Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:6–9 / Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a / Matthew 20:1–16a

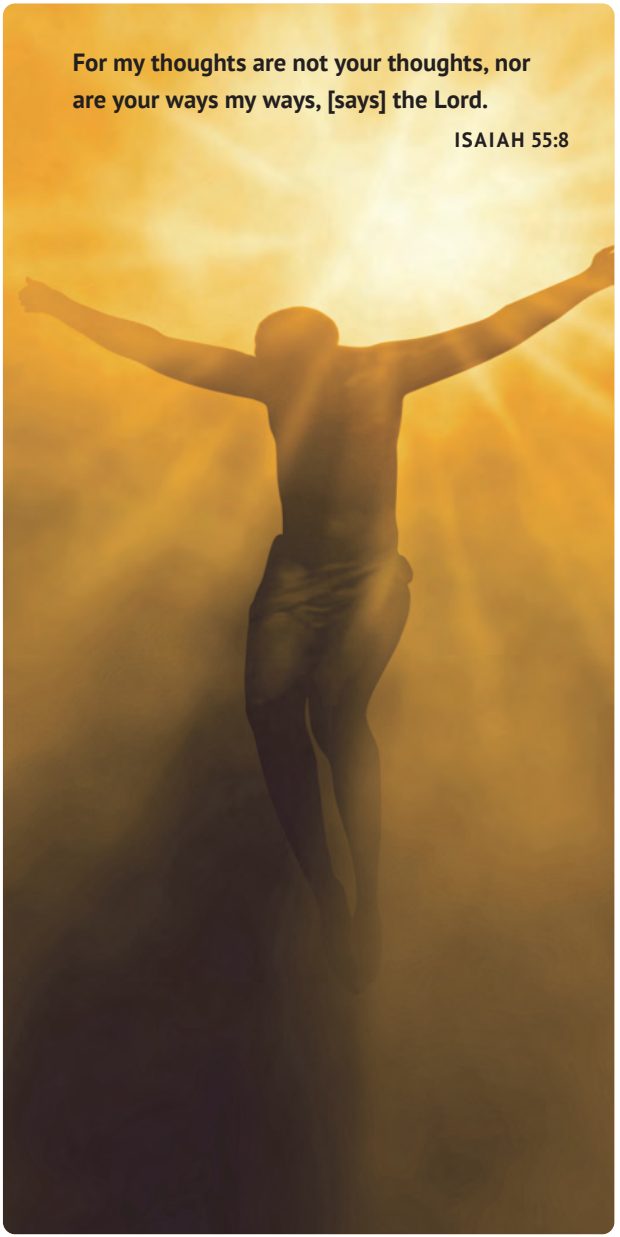
Next Up!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. "You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?" But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your "pay"? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: "I long to depart this life and be with Christ" (Philippians 1:23). As he says, "To me life is Christ, and death is gain" (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the "fruitful labor" of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●



Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

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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

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

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
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Shelley Pugh
Joanne Smith
Ken Thomas
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Phillip Wray

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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.



St. Vincent de Paul

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul was born on April 24, 1581, in Pouy, France. After being captured by pirates and enslaved for two years, he returned to France and devoted his life to God, serving the poor and those in need.

Known for his humility, generosity, and deep compassion, St. Vincent inspired many through his love for the poor. He was canonized in 1737 and is the patron saint of charitable societies.

"Go to the poor: you will find God."

— ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FAITH IN ACTION CHANGES LIVES

Serve ♥ Give ♥ Love ♥ Be the Light

Baptism

Parents desiring Baptism for their children.

Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment.

Bautismo

Padres que desean el Bautismo para sus hijos.

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para programar una cita.

IF YOU ARE

Needing to ADD OR REMOVE

SOMEONE TO THE

Prayer List,

PLEASE CONTACT the Church Office.

THANK YOU!

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 a friend.

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



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** por usted, un familiar o un amigo.

Favor de llenar un sobre que se encuentra en el vestíbulo o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para fechas disponibles.

MARRIAGE
Preparation

Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest of their intentions to marry **at least six months prior** to their intended wedding date.

Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment.



PREPARACIÓN
para el Matrimonio

Las parejas que estén considerando contraer matrimonio deben informar al párroco de su intención de casarse **por lo menos seis meses antes** de la fecha prevista para la boda.

Por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para programar una cita.

MASS SCHEDULE
Notice

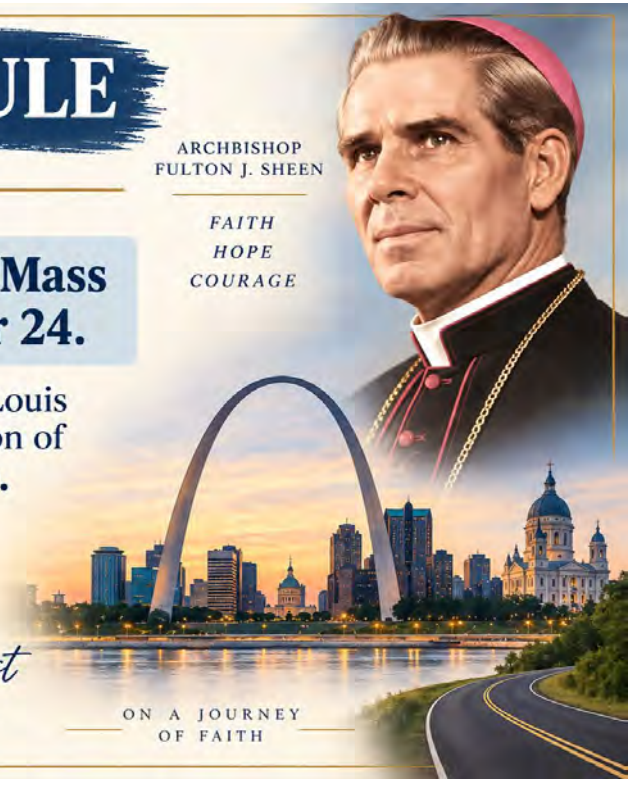
There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on Thursday, September 24.

