



Who Do You Say That I Am?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the
Messiah, the Son of the Living God.”

MATTHEW 16:16



Reflect

How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)

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.

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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

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SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

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)**

Financial Council Members

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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"

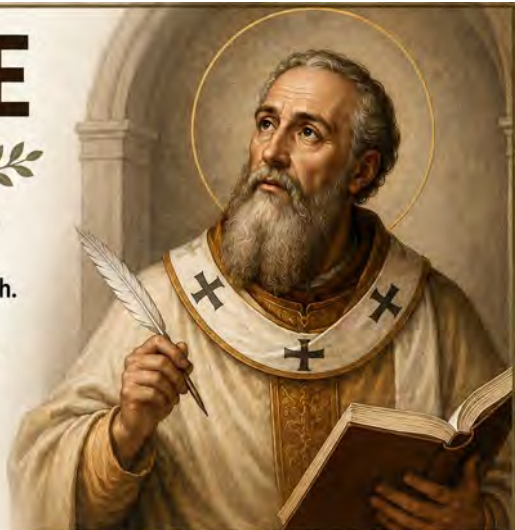
ST. AUGUSTINE

— OF HIPPO —

THEOLOGIAN. BISHOP. SAINT.

St. Augustine of Hippo was one of the greatest theologians and philosophers in the history of the Church. His life is a powerful journey from a restless search for truth to the grace of conversion and a deep love for God.

He became Bishop of Hippo and dedicated his life to teaching, preaching, and writing works that continue to inspire believers around the world.



FEAST DAY
AUGUST 28



PATRON SAINT OF
THEOLOGIAN,
BREWERS, AND
THOSE SEEKING
CONVERSION



KNOWN FOR
PROFOUND WRITINGS
ON FAITH, GRACE,
AND THE NATURE OF GOD
THAT SHAPED CHRISTIANITY
FOR CENTURIES.

**“OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS
UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU.”**

— ST. AUGUSTINE



ONE OF THE FOUR GREAT LATIN CHURCH FATHERS
ALONG WITH ST. AMBROSE, ST. JEROME,
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A LIFE TRANSFORMED.
A LEGACY THAT ENDURES.

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THE STANLEY ROTHER STORY
NARRATED BY MARTIN SHEEN



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AGOSTO 27 (EN ESPAÑOL)

A POWERFUL TRUE STORY OF FAITH, LOVE, AND MARTYRDOM

DOCUMENTARY OF THE BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

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IN THEATERS

AUGUST 25-27

AT THE FOLLOWING THEATERS NEAR US..



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Come be inspired by his courage and unwavering faith. ✝ Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us!

Catholic Charities of Arkansas

31ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY,
OCT. 9, 2026

REBSAMEN GOLF COURSE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

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



— TEAM — GEORGIA



*Helping Georgia get to Boston
for more answers and hope.*



As most of you know, Georgia, daughter of Kevin & Devin Waller, will be traveling to Boston Children's this December to see the doctor who discovered the genetic mutation that she has. The family is excited about possibilities of getting more answers for Georgia.



T-SHIRTS: \$20 EACH



COLOR: LIGHT BLUE



**SIZES: TODDLER
THROUGH 3X**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP
PAY FOR HOTEL AND
TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL
EXPENSES WHILE THEY
ARE IN BOSTON.**

Thank you for your donations and prayers for the Waller family!



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CHECK

For cash or check payments, envelopes will be available in the church vestibule.
Please place your donation envelope in the collection basket
or turn it in to the church office. Thank you!

THE INFANT OF PRAGUE *Guild*

The Guild is made up of women from both Sacred Heart and St. Michael's who share a desire to serve God, our parish, and our school while building friendships and fellowship with other women of the church.

We meet four times each year and actively support church and school activities throughout the year.

We would love to see you join us!

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 30TH
AT 2:00 PM**



**SHELLEY PUGH'S
HOUSE**
127 Cedar Ave.
Marion, AR



**ICE CREAM
SOCIAL!**

**NO NEED TO
BRING ANYTHING—
JUST YOURSELF!**

Come enjoy a sweet treat, fellowship, and friendship!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



El Gremio del Niño Jesús de Praga

El Gremio está formado por mujeres de **Sagrado Corazón y San Miguel** que comparten el deseo de servir a Dios, a nuestras parroquias y a nuestra escuela, al mismo tiempo que construimos amistades y compañerismo con otras mujeres de la Iglesia.

Nos reunimos cuatro veces al año y apoyamos activamente las actividades de la iglesia y la escuela durante todo el año.

¡Nos encantaría que te unas a nosotras!

