



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A *Calvin and Hobbes* comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

Reflect

**Think of a time when life was difficult.
What blessings or important lessons
did you receive as a result?**

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
"Everything that the Father
has is mine; for this reason I
told you that [the Holy Spirit]
will take from what is mine
and declare it to you."

JOHN 16:15



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Council Members

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

June 8, 2025 St. Michael \$2,867.00

Sacred Heart \$733.00

Eucharistic Adoration

**St. Michael Every Tuesday,
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart, Crawfordsville,
Every Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Every Saturday, before the Vigil Mass
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**



St. Mary of the Lake Church
626 Horseshoe Circle
Horseshoe Lake, AR 72348
Sunday Vigil – Saturday 4 pm

Mass Times at our Sister Churches



St. Francis of Assisi Church
621 S. Washington St.
Forrest City, AR 72335
Sunday 12:15 pm
Tuesday, Thursday 12:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration Thursday,
11:30 am

Baptism: Parents desiring Baptism for their children must be registered parishioners of St. Michael or Sacred Heart for at least 2 years prior to the Baptism date. Baptism dates will be finalized only after consultation with the Pastor. Attendance of a Baptismal preparation class is required. Please call the church office at 870-733-1212 to schedule an appointment.



Marriage Preparation: Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest of their intention to marry at least six months prior to their intended wedding date.



Wedding dates will be finalized only after consultation with the priest. Attendance of an approved marriage preparation program is required.



Bingo and RAFFLE! Every Tuesday!

A GREAT and FUN way to support our school!

St. Michael's School Cafeteria

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Games begin at 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds given to St. Michael's School!

**Bingo Jackpot for \$1000
in 53 numbers.
And \$200 after 53!**

We have added a Special Raffle each week!
**With the purchase of at least the minimum (\$15) bingo package
you can pay \$1 more to enter the raffle. We had a raffle winner
last week and the raffle pot is starting over!**



Scan for the
latest Bingo
Information

FOREVER AND ALWAYS
In Our Hearts



Lucille Marconi
May 27, 1937 – June 10, 2025

There will be a rosary on Sunday June 15 at 5:30 pm at Roller Citizens Funeral Home with visitation following from 6-8 pm. The funeral mass will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in West Memphis, AR on Monday June 16 at 10:00 am with graveside burial to follow at Crittenden Memorial Park.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Our Special
Pentecost Collections
on June 7th & 8th
raised \$1,529 for the
Congregation of the
Holy Spirit!**



Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

**Weather permitting, we will have
a Eucharistic Procession around
the outside of St. Michael's after
10:00 am Mass on Sunday, June
22nd. Please make plans to join us.**



School Happenings



- ✓ Our summer program is in full swing. It was so good to hear the sound of laughter on the playground again.
- ✓ This week was Disney Week
 - We went on a virtual field trip to Disney World
 - We made Olaf snowmen (from Frozen)
 - We made Superhero & Princess Masks
 - We made Forky from Toy Story
 - We made the pixar ball from Toy Story
- ✓ Next week is Beach Week



Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Helena

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." — [Pope Francis, letter announcing Jubilee 2025](#)



On May 14, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary authorized diocesan bishops to designate churches within their dioceses as pilgrimage sites for the jubilee year, allowing the faithful — especially those unable to travel to Rome — to obtain the [jubilee indulgence](#). In keeping with these instructions, Bishop Taylor announced five jubilee churches in the Diocese of Little Rock in December 2024.

In this spirit, we are planning a pilgrimage to the closest jubilee church, St. Mary's in Helena, on Thursday, July 17th. We will meet at St. Michael's at 8:30 am and share rides to Helena. We should arrive in time for confessions at 10:00 am, Eucharistic adoration at 11:00 am and Mass at Noon. We will have lunch prior to heading back to West Memphis. For more information on the Jubilee Year, please visit:

<https://www.dolr.org/article/be-pilgrims-hope-jubilee-year-2025>.

Please sign up on the sheet located in the vestibule of St. Michael's or contact the church office by July 10th.

We plan to have another Pilgrimage on a Saturday in September for those who cannot join us in July. Date to be determined.



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 Glover, (501)664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501)664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock AR 72207.

