Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 22:20–26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 / Matthew 22:34–40

Love Is a Verb

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

"Love makes the world go 'round." Or another saying: "Love is all you need." Love, so necessary, so welcome, and seemingly so elusive. How can something be so needed, so valued, and so treasured and at the same time be so rare and even, at times, so difficult? Philosophers, poets, and scribes all provide different insights, each capturing something of the truth yet remaining somehow incomplete.

Jesus changes the context: love understood not as a feeling or as an emotion, but as a commandment. In God's kingdom, love is not something you pursue or something you hope to find. Living in God's kingdom, love is something you *do*. It is core; it is essential. It is how you live. It is how you form your judgments and perceptions. It is what energizes your choices and your decisions.

We come closer and closer each day to loving God fully when we understand the need to embrace the "unspoken" commandment: "[Jesus said,] 'For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'" (Matthew 16:25). ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

Reflect

Do I think of love as a feeling or as an action—as a noun or a verb?



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ST. MICHAEL'S
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
410 Pine St., West Memphis, AR
Phone: 870-733-1212
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 899,
West Memphis, AR 72303
Email: westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com

Office Hours:
Monday–Friday:
8:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.

St. Michael's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Email: smcswm@sbcglobal.net
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
216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, 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)

Pastor:
Fr. Gilbert Jairo, CSSp

Financial Council Members

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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 Day of St. Simon and St. Jude

October 28

St. Simon

Patron Saint of Sawmen

St. Simon was one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles. According to tradition, he preached in Egypt before joining St. Jude in Persia to spread the teachings of Jesus. He is also recognized as a patron saint of leather tanners.

St. Jude

Patron Saint of Lost Causes

St. Jude was one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles and is known as the patron saint of hopeless cases, desperate situations, and impossible causes. He is traditionally credited with writing the Letter of Jude in the New Testament.

Their Faith and Mission

St. Simon and St. Jude devoted their lives to sharing God's Word. Tradition tells us that St. Jude helped bring about the miraculous healing of a king suffering from leprosy. Both saints were martyred for their faith and are remembered for their courage, devotion, and trust in God.

All Saints' Day

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Please join us for Mass as we honor all the saints, both those officially canonized by the Church and those known only to God.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

MASS TIME:

5:00 PM – St. Michael's

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

MASS TIMES:

8:30 AM – Sacred Heart

10:30 AM – St. Michael's



All Souls' Day

We invite everyone to attend Mass as we pray for all the faithful departed.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

MASS TIME:

9:00 AM – St. Michael's



Día de Todos los Santos

DÍA DE PRECEPTO

Acompáñenos en la Santa Misa mientras honramos a todos los santos, tanto a los oficialmente canonizados por la Iglesia como a aquellos que solo Dios conoce.

SÁBADO, 31 DE OCTUBRE

HORA DE MISA:

5:00 PM – San Miguel

DOMINGO, 1 DE NOVIEMBRE

HORARIOS DE MISA:

8:30 AM – Sagrado Corazón

10:30 AM – San Miguel



Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos

Los invitamos a todos a asistir a la Santa Misa del Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos mientras oramos por todos los fieles difuntos.

LUNES, 2 DE NOVIEMBRE

HORA DE MISA:

9:00 AM – San Miguel





Let us pray for
POPE LEO XIV

May the Lord preserve him, and give him life,
and make him blessed upon the earth,
and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.
Our Father. Hail Mary.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Leo XIV,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.



BAILE CAMPIRANO DEL OESTE

¡Estás Invitado!

¡Acompáñanos para una noche divertida de baile y buena compañía!

INTRODUCCIÓN AL BAILE CUADRADO
con el llamador
Robert Townsend

¡No se necesita experiencia!

BAILE EN LÍNEA
con la instructora
Gin Weaver

¡No se necesita pareja!

SÁBADO
14 DE NOVIEMBRE

COMIENZA A LAS
6:15 PM

ANFITRIONES
Lee y Patsy Fletcher

Puedes traer tu comida favorita tipo bocadillo/aperitivo si lo deseas, ¡pero no es obligatorio!

Confirma tu asistencia a Patsy por mensaje de texto al
901-647-1402
antes del 11 de noviembre.

El baile se llevará a cabo en la Cafetería de la Escuela o en el Gimnasio, dependiendo del número de personas esperadas.

¡Acompáñanos!

The CHOSEN

PROYECCIÓN EXCLUSIVA
TEMPORADA 6 - EPISODIO 1

SÁBADO,
7 DE NOVIEMBRE
A LAS 6:30 PM



¡Habrá hot dogs, papas fritas y galletas!



Por favor, trae tus sillas de jardín o mantas para nuestra película al aire libre.

Si el clima no lo permite, se llevará a cabo en el gimnasio de la escuela.



¡BINGO DE PAVO!

Domingo, 8 de noviembre

Después de la Misa de las 10:30 AM
en San Miguel

¡Acompáñenos para una mañana llena de diversión con juegos de Bingo de Pavo!

Habrá premios durante los juegos y ¡no se pierda el gran premio:

¡UN PAVO!

¡Se Servirá Comida!

Disfrute de un delicioso pavo, guarniciones, panecillos y postre.

