



## Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**R**epent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



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COMMUNITY

### Reflect

**What does "repent" mean to me?  
A threat or an invitation?**



**"Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand!"**

**MATTHEW 3:2**

## 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.

**Pastor:** Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp

### 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

Email: [smcswm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smcswm@sbcglobal.net)

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

Facebook: [facebook.com/wmsmcs/](http://facebook.com/wmsmcs/)

**Principal:** Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

**Grades:** PreK3 & PreK4, K, 1st, 2nd, 4th

405 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

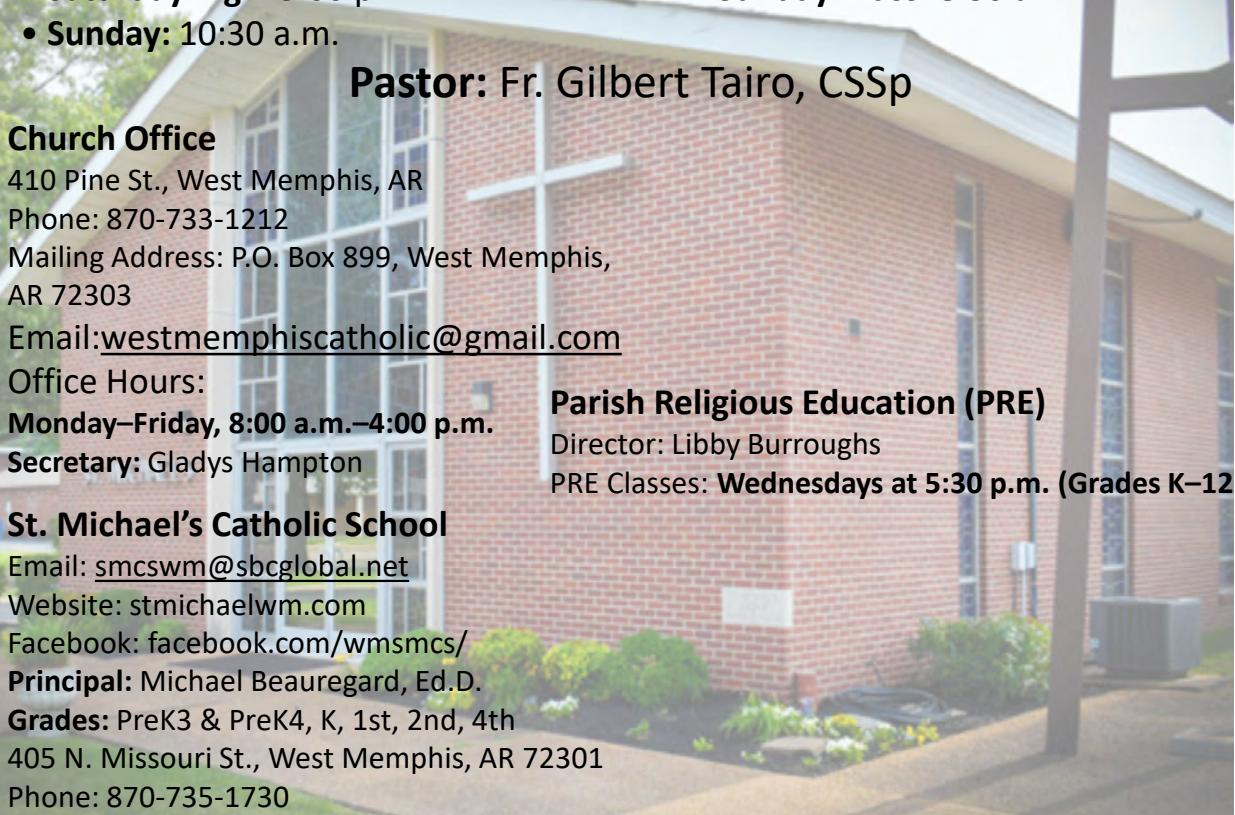
Phone: 870-735-1730

## SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.



### 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

Shelley Pugh

Joanne Smith

Ken Thomas

Ginger Wilkinson

Phillip Wray

## Parish Council Members

Patsy Fletcher (P)

Lisa Schafer (VP)

Margaret Henson (S)

Beth Aureli

Tony Bell

Mary Jane Flowers

Claude Hunt

Ricardo Ledezma

Tim Marconi

Joanne Smith

Lauren Wray

Jo Zachary



# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

## ST MICHAEL

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"



## Baptism

Parents desiring Baptism for their children must be registered parishioners of St Michael or Sacred Heart for at least 2 years prior to the Baptism date.



Baptism dates will be finalized only after consultation with the Pastor.

Attendance of a Baptismal preparation class is required.

Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

## Marriage Preparation

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



Wedding dates will be finalized only after consultation with the priest.

Attendance of an approved marriage preparation program is required.