Jubileo 2025 – Peregrinación a Santa María Elena

Debemos avivar la llama de la esperanza que se nos ha dado y ayudar a todos a encontrar nueva fuerza y certeza mirando al futuro con espíritu abierto, corazón confiado y visión de futuro. — Papa Francisco, carta anunciando el Jubileo 2025



El 14 de mayo de 2024, la Penitenciaría Apostólica autorizó a los obispos diocesanos a designar iglesias dentro de sus diócesis como lugares de peregrinación para el año jubilar, permitiendo a los fieles, especialmente a aquellos que no pueden viajar a Roma, obtener la indulgencia jubilar. Siguiendo estas instrucciones, el obispo Taylor anunció cinco iglesias jubilares en la Diócesis de Little Rock en diciembre de 2024. Con este espíritu, estamos planeando una peregrinación a la iglesia jubilar más cercana, Santa María en Helena, el jueves 17 de julio. Nos reuniremos en San Miguel a las 8:30 a. m. y compartiremos el transporte a Helena. Deberíamos llegar a tiempo para las confesiones a las 10:00 a. m., la adoración eucarística a las 11:00 a. m. y la misa al mediodía. Almorzaremos antes de regresar a West Memphis. Para más información sobre el Año Jubilar, visite: <https://www.dolr.org/article/be-pilgrims-hope-jubilee-year-2025>. Inscribse en la hoja que se encuentra en el vestíbulo de San Miguel o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial antes del 10 de julio. Planeamos realizar otra peregrinación un sábado de septiembre para quienes no puedan asistir en julio. Fecha por determinar.



La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock se 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 contacta a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800)482-5964 y el Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, Dcn. Matthew Glover, al (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 al (501)664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock AR 72207.



Happy Father's Day

*Thank you, Dad, for showing us the
Father's heart through your own*

First Communion

At next Saturday's Vigil Mass at St. Michael's, Fr. Gilbert will receive Anna Sophia Pirani and Michael Pirani into full communion with the Catholic faith. Please help us welcome our newest members at a reception immediately following the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 21st.



Donations for New Sacred Vessels



We have started a fund to purchase new sacred vessels for both St. Michael's and Sacred Heart Churches. We plan to buy two chalices and matching ciborium for St. Michael. For Sacred Heart we have identified the need for one chalice and matching ciborium. If you care to donate, envelopes are available in the back of church. Any memorials or honorariums will be published in the bulletin once we have purchased and received them.

GOAL: \$12,000



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Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Campaign

Bottles should be returned this weekend. If you forgot to return your bottle, please drop them by the church office or contact Mary Jane Flowers (870-551-1106) to get them turned in. Thanks to all who have participated!

Special Second Collection For the Church in Latin America

The Collection for the Church in Latin America is an opportunity to #ShareYourFaith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be generous to the collection! #1church1mission www.usccb.org/latin-america www.usccb.org/latin-america



Segunda Colecta Especial para la Iglesia en América Latina



La Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina te brinda esta oportunidad: #ComparteTuFe con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe. ¡Por favor, contribuye generosamente a la colecta! #1iglesia1misión www.usccb.org/latin-america



	June 21, 2025	June 22, 2025
Lector	Sandy Goldsby Williford	Carlyle Telesford
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Shelley Pugh	Becky Rushing
	Margie McCain	Sarah Horton
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

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.
- ♦ Men's Bible Study on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. at Tony Bell's House.
Please call Ken Thomas for more information, 901-674-1497.
- ♦ Women on Wednesday (WOW!) bible study on Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass. Call Becky at 901-652-2390 for information.
- ♦ Finance Council meets every 3rd Thursday at 5:30 P.M.
- ♦ Parish Council meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 P.M.
- ♦ 1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch July 6th, after Mass
- ♦ 2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch July 13th, after Mass
- Infant of Prague Guild



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	June	14	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Adoration Chantal McPherson †
Sunday	June	15	8:00 am 10:00 am	John Mengarelli † E.B. McLemore † B'day
Monday	June	16	NO MASS	
Tuesday	June	17	6:00 pm	Betty Fletcher †
Wednesday	June	18	8:00 am	Bob Burnside †
Thursday	June	19	8:00 am	Scott Goldsby † B'day
Friday	June	20	8:00 am	Chantal McPherson †
Saturday	June	21	6:00 pm	E.B. McLemore †
Sunday	June	22	8:00 am 10:00 am	Cy † & Pat † Bond Wedding Anniv.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Illuminata Wilhelmi, Rev. Fr. Nolasco Mushi, CSSp, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Louis Pitts, 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 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, David & Ann James, Sung Sam Lee, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Sandra Thorne, 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.

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

Monday

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 21
St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

June 22
The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17