



Stairway to Heaven

MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

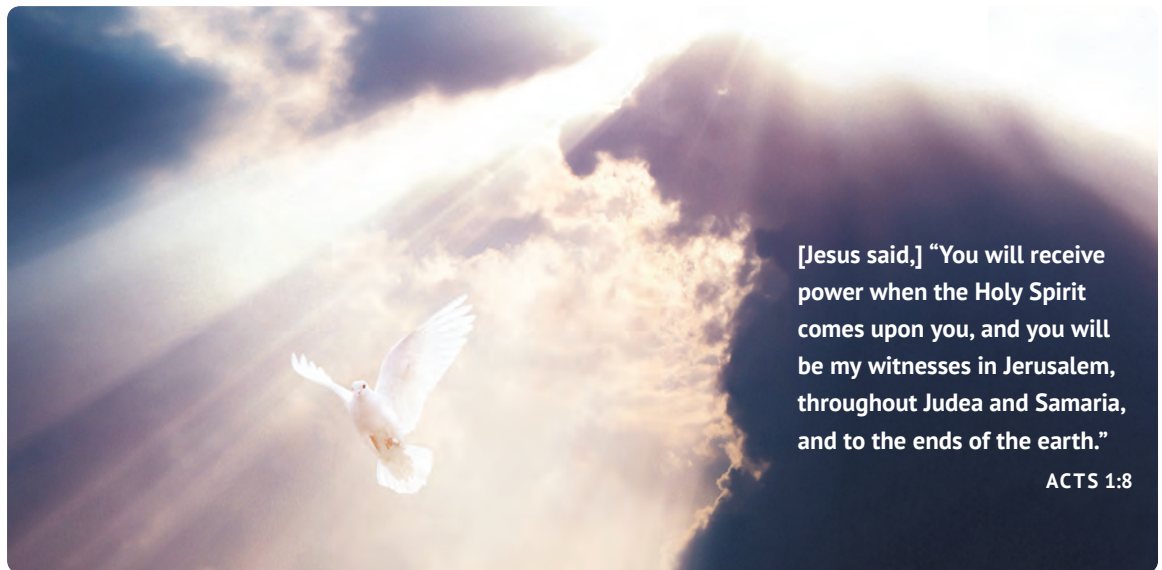
So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

Reflect

How can I better cooperate with the Holy Spirit?

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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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)**

Financial Council Members

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Ricardo Ledezma

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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"

Fr Gilbert will be
traveling home
to *Tanzania*



on **May 26th**.

Please keep Fr Gilbert in your prayers for safe travels and a blessed time with his family and loved ones.

Asante sana, Fr. Gilbert!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION
AND FAITHFUL SERVICE.


Welcome back
FR. SIMON!

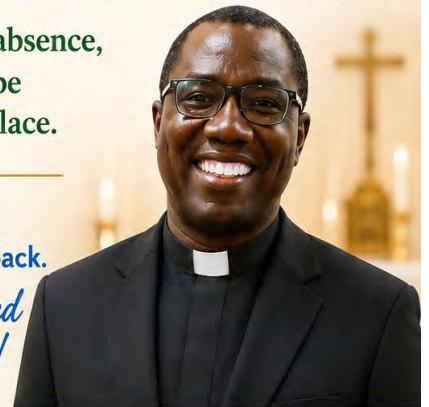
➤ FR. SIMON FROM PITTSBURGH ⇐

In Fr Gilbert's absence,
Fr. Simon will be
serving in his place.



Please join us in
welcoming him back.

*We are blessed
to have you!*



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

SUMMER CAMP 2026

Adventure based camp for boys
ages 9-13 on the campus of Subiaco
Abbey and Academy

WEEK 1 JUNE 14-20

or

WEEK 2 JUNE 21-27



Limited number of
campers will be
accepted

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SPECIAL PENTECOST COLLECTION

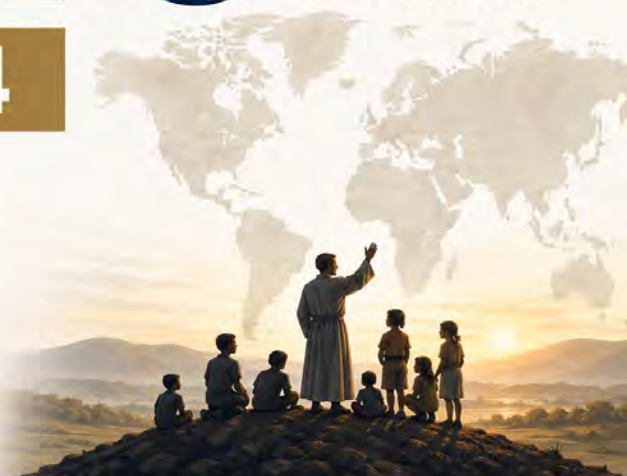


CONGREGATION OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
SPIRITANS

MAY 23-24

We will be having a special
second collection May 23-24
to support the
**CONGREGATION OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT (SPIRITANS).**