PRIMERA REUNIÓN DEL AÑO



**DOMINGO,
30 DE AGOSTO
A LAS 2:00 PM**



**EN CASA DE
SHELLEY PUGH**
127 Cedar Ave.
Marion, AR



**¡SOCIAL DE
HELADOS!**



No es necesario traer nada, ¡solo tráete a ti misma!

Ven y disfruta de un dulce momento de convivencia, amistad y fe.



St. Michael's & Sacred Heart

2026-2027

Faith Formation

PRE & OCIA CLASSES

PRE CLASSES: PRE-K 3 THROUGH 12TH GRADE



FIRST COMMUNION

SPRING 2027:

If your child is planning to receive First Communion in Spring 2027, please register your child on **Wednesday, September 9th.**



CONFIRMATION

SPRING 2027:

If your child is planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2027, please register on **Wednesday, September 9th.**

SPRING 2028:

In the Diocese of Little Rock, First Communion requires two years of preparation, either in the parish or a Catholic school. If your child does not attend Catholic school and would like to receive First Communion in Spring 2028, he or she will need to participate in **PRE (Parish Religious Education) classes.** Please register on **Wednesday, September 9th.**

SPRING 2028:

In the Diocese of Little Rock, Confirmation requires two years of preparation, either in the parish or a Catholic school. If your child does not attend Catholic school and would like to receive Confirmation in Spring 2028, he or she will need to participate in **PRE (Parish Religious Education) classes.** Please register on **Wednesday, September 9th.**



OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church, learning more about our faith or growing in a relationship with God, please consider participating in our OCIA program.



Those who have questions contact the church office.

CLASSES START

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH



5:30 PM
MASS



6:15-6:45 PM
DINNER



6:45-7:30 PM
CLASSES



**EVERYONE MUST REGISTER
ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.**





St. Michael's Catholic School

SCHOOL GOSSIP



We made the newspaper! St. Michael's students recently helped pack lunches for the mural artists working on Broadway, and their picture is featured in the Evening Times newspaper!

Be sure to grab a copy and check out our amazing students on page A3! We are so proud to see them serving our community!

We are so excited to share something special! One of St. Michael's students, Maïa, and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Rose, were chosen to be featured in one of 10 beautiful murals located throughout West Memphis along Broadway Avenue! Their mural was created by talented artist Nicco Cathcart of Richmond, Virginia, and can be found on the wall of the former Craft building at 404 E. Broadway.

What a special way to celebrate Maïa, Mrs. Rose, and our West Memphis community! We are so proud to see members of our St. Michael's family represented in such a beautiful way.

Be sure to take a drive down Broadway Avenue and check out all of the amazing murals!

BINGO

NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN
AT
6:00PM

GAMES START
AT
7:00PM

Join us for
BINGO
every
TUESDAY NIGHT
IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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

45

&

51

NUMBER CALLED NUMBERS CALLED

Bring your
FRIENDS, FAMILY
AND LUCKY CHARMS.

We can't wait
TO SEE YOU THERE.

★ **RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO** ★

\$ 1,500

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LATEST
BINGO INFO.

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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 Gottspomer
(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 Gottspomer
(501) 499-9110

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

*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



Week of	August 29, 2026	August 30, 2026
Lector	Sandy G. Williford	Chuck Brakensiek
Linens	Mary Lou Hall	
Communion	Suzy McAuley	Andy Horton
	Dorothy Foster	Laura Saldivar
	Joanne Smith	Tony Bell
Offertory	Maria & Efren Cabudbud	Drake Family
Greeters	Michelle Pirani	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>



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.

Financial Council - Thursday, Sept. 17th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Sept. 17th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Sept. 6th *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Sept 13th *Following Mass – PC*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	August	22	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Danny Foster†
Sunday	August	23	8:30 am 10:30 am	Pam Schroeder† Michael Burroughs(Anni)†
Monday	August	24	NO MASS	
Tuesday	August	25	6:00 pm	Beatriz Samson†
Wednesday	August	26	8:00 am	Joanne Smith
Thursday	August	27	8:00 am	Mary Lou Hall
Friday	August	28	8:00 am	Bill McKee† Bobby Cassidy†
Saturday	August	29	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Bob & Martha Morrison†
Sunday	August	30	8:30 am 10:30 am	Fr. Joseph Marconi Charles McGinnis†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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, Mary Ann Tyrone, 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, 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:

August 16,2026 St. Michael \$4,577.00

Sacred Heart \$1,161.00

2nd Collection – Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$ 1,128.00

Dear Padre,

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

MESSAGE ON WORLD
DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11,
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

August 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

August 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1–9
Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 1:17–25
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

August 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

August 30
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27

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