



Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.

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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Facebook: [facebook.com/wmsmcs/](https://www.facebook.com/wmsmcs/)

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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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Mary Jane Flowers

Claude Hunt

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"

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!



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 comunicuese 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 Gottsponer,**
(501) 664-0340 ext. 425

Diocese of Little Rock

2500 N. Tyler Street
Little Rock, AR 72207

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 comunicuese con:

- ☎ La Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños: **1-800-482-5964**
- ☎ Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos,
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Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comunicuese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little

✝ **Laura Gottsponer,**
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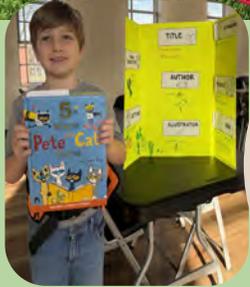
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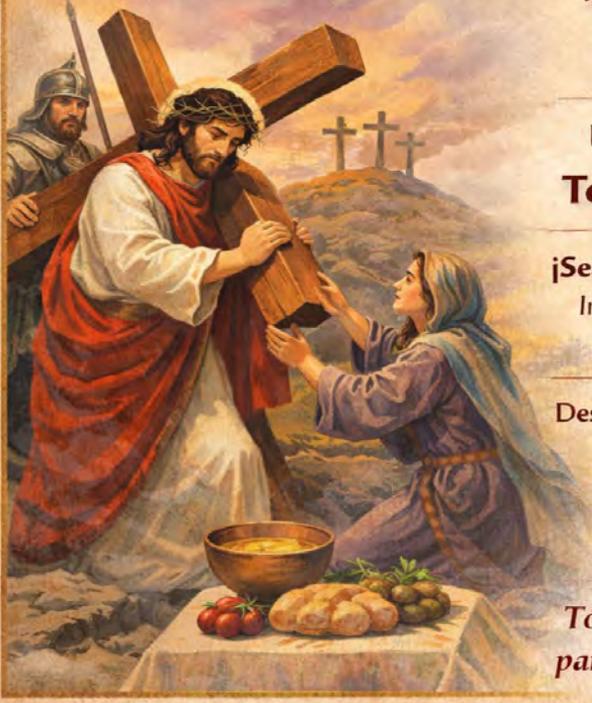
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LAST WEEK AT SMCS...



READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK





Vía Crucis

Únase a nosotros en **San Miguel**
Todos los viernes a las 6:00 PM

¡Sea voluntario para leer una de las estaciones!

Inscribase a través de Flocknote o comuníquese
con la oficina parroquial

Después del servicio, acompañenos en el gimnasio
escolar por una **cena sencilla** de Cuaresma

A cargo de los Caballeros de Colón y
— **la Cofradía del Niño de Praga** —

*Tódos son bienvenidos
para oración, reflexión
y convivencia*



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.

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. —



CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, March 21st • 9:00 AM



**Bring Your Rakes, Gloves, Leaf Blowers
& Lawn Equipment!**

**Help Us Clean Up & Beautify
Our Church Grounds!**

**RAIN DATE:
Saturday, March 28th • 9:00 AM**

Stations of the Cross

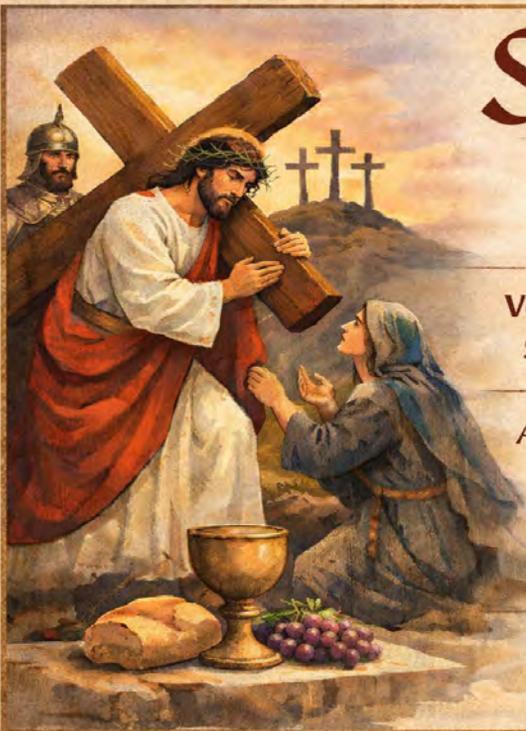
Join us at **St. Michael's**
Every Friday at **6:00 PM**

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



¡SE NECESITAN MONAGUILLOS!