This annual fund from collections at parishes
served by Spiritan priests helps the order
spread the Good News "to the ends of the earth."



"You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." – Acts 1:8

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION



HELP PROVIDE
COMFORT,
DIGNITY AND HOPE
TO FAMILIES
IN NEED.

YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ITEMS NEEDED:



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SIZE 3 & 4



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BABY
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EVERY ITEM. EVERY ACT OF KINDNESS.
MAKES AN IMPACT.



TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP
FAMILIES MOVE FORWARD
WITH STRENGTH AND HOPE.

SCHOOL GOSSIP



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ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOW

Enrolling

Join the St. Michael's Family!

Now Enrolling at St. Michael's
Catholic School 2026-2027
school year!

- ★ Faith-based education
- ★ Caring community
- ★ Strong academic foundation



Spots available for Pre-K -3
through 5th grade—don't
miss out!



- 📄 Register online
- 🏢 Or visit our school office

SUMMER camp 2026

- ☀️ Summer Camp 2026
Registration
is also OPEN!

Keep your child learning and
having fun all summer long!

Sign up online or stop by
the school office.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

We're Hiring
Substitute Teachers!

Interested? ↘

Contact the school office
for more information.
Come be part of our team!

upcoming **EVENTS**

Fri. May 22nd: Last Day of School - no after school

Mon June 8th: Summer Camp starts!





St. Michael's
Catholic Church
— Sacred Heart —

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE

CLOSED

★
ON **MAY 25TH**

IN OBSERVANCE OF

Memorial Day

HONOR ★ REMEMBER ★ THANK



SMCS
Last Day of school
May 22nd!
Have a great summer!
Summer Program
will start June 8th.
Sign up now!

✠ St. Micheal's Catholic School ✠

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: \$ 1,500

Bring your friends, family, and lucky charms!
We can't wait to see you there!



**SCAN FOR
THE LATEST
BINGO INFO!**



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LITTLE ROCK**

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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**

*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



| Week of | May 23, 2026 | May 24, 2026 |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Lector | Margie McCain | Mary Lou Hall |
| Linens | Mary Ann Tyrone | |
| Communion | Bonnie Waller | Libby Burroughs |
| | Lisa Schafer | Clay Aureli |
| | James Alpuente | Sarah Horton |
| Offertory | Suzy & Max McAuley | Aureli Family |
| Greeters | Kaden McKinnon | Lauren Wray |



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, May 21st · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, May 21st · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — June 7th *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — June 14th *Following Mass - PC*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | May | 16 | 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | Adoration Theresa McGinnis† |
| Sunday | May | 17 | 8:30 am 10:30 am | Frank B Alpe† Ruben Saldivar (B'day) |
| Monday | May | 18 | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | May | 19 | 6:00 pm | Sam Britton† |
| Wednesday | May | 20 | 8:00 am | Alissa Hampton (B'day) Murphy Smith† |
| Thursday | May | 21 | 8:00 am | William Billings† |
| Friday | May | 22 | 8:00 am | Douglas Glasz† |
| Saturday | May | 23 | 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | Adoration Betty & Etta Kelly† |
| Sunday | May | 24 | 8:30 am 10:30 am | Hilda Phillips Ernest Miller Sr† |



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, 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:

May 10, 2026 St. Michael \$2,285.00

Sacred Heart \$783.00

Dear Padre,

I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Where are you...when the poor are blamed for their poverty, forgotten and discarded, in a world that values profit more than people? [W]here are you in a hyper-connected life where loneliness corrodes social bonds and makes us strangers even to ourselves?...

Fraternity...means rediscovering the face of the other...the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee, and even the adversary.

ADDRESS TO MEETING
ON FRATERNITY, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025



MARCO JACOBUCCI EPPI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Thursday

May 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Saturday

May 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Tuesday

May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Friday

May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Sunday

May 24

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

Wednesday

May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19