



Open Door

MIGUEL DULICK

It is “Good Shepherd Sunday,” and the gospel quotes Jesus: “I am the gate for the sheep.” It seems the oddest of Jesus’ “I am” identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep’s pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—“strangers” who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as “thieves and robbers.”

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow

him because we recognize “his voice.” In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like “a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). ●

Reflect

How can we recognize voices that speak the truth? How do we recognize Jesus’ voice?



You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 PETER 2:25

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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St. Michael's Catholic School

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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)**

Financial Council Members

Donna McAlister

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Mary Jane Flowers

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Ricardo Ledezma

Tim Marconi

Joanne Smith

Lauren Wray

Jo Zachary



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"



Celebrating Their *First Holy Communion*

Join us in celebrating and congratulating the following children
as they receive their First Holy Communion on **May 3rd**.

Emily Arias
Mateo Cabrera
Danelly Perez
Henry Reece
Gabe Waller

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sacred Heart

We look forward to sharing this joyful and sacred moment with you.

NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Pilgrimage

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route

2026 Pilgrimage

May 24 – July 5

Presenting Sponsor: **relevant**
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My name is Angelina Marconi, and I've had the privilege to grow up in this incredible church community. It is here that my faith was founded and fostered, especially through my family and their involvement in this parish. It is only through this foundation that I discovered a profound passion for Adoration and the Eucharist. For those who don't know, I was selected as a Perpetual Pilgrim for the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. This particular year will be themed "One Nation Under God", and will honor the 250th anniversary of the United States. I will be one of nine young adults who will be traveling across the country in a van, bringing Jesus Christ with us. I am humbled and in awe of the overwhelming spiritual and financial support you all have shown me. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for this community.



I ask for your prayers for our team, as well as any prayer intentions that I will carry with me as I make this pilgrimage. Additionally, I would be honored to receive any financial donations you feel called to give. Your donation is tax deductible, and will go directly toward our route expenses. There is a QR code to the right that will take you to these links. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or want to know more about this amazing journey I am about to take. I am so proud to represent my home parish and the state of Arkansas on this national level.



Prayer intentions and
pilgrimage information here



SMCS reunion

History of St. Michael's Catholic School

St. Michael's Catholic School is the oldest school in the city of West Memphis and the oldest private school in Crittenden County. The school was established in 1936 by Father Francis Xavier Pendergast with an initial enrollment of just 15 students. It was originally housed in a two-story brick building and staffed by the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine from Kentucky.



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In 1954, the Olivetan Benedictine Sisters from Jonesboro, Arkansas, arrived to operate the school, continuing its tradition of faith-based education.



By 1963, enrollment had grown to over 100 students. At that time, the original church was razed, and the present school building was constructed, consisting of four classrooms, offices, and a cafeteria. In 1973, four additional classrooms were added to the west side of the building. With the completion of this new wing, the original school building was demolished.



The Parish Activity Center, which serves as both a gymnasium and the home of the Pre-K program, was built in 1978. Originally, the school served students in grades one through eight. In response to the evolving needs of the community, a kindergarten class was added in 1978. Later, in 1990, the seventh and eighth grades were discontinued.



Continuing to grow and adapt, St. Michael's added a Pre-K4 program in 1993, followed by the introduction of a Pre-K3 program in 2003.





Saturday with the Sisters

Come for monastic prayer and
fellowship with the Olivetan
Benedictine Sisters!

Saturday, May 2
2:00-8:00 PM

For single, Catholic women,
age 16-35



Sábado con las Hermanas

¡Vengan a la oración monástica y a
la convivencia con las Hermanas
Benedictinas Olivetanas!

Sábado, 2 de Mayo
2:00-8:00 PM

Para mujeres solteras y
católicas, de 16 a 35 años.



BINGO NIGHT!

Join us for Bingo every Tuesday night
in the School Cafeteria!

Games Start at:

7:00 PM



Doors Open at:

6:00 PM

We now have **TWO** Jackpots worth **\$1,000** each,
currently at:

46 numbers called & 54 numbers called

Raffle Prize is now up to: \$ 1,500

Bring your friends, family, and lucky charms!

We can't wait to see you there!

SCAN FOR
THE LATEST
BINGO INFO!



SCHOOL GOSSIP

SMCS

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOW

Enrolling

Join the St. Michael's Family!

Now Enrolling at St. Michael's Catholic School 2026-2027 school year!

