



The Debt We Have in Common

THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

As we hear today's Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn't really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn't explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one's own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

How am I at forgiveness—with others and with myself?



Can one refuse mercy
to a sinner like oneself,
yet seek pardon for
one's own sins?

SIRACH 28:4

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

411 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

Mass Times

- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

Church Office

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Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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St. Michael's Catholic School

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Website: stmichaelwm.com

Facebook: facebook.com/wmsmcs/

Principal: Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

Grades: PreK3 & PreK4, K, 1st, 2nd, 4th

405 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

Phone: 870-735-1730

Pastor: Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp

SACRED HEART– Crawfordville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Director: Libby Burroughs

PRE Classes: **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (Grades K–12)**

Financial Council Members

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EUCCHARISTIC *Adoration*

ST MICHAEL'S

TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

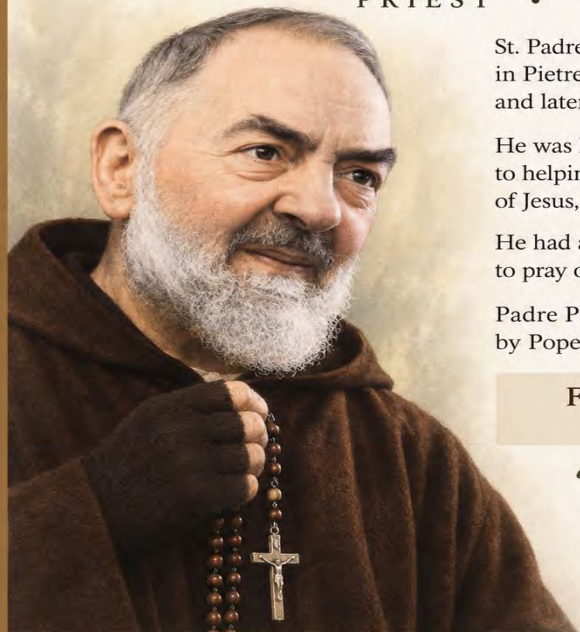
SACRED HEART

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Come adore the Lord truly present in the most blessed sacrament.

ST. PADRE PIO

PRIEST • MYSTIC • SAINT



St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione on May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy. From a young age, he had a strong love for God and later became a priest.

He was known for his deep prayer life, kindness, and devotion to helping others. Padre Pio received the stigmata, wounds like those of Jesus, which remained a mystery throughout his life.

He had a special devotion to the Rosary and encouraged everyone to pray often.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. He was declared a saint by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002.

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 23



*"The Rosary is the weapon
of defense and salvation."*

— ST. PADRE PIO



PRAY • TRUST • HAVE FAITH



Baptism

Parents desiring
Baptism for their children.

Please call the parish office
to schedule an appointment.

Bautismo

Padres que desean el
Bautismo para sus hijos.

Por favor llame a la
oficina parroquial para
programar una cita.

IF YOU ARE
Needing to
ADD OR REMOVE
SOMEONE TO THE
Prayer List,



PLEASE CONTACT
the Church Office.

THANK YOU!

MASS *Intentions*

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

Please fill out an envelope
in the vestibule or contact
the parish office for
available dates.



INTENCIONES *de Misa*

Las intenciones de Misa pueden ofrecerse
por el **descanso del alma** de un ser
querido fallecido, por **sanación**, por
una ocasión especial o por una **intención**
especial por usted, un familiar o un amigo.

Favor de llenar un sobre que
se encuentra en el vestíbulo
o comuníquese con la oficina
parroquial para fechas
disponibles.

MARRIAGE

Preparation

Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest of their intentions to marry **at least six months prior** to their intended wedding date.

Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment.



PREPARACIÓN

para el Matrimonio

Las parejas que estén considerando contraer matrimonio deben informar al párroco de su intención de casarse **por lo menos seis meses antes** de la fecha prevista para la boda.

Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para programar una cita.

Catholic Charities of Arkansas

31ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY,
OCT. 9, 2026

REBSAMEN GOLF COURSE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Contact Megan Moore
mmoore@dolr.org or
(501) 664-0340, ext. 379



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FREEWILL

St. Michael's & Sacred Heart

2026-2027

Faith Formation

PRE & OCIA CLASSES

PRE CLASSES: PRE-K 3 THROUGH 12TH GRADE



FIRST COMMUNION

SPRING 2027:

If your child is planning to receive First Communion in Spring 2027, please contact the church office.



CONFIRMATION

SPRING 2027:

If your child is planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2027, please contact the church office.

SPRING 2028:

In the Diocese of Little Rock, First Communion requires two years of preparation, either in the parish or a Catholic school. If your child does not attend Catholic school and would like to receive First Communion in Spring 2028, he or she will need to participate in **PRE (Parish Religious Education)** classes.

SPRING 2028:

In the Diocese of Little Rock, Confirmation requires two years of preparation, either in the parish or a Catholic school. If your child does not attend Catholic school and would like to receive Confirmation in Spring 2028, he or she will need to participate in **PRE (Parish Religious Education)** classes.



OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, learning more about our faith or growing in a relationship with God, please consider participating in our OCIA program.

Those who have questions contact the church office.

