



## I Am the Resurrection

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**T**he prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God’s dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the “kingdom of God.” Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

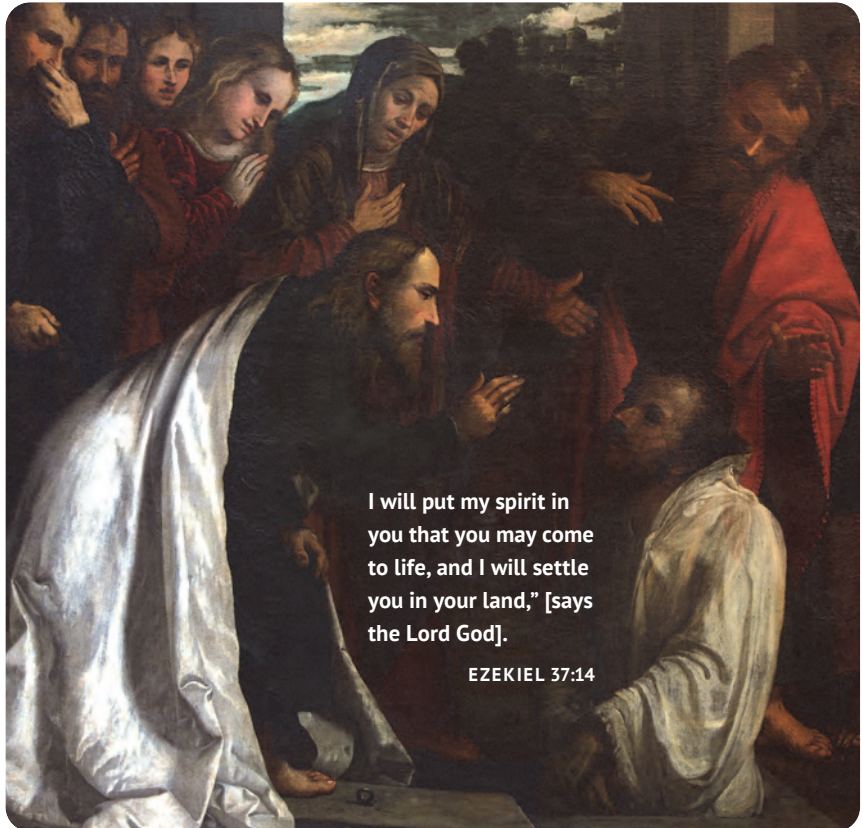
In today’s gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets’ hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” In other words, Martha believes in the coming “kingdom of God.” But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: “I am the resurrection and the life.” That is, “I am the kingdom of God.”

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning “self,” and *basileia*, meaning “kingdom.” It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God’s dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God’s dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is “the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” ●

### Reflect

**Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?**



I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land,” [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14



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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

410 Pine St., West Memphis, AR

Phone: 870-733-1212

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 899, West Memphis, AR 72303

Email: [westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com](mailto:westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com)

### Office Hours:

**Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Secretary:** Gladys Hampton

### St. Michael's Catholic School

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Website: [stmichaelwm.com](http://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)**

## Financial Council Members

Donna McAlister

Kevin Meyers

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Joanne Smith

Ken Thomas

Ginger Wilkinson

Phillip Wray

## Parish Council Members

Patsy Fletcher (President)

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Beth Aureli

Tony Bell

Mary Jane Flowers

Claude Hunt

Ricardo Ledezma

Tim Marconi

Joanne Smith

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"*

# HOLY WEEK

SEMANA SANTA 2026

**29**  
MAR

**PALM SUNDAY**  
8:30 AM   
10:30 AM

**2**  
APR

**HOLY THURSDAY**  
6:00 PM

**3**  
APR

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
3:00 PM - STATION OF THE CROSS  
6:00 PM

**4**  
APR

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
6:00 PM

**5**  
APR

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:30 AM   
10:30 AM

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:

**49** numbers called & **57** numbers called

Raffle Prize is now up to: **\$ 1,550**

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

will observe

# Spring Break

## March 23-27

Students will return to class on

## Monday, March 30

We wish all of our families a safe  
and relaxing Spring Break!

