



Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas’ insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven’t our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven’t our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they’d “done their own research,” they wouldn’t believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even “your own research” will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others’ research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today’s gospel, Jesus names as “blessed” those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?

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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Email: westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com

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Secretary: Gladys Hampton

St. Michael's Catholic School

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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

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)**

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Mary Jane Flowers

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Ricardo Ledezma

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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"

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

May God bless you with joy and success in all that you do.



*We are so proud of everything you've accomplished
and can't wait to see all the great things God has in store for you.*

*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:

62

numbers called

&

54

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!

St. Michael's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL REUNION

For all former students, teachers, parents and friends of the school

Saturday, April 18th

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Opening of the 1986 Time Capsule
at 2:00pm

405 N. Missouri St.

West Memphis, AR

Celebrating 90 Years of Faith, Learning, and Community



For nearly 90 years, St. Michael's has been more than a school—it has been a home where young hearts and minds are formed in faith, truth, and love.

Generations of students have walked these halls, guided by devoted teachers, growing not only in knowledge, but in character, compassion, and purpose. Rooted in Christian values, St. Michael's continues to shape children into thoughtful learners and faithful leaders.

Be a part of our legacy.

Help us continue this mission for generations to come.



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SMCS 90th Anniversary Campaign



Thursday, April 16th

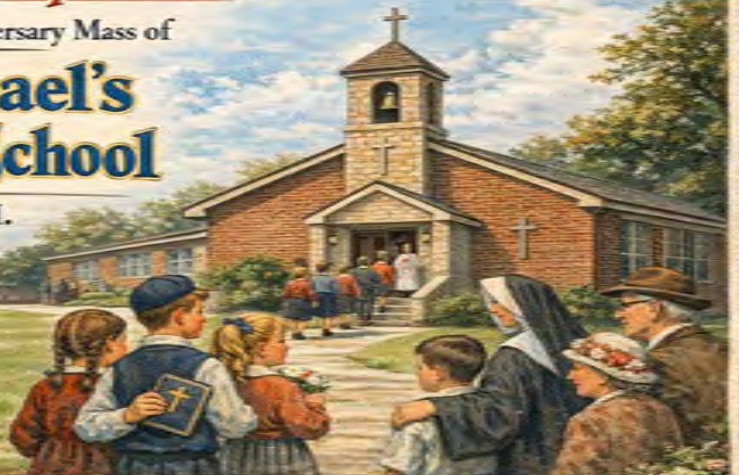
Closing 90th Anniversary Mass of

St. Michael's Catholic School

10:00 A.M.



ST. MICHAEL'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EST-1936



Thursday, April 16th • 10:00 AM

Join Us in Celebration

of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, April 19th

Elizabeth Bolden
Londyn Campbell
Jessie Drake
Gustavo Perez
Abby Reece

“Verso l’alto” (To the heights)

“The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ.”

— St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

St. Michael’s Catholic Church
Sacred Heart



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

† **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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Little Rock, AR 72207

Easter Flower

DEDICATION

In memory of:

IRMGARD PAULK
FRANK PAULK
BOBBY CASSIDY
PRIMO & ELSIE BAIONI
MARVIN THOMPSON
HERBERT & JO BELL
JOHN HALLING
DOROTHY HALLING
ADRIAN PIRANI
MICHELE BONDELON
FRANK & JUANITA ALPE
FRANK B. ALPE
CHRISTY MARCONI
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE McALISTER
FAMILY
SCOTT & TOMMY GOLDSBY
RICHARD WILLIFORD
JACK & CATHERINE CRABTREE
SHIRLEY BRITTON
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ASHBY FAMILY
BOB & MARTHA MORRISON
ALLEN CREEL
JAMES & FRANCES MCGINNIS
BOB & BETTY FLETCHER
JUDY & TOMMY SHEARER
REV. MAURY SMITH OFM
TAMMY COCKRILL
AUBREY ZACHARY
THE RADICIONI FAMILY
THE MENGARELLI FAMILY
THE BESETT FAMILY
THE STUPENTI FAMILY