CLASSES
EVERY WEDNESDAY



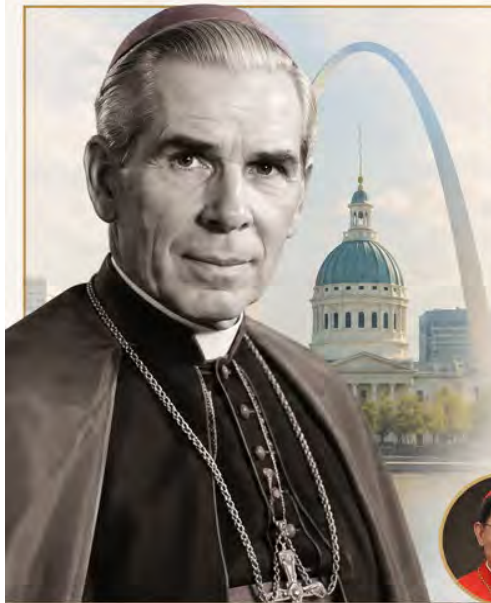
5:30 PM
MASS



6:15-6:45 PM
DINNER



6:45-7:30 PM
CLASSES



— ARCHBISHOP —
FULTON J. SHEEN
to Be Beatified!

A joyful celebration of the life and faith of a beloved preacher and evangelist.



THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24,
2026



2:00 P.M.
CENTRAL TIME



THE DOME
AT AMERICA'S CENTER
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



The Mass will be presided over by
Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle,
representing Pope Leo XIV.



A pioneer of radio and television, Archbishop Sheen reached millions with *The Catholic Hour* and the Emmy Award-winning series *Life Is Worth Living*.

“*The world is starving for holiness.
The modern apostolate is to get the Word of God
into the ears and eyes of men.*

— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Catechetical SUNDAY

September 19 & 20

This weekend we celebrate and recognize those who give generously of their time and gifts in the work of education of the Catholic faith.



The collection taken up this weekend helps to fund religious education and is divided equally between our parish and the diocese's Office of Faith Formation.

You can also find descriptions of all special collections at:
<https://dolr.org/stewardship-development/collections>

BINGO NIGHT!



DOORS OPEN
AT
6:00PM



GAMES START
AT
7:00PM



WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS
WORTH **\$1,000** EACH!

54

NUMBER CALLED



48

NUMBERS CALLED



RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO

\$

1,000

JOIN US FOR
BINGO
every
TUESDAY NIGHT
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA



BRING YOUR
FRIENDS, FAMILY
AND LUCKY CHARMS.



WE CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOU THERE.



SCAN FOR
LATEST BINGO INFO.



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LITTLE ROCK

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LITTLE ROCK
está comprometida a
PROTEGER A LOS
NIÑOS Y JÓVENES.



Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al
(800) 482-5964



y con el Canciller | Asesor General,
Diác. Matthew A. Glover
(501) 664-0340, ext. 361



Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock
Laura Gottspomer
(501) 499-9110



Diócesis de Little Rock
2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207



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of Little Rock

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PROTECTING CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact:



STATE OF ARKANSAS HOTLINE
FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
1-800-482-5964



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 Gottspomer
(501) 499-9110



Let the little children
come to me,
and do not hinder
them, for the kingdom
of God belongs to
such as these.

— Mark 10:14



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Traveling the world one Flat Stanely at a time!



St Michael's Catholic School
3rd Grade

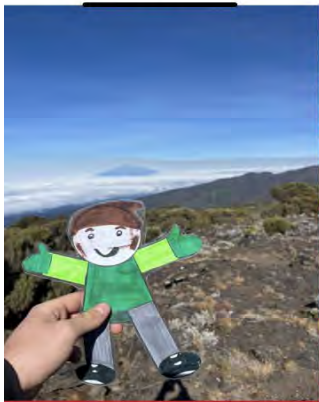
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Follow along with
SMCS 3rd Grade's Flat
Stanley as he travels around
the world!

See where his adventures
take him on Instagram!
Be sure to LIKE and
FOLLOW so you don't miss any
of Flat Stanley's exciting
stops along the way!





Week of	September 19, 2026	September 20, 2026
Lector	Laura Long	Carlyle Telesford
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Ginger Wilkinson	Jessica Galtelli
	Liz Posey	Katie Reese
	Ginger Creel	Melissa Morphis
Offertory	Ginger Creel	Aureli Family
	Liz & Leslie Posey	
Greeters	Rita Fratesi	Anna & Christina Lugay



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & FELLOWSHIP



INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD: Meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. *Please watch here for announcements*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday of each month · 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council - Thursday, Sept. 17th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Sept. 17th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Oct 4th *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Sept 13th *Following Mass* – PC

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	September	12	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Danny Foster†
Sunday	September	13	8:30 am 10:30 am	Frank B Alpe† Tom & Jan Martin
Monday	September	14	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September	15	6:00 pm	William Billings†
Wednesday	September	16	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Allen Creel† Junior Vega†
Thursday	September	17	8:00 am	Theresa McGinnis†
Friday	September	18	8:00 am	Mike Burroughs†
Saturday	September	19	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Tom Forman†
Sunday	September	20	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jo Zachary Jim & Lee Maconi†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Carli Albrecht, Bangie Camper, JoAnn Vega, Patsy & Danny Haynes, James Bell, Charlie Dabbs, Ginny Kimbrell, Carlton Coveny, 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, Vickie Stanford, John Baioni, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Janet Long, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Guiltner, 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:

September 6, 2026 St. Michael \$8,419.00

Sacred Heart \$1,203.00

Dear Padre,

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Likewise, at Mass, we’re so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ’s love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one’s breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn’t a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



ZULFIKAR KARIMOV / UNSPLASH

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus,

this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 11, 2026**

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

September 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday

September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday

September 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

September 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

September 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

September 20
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a