— Para las misas del sábado y domingo —



Servir a Dios y asistir al sacerdote



Participar en Ritos Sagrados



Profundizar tu fe



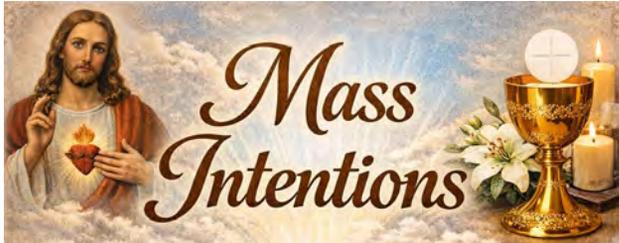
Ayudar a la comunidad a rendir culto con devoción



¡Una experiencia gratificante y reverente!

¡Únete a nuestro equipo de monaguillos!

Contacta a la oficina parroquial para más información.



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.



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 vestibulo de la iglesia o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para conocer las fechas disponibles.

Se acostumbra ofrecer una ofrenda de **\$10** por cada Misa.



Sacred Vessels Dedication

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

In memory of:

James & 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
Florence Buckley
Clyde Miles
Maxine Miles
Murphy Smith
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Frank B. Alpe
Virginia & Bill Forman
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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"

-Matthew 6:21



Week of	March 21, 2026	March 22, 2026
Lector	Lisa Cassidy	Carlyle Telesford
Linens	Mary McDougal	
Communion	Shelley Pugh	Beth Aureli
	Margie McCain	Patsy Fletcher
	Sandy G. Williford	Bert Jenkins
Offertory	Christina Bolden	Cubides Family
	Clara & Eizabeth Bolden	
Greeters		Marguerite Bond

Parish Organizations

- ❖ Infant of Prague Guild: meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. Watch here for announcements.
- ❖ Knights of Columbus business meeting 1st Sundays at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ Parish Finance Council meeting Thursday, March 19h at 5:00 pm.
- ❖ Parish Pastoral Council meeting Thursday, March 19th at 6:15 pm.
- ❖ 1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch April 5th, after Mass
- ❖ 2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch March 8th, after Mass - PC



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	March	14	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Hilda Phillips
Sunday	March	15	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jean Etoch† Tommy Goldsby†
Monday	March	16	NO MASS	
Tuesday	March	17	6:00 pm	Fr Peter Sabinus Assenga†
Wednesday	March	18	8:00 am 5:30pm	Brennon Picarella† Jean Fogarty†
Thursday	March	19	8:00 am	Bobby Cassidy†
Friday	March	20	8:00 am	Jean Fogarty†
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†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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:

March 8,2026 St. Michael \$7,317.00

Sacred Heart \$1,553.00

Dear Padre,

I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the “hook-em horns” sign. You wouldn't give the “thumbs-up” sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word “sinister” is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning “left.”

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●



ALFONSO / CATHOPIC

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday
MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17–21
Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday
MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1–9, 12
Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday
MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8–15
Jn 5:17–30

Thursday
MARCH 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4–5a,
12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18–21,
24a or Lk 2:41–51a

Friday
MARCH 20
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12–22
Jn 7:1–2, 10,
25–30

Saturday
MARCH 21
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18–20
Jn 7:40–53

Sunday
MARCH 22
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12–14
Rom 8:8–11
Jn 11:1–45 or
11:3–7, 17, 20–27,
33b–45



MARCO IACOBELLI EPF / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025