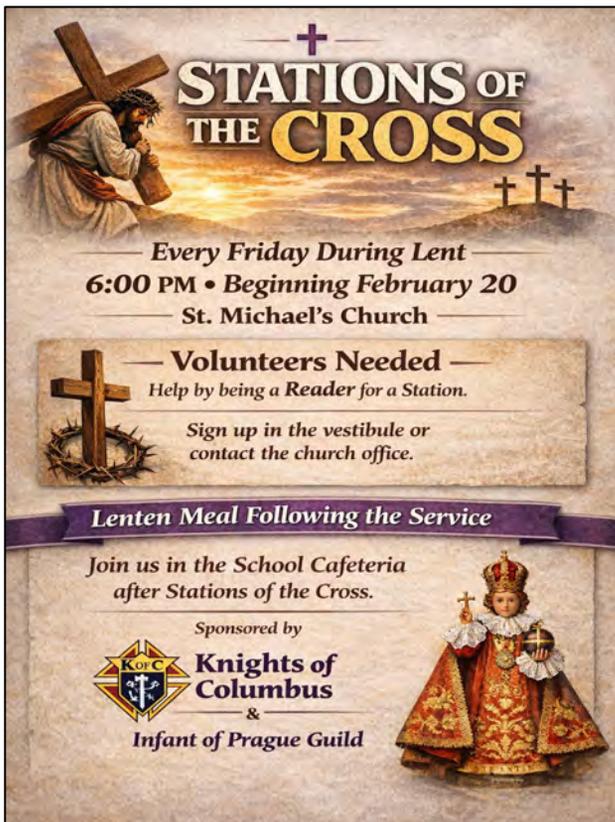
WE HAVE NEW GAMES!!



Bingo is played in the school cafeteria on Tuesdays at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm.

Scan for the latest Bingo Information

We now have two Jackpots for \$1,000 currently at 43 & 53 numbers called
Raffle is up to \$ 1,550



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent
6:00 PM • Beginning February 20
St. Michael's Church

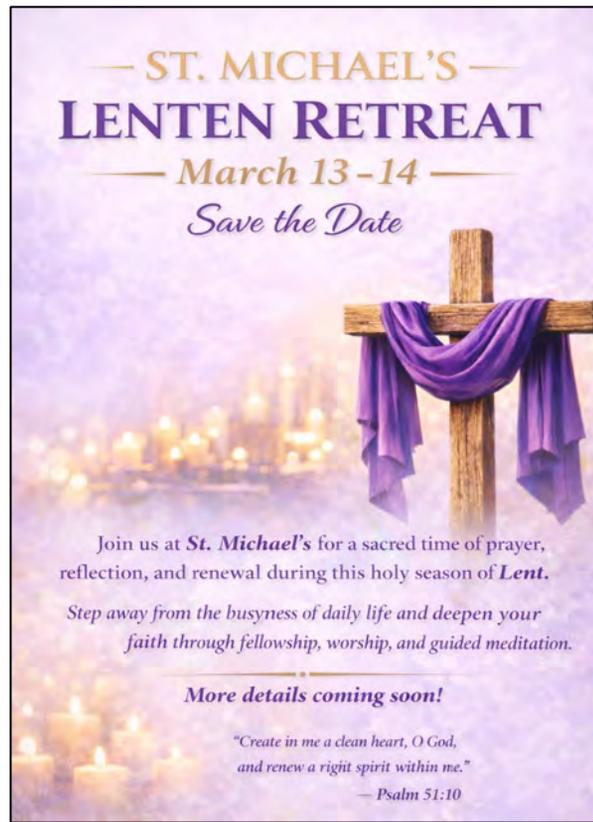
Volunteers Needed
Help by being a Reader for a Station.

Sign up in the vestibule or contact the church office.

Lenten Meal Following the Service

Join us in the School Cafeteria after Stations of the Cross.

Sponsored by
Knights of Columbus
&
Infant of Prague Guild



ST. MICHAEL'S
LENTEN RETREAT
March 13-14
Save the Date



Join us at *St. Michael's* for a sacred time of prayer, reflection, and renewal during this holy season of *Lent*.

Step away from the busyness of daily life and deepen your faith through fellowship, worship, and guided meditation.

More details coming soon!

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me."
— Psalm 51:10*



LITURGICAL

 MINISTRIES



Week of	February 21, 2026	February 22, 2026
Lector	Ginger Creel	Mary Lou Hall
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Ginger Creel	Bert Jenkins
	Ginger Wilkinson	Beth Aureli
	Liz Posey	Patsy Fletcher
Offertory	Jacob Wray	Jessica Galtelli
	Anna Lynn Lugay	Sydney Galtelli
Greeters	Margie McCain	Beth Aureli

Parish Organizations

- ❖ **Infant of Prague Guild: meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. Watch here for announcements.**
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus business meeting 1st Sundays at 7:00 P.M.**
- ❖ **Parish Finance Council meeting Thursday, Feb. 26th at 5:00 pm.**
- ❖ **Parish Pastoral Council meeting Thursday, Feb. 26th at 6:15 pm.**
- ❖ **3rd Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch February 15th, after Mass**
- ❖ **3rd Sunday St. Michael Brunch February 15th, after Mass - Guild**



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	February	14	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Letitia Fratesi Martine†
Sunday	February	15	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sis Young† Lynn Slaughter†
Monday	February	16	NO MASS	
Tuesday	February	17	6:00 pm	Ruben Saldivar
Wednesday	February	18	8:00 am 5:30pm	Slade Inman (B'Day) Evan Wray †
Thursday	February	19	8:00 am	Fr Daniel Moris Macha, CSSp†
Friday	February	20	8:00 am	Curt Beyers †
Saturday	February	21	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Betty Gultner†
Sunday	February	22	8:30 am 10:30 am	Hilda Philips Ernest Miller Sr†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Ruben Saldivar, Ann Knych, Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wilhelmi, Nancy Ellis Hays, Cathy Stockbridge, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Carol Burdison, Mary Margaret Riley, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Peggy Mengarelli, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, Danny Foster, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Gultner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Victims of War and Violence in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine. All persons serving in our Military, The Seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock, and the Religious Men and Women of Arkansas.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

February 8,2026 St. Michael \$6,625.50.00
Sacred Heart \$879.00

Dear Padre,

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (*Code of Canon Law*, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (*CCL* 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of

mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Monday

February 16
Weekday

Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

February 17
Weekday

Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

February 18
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 19
Thursday after

Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 20
Friday after
Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 21
Saturday after

Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 22
First Sunday

of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.