Fr. Gilbert will be traveling to St. Louis with Fr. Honest for the beatification of **Archbishop Fulton Sheen.**

Any Mass intentions for that day will be rescheduled.

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Please keep Fr. Gilbert and Fr. Honest in your prayers for safe travels.



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 contact the church office.

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.**



CONFIRMATION

SPRING 2027:

If your child is planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2027, please contact the church office.

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.**



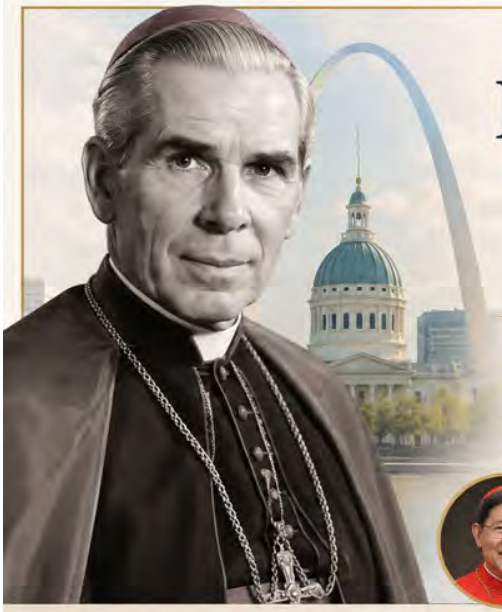
OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

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 EVERY WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM	6:15–6:45 PM	6:45–7:30 PM
MASS	DINNER	CLASSES



ARCHBISHOP

FULTON J. SHEEN

to Be Beatified!

A joyful celebration of the life and faith of a beloved preacher and evangelist.

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

2:00 P.M.
CENTRAL TIME

THE DOME
AT AMERICA'S CENTER
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



The Mass will be presided over by
Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle,
representing Pope Leo XIV.

A pioneer of radio and television, Archbishop Sheen reached millions with *The Catholic Hour* and the Emmy Award-winning series *Life Is Worth Living.*

> *The world is starving for holiness. The modern apostolate is to get the Word of God into the ears and eyes of men.*
>
> – Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



HELP GEORGIA

Get to Boston!



This December, Georgia will travel to **Boston Children's Hospital** with hopes of finding more answers about her genetic mutation.

Every shirt purchased is more than a fundraiser–

it's a way to show Georgia and her family that they are surrounded by love, support, and prayer.



T-SHIRTS $20 EACH

LIGHT BLUE SHIRTS
SIZES TODDLER – 3X

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
CASH APP _____ | VENMO _____ | CASH _____ | CHECKS _____

Please contact Kevin or Devin Waller to order!

BINGO NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

GAMES START AT 7:00PM

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

55 NUMBER CALLED & 49 NUMBERS CALLED

RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO $ 1,000

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

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



















September

21-22- NWEA testing make up days

24 - Parker Homestead Field Trip (K-2nd)

25 - No School

29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels mass at 8:00 am

30 - Works of Mercy Project

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Week of	September 26, 2026	September 27, 2026
Lector	Kevin Meyers	Matt Fletcher
Linens	Mary Ann Tyrone	
Communion	Jo Ann Vega	Laura Saldivar
	Elizabeth Reece	Tony Bell
	Fairley Vega	Andy Horton
Offertory	Mary Ellyn Marconi	Jacob Wray Family
	Rita Fratesi	
Greeters	Michelle Pirani	Marguerite Bond



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, Oct. 15th · 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council- Thursday, Oct. 15th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Oct 4th *Following Mass*
ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Oct 11th *Following Mass – Guild*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	September	19	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Tom Forman✝
Sunday	September	20	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jo Zachary Jim & Lee Marconi✝
Monday	September	21	NO MASS	
Tuesday	September	22	6:00 pm	Danny Foster✝
Wednesday	September	23	8:00 am	Adrian Pirani✝
Thursday	September	24	NO MASS	
Friday	September	25	8:00 am	Beauregard Family
Saturday	September	26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Irmgard Paulk✝
Sunday	September	27	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lynn Zachary Danny Foster✝



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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, 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, 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:

September 6,2026 St. Michael $4,066.00
Sacred Heart $742.00

Dear Padre,



OSCAR IVAN ESQUIVEL / UNSPLASH

Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●

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



FADHIL ABHIMANTRA / UNSPLASH

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is…a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 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
September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday
September 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday
September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday
September 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday
September 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday
September 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday
September 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32

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