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JAMIE ROOK
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MARY ELIZABETH & PARKER CRAIG
LOUISE JOHNSON
JAMES ALPUENTE
CHARLES ALPUENTE
KEITH ALPUENTE
DANNY ALPUENTE
BASILIO & EDITH FRATESI
BRENDA FRATESI
FRANCINE SMITH
CORNELIA SMEETS
ROCHELLE HENDERSON
CHANTAL MCPHERSON
DR. BEDFORD SMITH
RICKY FRENCH
WILLIE BRAMUCCI
ETHEL BRAMUCCI
GEORGE BRAMUCCI
LANCE BRAMUCCI
BETTY KELLY
ETTA KELLY
JAMES M. SIBLEY III
MIKE MCCAIN
ERNEST SR. & ANITA MILLER
WILLIAMS BILLINGS
ROBERT BILLINGS
SAM & GLORIA BRITTON

In honor of:

DOROTHY HALLING
JEFF & DAVID YARBROUGH
BELL FAMILY
NICOLE PAULK



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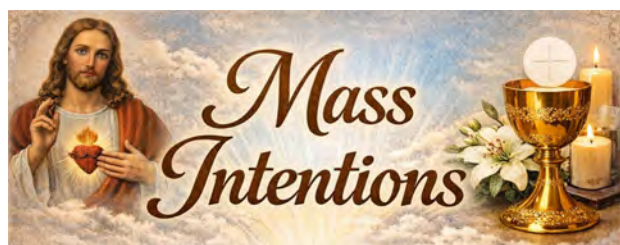


INTENCIONES DE MISA

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.

Support the CHURCH IN AFRICA

April 18-19 Second Collection



The Fund provides grants to finance outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

Help the “Salt of the Earth” Church in Africa be a “Light of the World.”

Please consider making a donation in our parish or online.

Learn more: usccb.org/africa

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



LITURGICAL

 MINISTRIES



Week of	April 18, 2026	April 19, 2026
Lector	Rebecca Warner	Clay Aureli
Linens	Dorothy Foster	
Communion	James Alpuente	Patsy Fletcher
	Bonnie Waller	Bert Jenkins
	Lisa Schafer	Beth Aureli
Offertory	Maria Cabudbud	Fletcher Family
	Efren Cabudbud	
Greeters	Mary Jane Flowers	Gina Durmeier

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, April 16 · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, April 16 · 6:15 p.m.



✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

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

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — May 10th *Following Mass - Knights*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	April	11	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Glenn Griffin† & Bobby Cassidy†
Sunday	April	12	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lucille Marconi† Baioni & Thompson Family
Monday	April	13	NO MASS	
Tuesday	April	14	6:00 pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	April	15	8:00 am 5:30pm	NO MASS NO MASS
Thursday	April	16	10:00 am	Gene & Theresa McGinnis (Anni) †
Friday	April	17	8:00 am	Darrell Janes†
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†



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, 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 \$5,688.00

Sacred Heart \$2,286.00

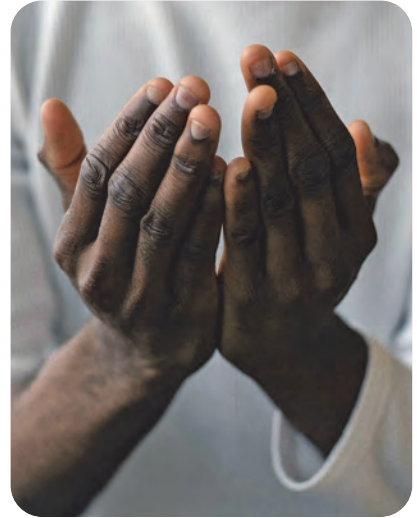
Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, “Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God’s love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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



MONSIEUR PRODUCTION / PEXELS

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



ALESSIA PIERDOMENICO / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,

too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32–37
Jn 3:7b–15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.