Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 27, 2026
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ezekiel 18:25–28 / Philippians 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 / Matthew 21:28–32



Will You Work in God's Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today's gospel. Who hasn't had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus' parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God's dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God's kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God's coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God's ways were more receptive to John the Baptist's preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus' message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God's greatest delight would be to have children who say "yes" and then follow through on their word! ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

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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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Phone: 870-733-1212
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 899, West Memphis, AR 72303
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Office Hours:
Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Secretary: Gladys Hampton

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

SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church
216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

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

Pastor: Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

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

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EUCHARISTIC *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.

FEAST OF SAINTS

MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL

THE ARCHANGELS

SEPTEMBER 29

ONE GOD THREE ARCHANGELS



ST. MICHAEL

Known as the defender against evil and leader of the heavenly hosts.



ST. GABRIEL

God's messenger who announced to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus.



ST. RAPHAEL

Known for healing, guidance, and safe travels through his role in the Book of Tobit.

THERE WILL BE MASS AT 8:00 AM
AT ST. MICHAEL'S ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH.

ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, AND ST. RAPHAEL,
pray for us!



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.

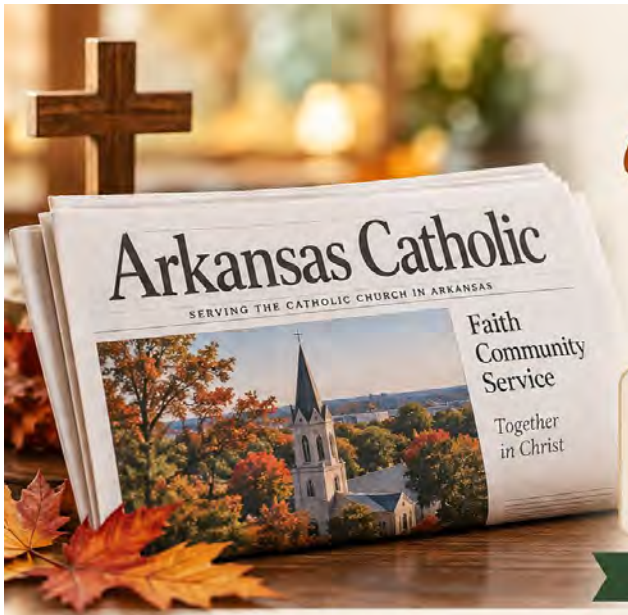
Please fill out an envelope in the vestibule or contact the parish office for available dates.



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.



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FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 2026

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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





ST. MICHAEL'S & SACRED HEART

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2026-2027

Faith Formation

PRE & OCIA CLASSES

Pre-K 3 through 12th Grade

Classes Every Wednesday

MASS	DINNER	PRE/OCIA CLASSES
5:30 PM	6:15 – 6:45 PM	6:45 – 7:30 PM

HELP GEORGIA

Get to Boston!



This December, Georgia will travel to **Boston Children's Hospital** with hopes of finding more answers about her genetic mutation.

If you would like to donate, any amount is greatly appreciated!

Your support helps ease travel expeness and shows Georgia and her family that they are surrounded by love, support, and prayer.



BOSTON

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Thank you for supporting Georgia!

IF YOU ARE

Needing to ADD OR REMOVE

SOMEONE TO THE

Prayer List,

PLEASE CONTACT *the Church Office.*

THANK YOU!

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.

BINGO NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

GAMES START AT 7:00PM

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

56 NUMBER CALLED & 50 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.

Diócesis Católica de Little Rock

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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 Gottsponer **(501) 499-9110**

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

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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:

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 Gottsponer
(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

DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK
2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207









LITTLE LEARNERS, BIG FAITH!
AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PRE-K, OUR LITTLES SPEND THEIR DAYS
LEARNING, LAUGHING, CREATING, AND
GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE.
FROM ABC'S AND 123'S TO KINDNESS,
FRIENDSHIP, AND FAITH, EVERY DAY IS
FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES
TO LEARN AND GROW!
SMALL HANDS. BIG HEARTS.
BRIGHT FUTURES.

WE LOVE OUR ST. MICHAEL'S PRE-K!









LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Week of	October 3, 2026	October 4, 2026
Lector	Suzy McAuley	Tony Bell
Linens	Dorothy Foster	
Communion	Dorothy Foster	Patsy Fletcher
	Joanne Smith	Bert Jenkins
	Suzy McAuley	Beth Aureli
Offertory	Suzy & Max McAuley	Aureli Family



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, Oct. 15th · 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council- Thursday, Oct. 22nd · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Oct 4th *Following Mass*
ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Oct 11th *Following Mass – Guild*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	September	26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Imgard Paulk✝
Sunday	September	27	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lynn Zachary Danny Foster✝
Monday	September	28	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September	29	6:00 pm	Irmgard Paulk✝
Wednesday	September	30	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Sandy G. Williford Jerry Lancaster✝ Gene McGinnis✝
Thursday	October	1	8:00 am	Fr. Charles Thessing
Friday	October	2	8:00 am	Mike & Michael Burroughs✝
Saturday	October	3	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone✝ Adoration Jack Crabtree✝
Sunday	October	4	8:30 am 10:30 am	Irmgard Paulk✝ Bo Morphis✝



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Sarah Pizzolatto, Bobby Hollingsworth, 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, Donald Turlich, Vickey 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 20,2026 St. Michael $4,113.00
Sacred Heart $1,612.00
Second Collection – Catechetical Sunday $888.00

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?



MARIUS MURESAN / UNSPLASH

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) "Godparent" isn't simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It's an important role in a child's faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, "Receive the light of Christ." That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special "witness" who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
September 28 *Weekday* Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	September 29 *Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels* Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab Jn 1:47–51	September 30 *St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church* Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Lk 9:57–62	October 1 *St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church* Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels* Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Mt 18:1–5, 10	October 3 *Weekday* Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	October 4 *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time* Is 5:1–7 Phil 4:6–9 Mt 21:33–43



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord's instruments.

MESSAGE TO FADICA NETWORK, ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

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