## Cursillo An Encounter with Christ

The Cursillo method offers those who have the potential to influence others a personal encounter with Christ and the tools to strengthen, support, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by evangelizing their daily environments.

A method to find, form, and sustain lay leadership for Christ and His Church. Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a movement of the Church that promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. It provides an opportunity to deepen your Catholic faith and to experience the love of God within a supportive and prayerful community.

### Cursillo Weekends



Men's Weekend: January 29 – February 1, 2026

Women's Weekend: February 26 – March 1, 2026

Call the church office for more information or to register

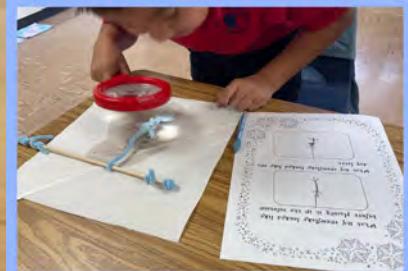
The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical 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 Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



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 para Asuntos Canónicos, 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) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.



# SMCS HAPPENINGS



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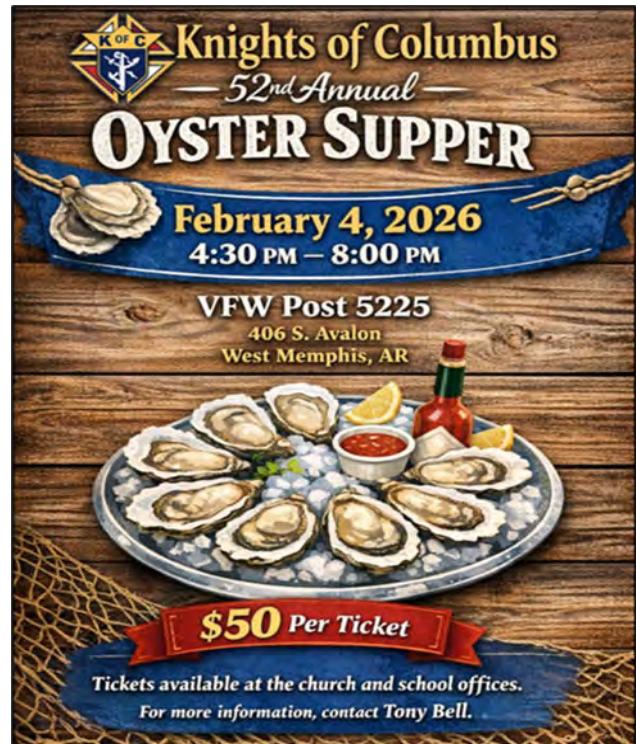


## Intenciones de Misa

Las intenciones de misa pueden ofrecerse por el eterno descanso de un ser querido difunto, por sanación, en celebración de una ocasión especial o por cualquier intención especial para usted, un familiar o un amigo.

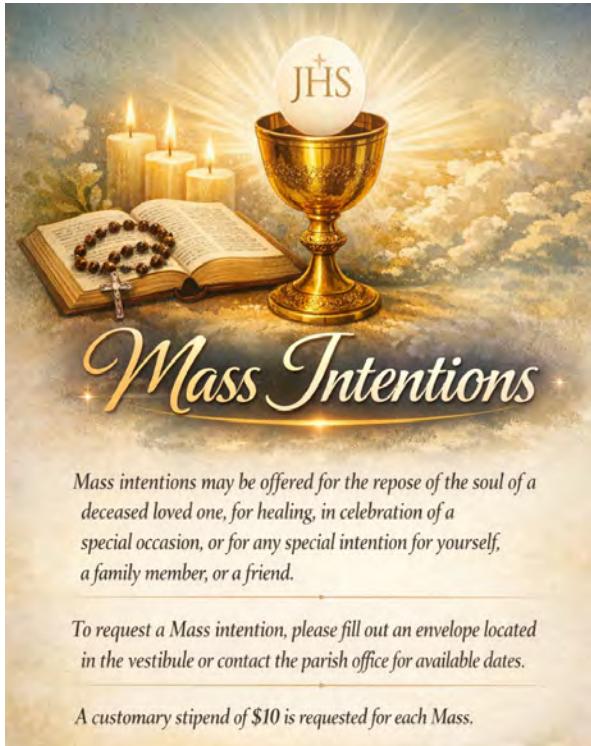
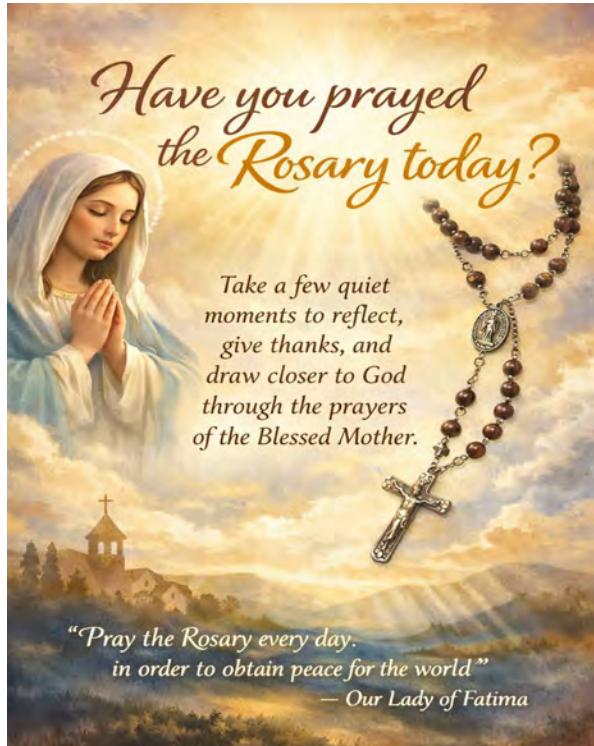
Para solicitar una intención de misa, por favor llene un sobre ubicado en el vestíbulo o contacte la oficina parroquial para fechas disponibles.