# 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.



Scan to support  
SMCS 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign

## St. Michael's CATHOLIC SCHOOL REUNION

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

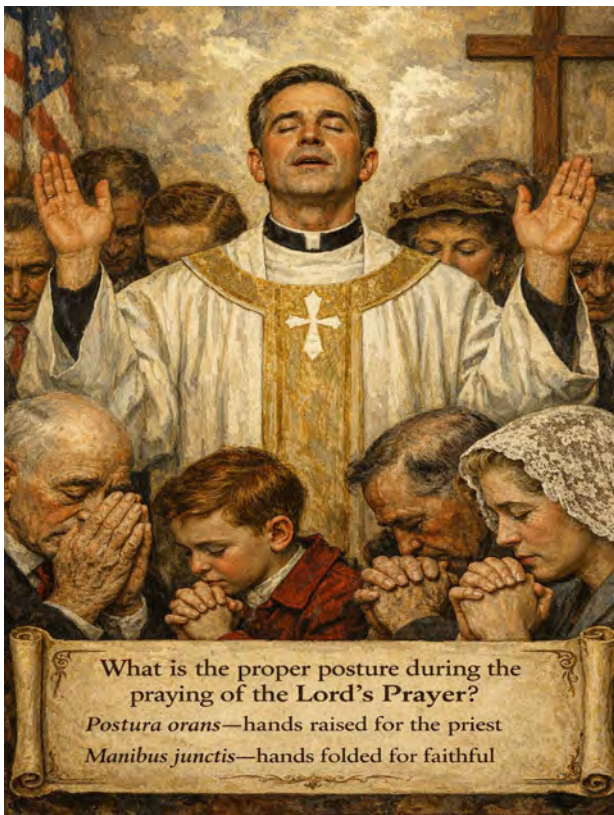
**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

*Opening of the 1986 Time Capsule  
at 2:00pm*

**405 N. Missouri St.**  
West Memphis, AR





What is the proper posture during the praying of the Lord's Prayer?

*Postura orans*—hands raised for the priest

*Manibus junctis*—hands folded for faithful

# Easter

— FLOWER —  
DONATIONS

are greatly appreciated

Envelopes are available  
in the vestibule if you would  
like to contribute

— in memory of —

or

— in honor of —  
someone special.



## 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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**Diocese of Little Rock**  
2500 N. Tyler Street  
Little Rock, AR 72207



## CLASSES

Presented by Catholic Charities of Arkansas  
Tuesdays 6-7 pm | April 14-July 14  
2415 N Tyler Street, Little Rock

- Practice with English reading and writing
- Prepare for the N-400 Citizenship Test
- Practice interviews for the N-400 Citizenship Test are available at no cost.

### To sign up, contact:

Heather Owens at  
Catholic Charities of Arkansas  
howens@dolr.org  
(501)-664-0340 ext. 315



Seating is limited.  
We would love to welcome you!

## Stations of the Cross

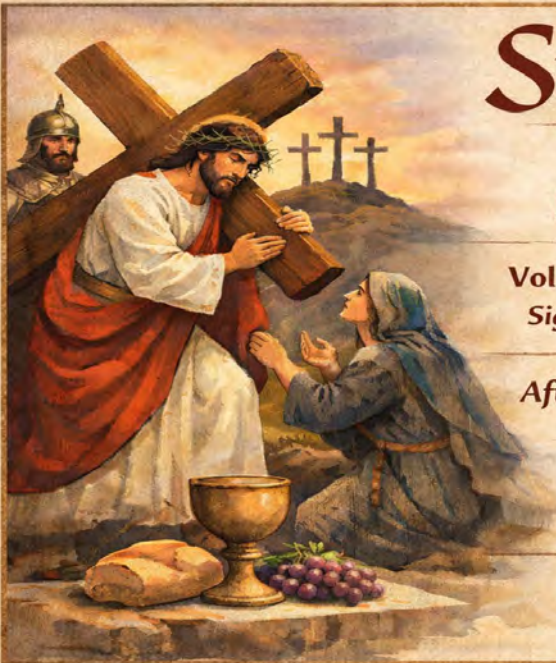
Join us at **St. Michael's**  
**Every Friday at 6:00 PM**