- ★ Faith-based education
- ★ Caring community
- ★ Strong academic foundation

Spots available for Pre-K -3 through 5th grade—don't miss out!

- 📄 Register online
- 🏢 Or visit our school office



SUMMER camp 2026

☀️ Summer Camp 2026
Registration
is also OPEN!

Keep your child learning and
having fun all summer long!

Sign up online or stop by the
school office.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We're Hiring
Substitute Teachers!

Interested?

Contact the school office for
more information. Come be
part of our team!

upcoming **EVENTS**

- Fri May 1st:** May Crowning - 8:00am Mass
- Sun May 3rd:** First Holy Communion - 10:30 am Mass
- Sun May 16th:** St Michael's/Sacred Heart Family Redbirds Night
- Fri. May 22nd:** Last Day of School - no after school
- Mon June 8th:** Summer Camp starts!



Online Giving is Now Available via



Scanning this QR code will take you to the parish donation page.

- Stewardship for St. Michael's & Sacred Heart
- Memorials & Mass Intentions
- Recurring Donations Available!



SCAN TO GIVE

Support Your Parish with Ease and Convenience!

St. Michael's / Sacred Heart Night

AT THE

MEMPHIS REDBIRDS!



Saturday, May 16th

Tickets: **\$21** per person

Includes a Hot Dog & Soda!

Sign Up via Flocknote:



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LITURGICAL

MINISTRIES



Week of	May 2, 2026	May 3, 2026
Lector	Laura Long	Melanie Beyer
Linens	Mary McDougal	
Communion	Liz Posey	Katie Reese
	Ginger Creel	Melissa Morphis
	Ginger Wilkinson	Jessica Galtelli
Offertory	Allyssa Franks	Kevin Waller Family
	Kaden McKinnon	
Greeters	Rita Fratesi	Laura & Tony Bell

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, May 21st · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, May 21st · 6:15 p.m.



❖ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ❖

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — May 3rd *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- First Sunday — May 3rd *Following Mass - Knights*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	April	25	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Jim Sibley Sr. II
Sunday	April	26	8:30 am 10:30 am	Evan Wray II John Halling II
Monday	April	27	NO MASS	
Tuesday	April	28	6:00 pm	Jorge Samson II
Wednesday	April	29	8:00 am 5:30pm	Cody Crawford II Joe Schafer II
Thursday	April	30	8:00 am	Carrie Rushing
Friday	May	1	8:00 am	Mike & Michael Borroughs II
Saturday	May	2	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone II Adoration George Salazar II
Sunday	May	3	8:30 am 10:30 am	Benjie Barber II Danny Foster II



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Patsy & Danny Haynes, James Bell, Charlie Dabbs, Ginny Kimbrell, Lynda Ashcraft, 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, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Carol Burdison, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, 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:

April 19, 2026 St. Michael \$2,513.00

Sacred Heart \$743.00

Dear Padre,

Should Christians avoid practicing qi gong or tai chi? Or even meditation in which you empty your mind? Thank you.

This is one of those questions that has been debated for a long time. Social media offers many so-called experts with vastly different opinions. It can be very confusing, particularly if you are looking for a black-and-white answer, a yes or a no.

The pope who provides us with the most helpful direction to answer this question is Pope Benedict XVI. He did not forbid Eastern spiritual practices entirely but warned against their integration into Christian life without proper discernment. His perspective was rooted in a theological understanding that Christian spirituality is a unique path focused on a relationship with Christ. He emphasized that our Catholic spiritual tradition is distinct from the goals and methods of non-Christian traditions. He believed the practice of such non-Christian traditions, without preparation and without awareness of the challenge they present, could lead to spiritual error if not approached with caution and discernment.

So, the answer is nuanced. If you are using the practice as a spiritual practice, you should proceed with the utmost caution. If, on the other hand, you are using these practices for the more common physical or psychological—not spiritual—reasons, then it is permissible. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Catherine</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Athanasius,</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday</i>
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	<i>of Siena, Virgin</i>	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	<i>Bishop and Doctor</i>	<i>of Easter</i>
Jn 10:11–18	Jn 10:22–30	<i>and Doctor</i>	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	<i>of the Church</i>	Acts 6:1–7
		<i>of the Church</i>			Acts 13:44–52	1 Pt 2:4–9
		Acts 12:24–13:5a			Jn 14:7–14	Jn 14:1–12
		Jn 12:44–50				



MARCO IACOBucci / EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 24, 2025