Se solicita una ofrenda habitual de \$10 por cada misa.



## Catholic Schools Week

Community  
Faith  
Service  
Duty  
Kindness  
Need  
Virtue  
Morality  
Generosity  
Charity  
Humanity  
Diligence  
fortitude



## Project Rachel Ministry Virtual Healing Resource (VHTR)

This is a confidential, non-judgmental small group meeting for anyone who has been affected by the trauma of abortion.

Available to join virtually, so that anyone, anywhere, can participate from the comfort of their own space, anonymously if desired.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month from 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

***Next meeting:***  
***Monday, February 2, 2026***

Project Rachel is  
a ministry of  
the Diocese of Little Rock



To register, call or text  
CONFIDENTIALLY 501-663-0996,  
or email: projectrachel@dolr.org

# Women's Bible Study

*Wednesdays following the  
8:00 a.m. Mass.*

*For more information, please contact:*

**Becky Rushing**  
 (901) 652-2390



## January

### THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

1 Mary, Mother of God	9 St. Adrian of Canterbury	17 St. Anthony the Abbot	25 The Conversion of St. Paul
2 St. Basil	10 St. William of Bourges	18 St. Margaret of Hungary	26 St. Timothy
3 The most holy name of Jesus (and St. Genevieve)	11 St. Theodosius	19 St. Fillan	27 St. Angela Merici
4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	12 St. Tatiana of Rome	20 St. Fabian	28 St. Thomas Aquinas
5 St. John Neumann	13 St. Hilary of Poitiers	21 St. Agnes	29 Sts. Sarbelius & Barbea
6 St. André Bessette	14 St. Felix of Nola	22 St. Vincent	30 St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti
7 St. Raymond of Peñafort	15 St. Paul the First Hermit	23 Espousal of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Joseph	31 St. John Bosco
8 Our Lady of Prompt Succor	16 St. Marcellus, Pope	24 St. Francis De Sales	

# WE HAVE NEW GAMES!!



Bingo is played in the school cafeteria on Tuesdays at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm.

We now have two Jackpots for \$1,000 currently at 52 & 59 numbers called  
Raffle is up to \$ 1,550



Scan for the latest Bingo Information





	January 31, 2026	February 1, 2026
Lector	Bonnie Waller	Chuck Brakensick
Linens	Mary Lou Hall	
Communion	Clara Bolden	Sarah Horton
	Suzy McAuley	Libby Burroughs
	Dorothy Foster	Clay Aureli
Offertory	JoAnn Vega	Volunteer
	Michelle Pirani	



## Parish Organizations

- ❖ Infant of Prague Guild: meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. Watch here for announcements.
- ❖ Knights of Columbus business meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ Finance Council meeting Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.
- ❖ Parish Council meeting Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch February 1st, after Mass
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday St. Michael Brunch February 15th, after Mass - Guild



# LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	January	24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration David & Ann James†
Sunday	January	25	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jim & Sis Young† William Billings†
Monday	January	26	NO MASS	
Tuesday	January	27	6:00 pm	Doris Jean Forgarty†
Wednesday	January	28	8:00 am 5:30pm	Jim Young † Robert Cassidy†
Thursday	January	29	8:00 am	Michael Durmeier†
Friday	January	30	8:00 am	Romo Nevarez
Saturday	January	31	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Bill Forman†
Sunday	February	1	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lucille Marconi† Anita Miller†

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Corie Stevens, Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Pat Hooper, 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, Mary Margaret Riley, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Peggy Mengarelli, 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:

January 18, 2026 St. Michael \$5,252.00  
Sacred Heart \$755.00

# Dear Padre,

## Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).



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When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:22-30	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

**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*.



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.*

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025