**Volunteer as a reader for one of the Stations!**  
*Sign up via Flocknote or contact the church office.*

*After the service, please join us in the school cafeteria*  
— for a **Lenten Meal** —

*Compliments of the Knights of Columbus &*  
— **Infant of Prague Guild** —

*All are welcome for prayer,*  
*reflection & fellowship*



# ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

— For Saturday & Sunday Mass —

-  Serve God & Assist the Priest.
-  Be Part of Sacred Rituals
-  Grow in Your Faith
-  Help the Community  
Worship with Reverence



*A Rewarding & Reverent Experience!*

**Join Our Altar Server Team!**

— Contact parish office for more information. —

## Donations for the Good Neighbor Center

During the Lenten season, we invite you to support the Good Neighbor Center through donations of canned goods.



A collection box will be located in the vestibule for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of those in need.

## Lenten Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during Lent at the following times:

**Thursday, March 26**

**6:00 p.m.**

**St. Michael's**

*(A bilingual priest will be available.)*

**Friday, March 27**

**12:00 Noon**

**Sacred Heart**

# Sacred Vessels Dedication

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donors whose gifts made these sacred vessels possible.

## In memory of:

James and Frances McGinnis  
Debbie Rhodes  
EB & Evelyn McLemore  
Robert Michael Billings  
Aubrey Grace  
Mike & Michael Burroughs  
Richard & Norma Bock  
Raymond & Dolores Goche  
Darby Henry  
Dan J. Buckley  
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Adrian Pirani  
Josephine Baioni Bell  
Herbert Bell  
Ed & Marianna Baioni  
Louis Baioni  
Dorothy Barnes  
Lucille Marconi  
Sr. Christopher Flowers  
Rev. Maury Smith, ofm  
Deceased members of Infant of Prague Guild

## In honor of:

Nicole Paulk  
Gino & Lucetta Baioni  
Fr. Charles Thessing  
Donna & Jimmy McAlister  
Ellis & Baioni Family  
Fr. Gilbert Tairo CSSp

*"For where your treasure is, there your hearts will be also"*

*-Mathew 6:21*



Week of	March 28, 2026	March 29, 2026
Lector	Kevin Meyers	Mary Lou Hall
	Sandy G. Williford	Jessie Drake
Linens	Diana Thompson	
Communion	Ginger Wilkinson	Clay Aureli
	Liz Posey	Sarah Horton
	Ginger Creel	Libby Burroughs
Offertory	Chris Warner	Anna & Christina Lugay
	Stewart & Rebecca Warner	
Greeters	Kaden McKinnon	Sydney Galtelli

## 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 — April 5 *Following Mass*

**ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH**- Second Sunday — April 12 *Following Mass - Guild*

# LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	March	21	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Eunice Garner†
Sunday	March	22	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lucille Marconi † Nestle Cesa Guillermo†
Monday	March	23	NO MASS	
Tuesday	March	24	6:00 pm	John Halling†
Wednesday	March	25	8:00 am	Sis Young†
Thursday	March	26	8:00 am	Sam Britton†
Friday	March	27	8:00 am	Frank L. Martin†
Saturday	March	28	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Theresa Williams†
Sunday	March	29	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jimmy Sharp† Anita Miller†



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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:

March 15, 2026 St. Michael \$3,336.00  
Sacred Heart \$878.00

# Dear Padre,

*I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?*

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

### Monday

**MARCH 23**

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,  
19–30, 33–62 or  
13:41c–62  
Jn 8:1–11

### Tuesday

**MARCH 24**

*Lenten Weekday*

Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

**MARCH 25**

*The Annunciation  
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

### Thursday

**MARCH 26**

*Lenten Weekday*

Gn 17:3–9  
Jn 8:51–59

### Friday

**MARCH 27**

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

**MARCH 28**

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

**MARCH 29**

*Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1–11  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Mt 26:14–27:66 or  
27:11–54

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.