¡Traiga a su familia y amigos para una mañana llena de risas, comida deliciosa, premios y la alegría de nuestra comunidad parroquial!



Oremos por
EL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Que el Señor lo conserve, le dé vida
y lo haga dichoso en la tierra,
y no lo entregue al poder de sus enemigos.

Padre Nuestro. Ave María.

Oh Dios, pastor y guía de todos los fieles,
mira con bondad a tu siervo León XIV,
a quien has puesto al frente de tu Iglesia como pastor;
concédele, te pedimos, que con su palabra y su ejemplo
sirva a aquellos sobre los que preside,
para que, junto con el rebaño que le has confiado,
llegue a la vida eterna.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,
Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

TURKEY BINGO!

Sunday, November 8th

Following the 10:30 AM Mass

St. Michael's

Come join us for a fun-filled morning of

Turkey Bingo!

Enjoy exciting games, win prizes throughout the morning, and don't miss your chance to win the

GRAND PRIZE – A TURKEY!

FOOD WILL BE SERVED!

Enjoy a delicious meal of turkey, sides, rolls, and dessert!

Bring your family and friends for a morning of laughter, delicious food, prizes, and parish community fun!

WESTERN BARN DANCE

You're Invited!

Join us for a fun evening of dancing and fellowship!

INTRODUCTION TO SQUARE DANCE LESSONS
with Caller
Robert Townsend

★ No experience needed! ★

LINE DANCING
with Instructor
Gin Weaver

★ No partner required! ★

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 14**

STARTING AT **6:15 PM**

HOSTED BY
Lee & Patsy Fletcher

★ **NO COST** ★

★ You are welcome to bring your favorite finger food/appetizer if you wish, but it is not required! ★

Please RSVP to Patsy by text at ★ **901-647-1402** ★ by November 11.

★ Dance will be in the School Cafeteria or Gym depending on number of people expected. ★

BINGO NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

GAMES START AT 7:00PM

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

60 NUMBER CALLED & 54 NUMBERS CALLED

RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO $ 500

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

LA DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA DE 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 Gottsponer (501) 499-9110**

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

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:**

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Week of	October 31, 2026	November 1, 2026
Lector	Rebecca Warner	Mary Lou Hall
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Elizabeth Reece	Bert Jenkins
	Fairley Vega	Beth Aureli
	Jo Ann Vega	Patsy Fletcher
Offertory	Alex Alpe & Julio C. Hernandez	Fletcher 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, Nov. 19th · 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council- Thursday, Nov 19th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Nov. 1st *Following Mass*
ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Nov 8th *Following Mass – Knights*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	October	24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Adrian Pirani†
Sunday	October	25	8:30 am 10:30 am	Carol Burdison† Miguel Pena†
Monday	October	26	NO MASS	
Tuesday	October	27	6:00 pm	Danny Foster†
Wednesday	October	28	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Pherro Nguyen Nghia† The Repose of Souls†
Thursday	October	29	8:00 am	Michael Burroughs†
Friday	October	30	8:00 am	Bill McKee† Junior Vega†
Saturday	October	31	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Howard Besset†
Sunday	November	1	8:30 am 10:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory† Jennifer Shiberou†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Sharon Hunt, Oscar Orozco, Holly Adams, Michael Paul, Mark Franceschini, Conrad Wilhelmi, 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, 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: October 18,2026

St. Michael's $3,148.00
St Michael's online $190.00
Sacred Heart $907.00
Second Collection – World Mission Sunday $894.00

Dear Padre,

I occasionally need to be reminded why I should remain Catholic. Can you help?



JESUS FERNANDEZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

Whether our faith was inherited at birth or adopted later, it's healthy to periodically reexamine our beliefs and practices with the intent to grow closer to God. Saint Paul uses the metaphor of moving beyond milk to solid food to explain our maturing faith. (See Hebrews 5:12–14). Questions or doubts are not necessarily signs of crisis or disloyalty to God or the Church. Indeed, it's often when we challenge pat answers that God moves us to a deeper meaning and stronger relationship—that is, if we're steadfast on the path to holiness. People remain Catholic for numerous reasons, including:

- the Church's belief in God's goodness to us through the sacraments;
- a 2,000-year tradition of living the gospel in a universal, multicultural community of faith;
- a proven track record as an agent for personal and spiritual growth and social transformation.

When Church members' behavior is contrary to Christ's mission, and our confidence to remain is tested, it's good to recall that the Church is divinely fortified and humanly composed. People remain Catholic because the Church exists to bring us into full communion with God, through Christ, by working toward the fullness of the kingdom. "The Church 'is the visible plan of God's love for humanity,' because God desires 'that the whole human race may become one people of god, form one body of Christ, and be built into one temple of the Holy Spirit'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 776). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



FABRIZIO MAFFEI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Health cannot be a luxury for the few.... Universal health coverage is not merely a technical goal to be achieved; it is primarily a moral imperative for societies that wish to call themselves just. Healthcare must be accessible to the most vulnerable, then, not only because their dignity requires it but also to prevent injustice from becoming a cause of conflict.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MARCH 19, 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
October 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32—5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday
October 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday
October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday
October 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday
October 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday
October 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday
November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

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