



The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

LUKE 24:35



Three Basic Rules

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them

well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

Reflect

Where does my family and parish need improvement to form a genuinely faithful Emmaus community?

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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Secretary: Gladys Hampton

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Website: stmichaelwm.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/wmsmcs/](https://www.facebook.com/wmsmcs/)

Principal: Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

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

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

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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

Kevin Meyers

Shelley Pugh

Joanne Smith

Ken Thomas

Ginger Wilkinson

Phillip Wray

Parish Council Members

Patsy Fletcher (President)

Lisa Schafer (Vice President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Beth Aureli

Tony Bell

Mary Jane Flowers

Claude Hunt

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"



Confirmed in the Holy Spirit
Nourished by the Eucharist

Congratulations and blessings!

Elizabeth, Londyn, Jessie,
Gustavo and Abby



St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sacred Heart

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:



45

numbers called



55

numbers called

Raffle Prize is now up to: \$

1,542



Bring your friends, family, and lucky charms!

We can't wait to see you there!



SCAN FOR
THE LATEST
BINGO INFO!

BINGO NIGHT!



ALL ARE WELCOME — HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SCHOOL GOSSIP

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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 April 24:** Early Dismissal - no after school
- Fri May 1st:** May Crowning - 8:00am Mass
- Sun May 3rd:** First Holy Communion - 10:30 am Mass
- Fri. May 22:** Last Day of School - no after school
- Mon June 8th:** Summer Camp starts!





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.



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 para usted, un familiar o un amigo.

Por favor complete un sobre disponible en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para conocer las fechas disponibles.

Se acostumbra ofrecer una ofrenda de
\$10 por cada Misa.



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 friend.



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



A **\$10** stipend is customary for each Mass.

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

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:

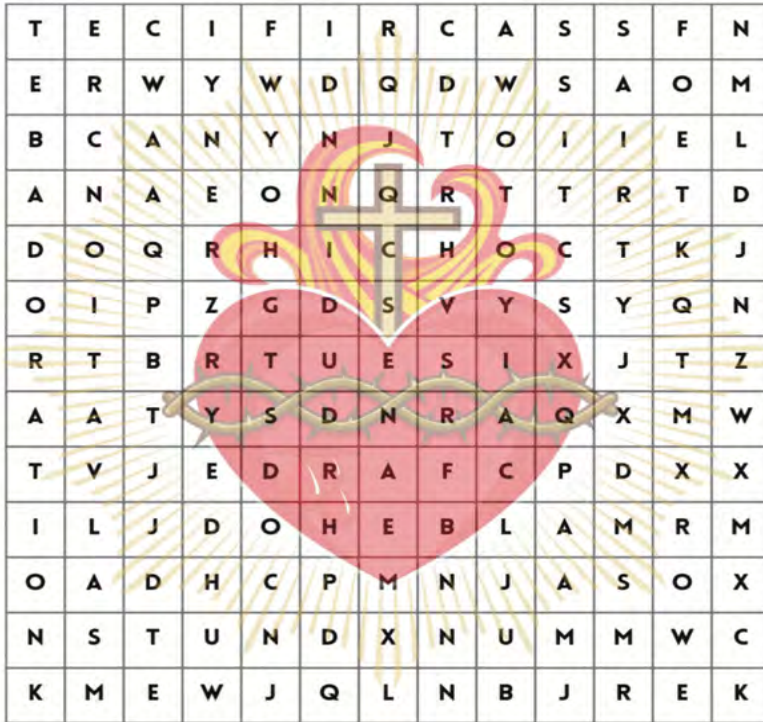


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WORD SEARCH

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- MERCY
- SACRED HEART
- SACRIFICE
- SALVATION
- THORNS



Diócesis de Little Rock
Protegiendo a Nuestros Niños


La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida con la protección de los niños y jóvenes. Si usted está al tanto de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios de la Iglesia o trabajadores de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese con:

- ☎ La Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños: 1-800-482-5964
- ☎ Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, Diác. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361

Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock:

✠ **Laura Gottspomer,**
(501) 664-0340 ext. 425

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



Diocese of Little Rock
Protecting Our Children

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, please comuníquese con:

- ☎ The State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes Against Children: 1-800-482-5964
- ☎ 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,**
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Week of	April 25, 2026	April 26, 2026
Lector	Ginger Creel	Tony Bell
Linens	Mary Lou Hall	
Communion	Margie McCain	Sarah Horton
	Sandy G. Williford	Libby Burroughs
	Shelley Pugh	Clay Aureli
Offertory	Reece Family	Drake Family
Greeters	Margie McCain	Danielle Drake

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	18	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Amelia Rushing (B'day)
Sunday	April	19	8:30 am 10:30 am	Christy Marconi† Robyn Fulton†
Monday	April	20	NO MASS	
Tuesday	April	21	6:00 pm	Bobby Cassidy†
Wednesday	April	22	8:00 am 5:30pm	Patsy Fletcher Maury Smith, ofm (B'day)†
Thursday	April	23	8:00 am	Ruben Saldivar
Friday	April	24	8:00 am	Ann Knych†
Saturday	April	25	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Jim SibleySr†
Sunday	April	26	8:30 am 10:30 am	Evan Wray† John Halling †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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, Danny Foster, 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 5, 2026 St. Michael \$4,835.00
Sacred Heart \$740.00

Dear Padre,

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



VLADIS CHURIN / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	1 Pt 5:5b–14	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Mk 16:15–20	1 Pt 2:20b–25
						Jn 10:1–10



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 18, 2025