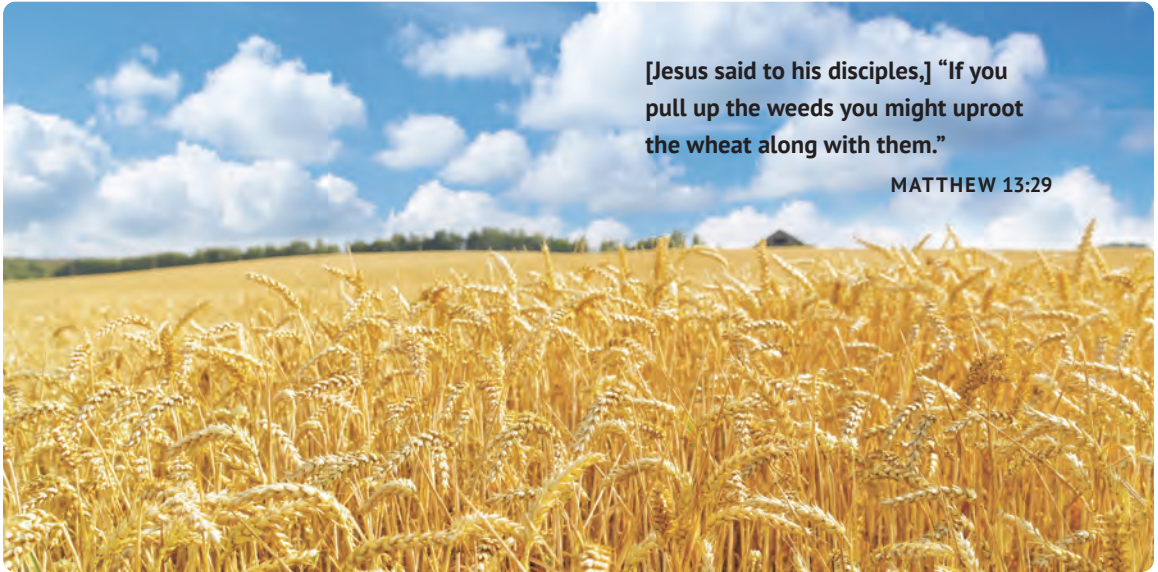




[Jesus said to his disciples,] “If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”

MATTHEW 13:29

Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. ●



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Reflect

Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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"



**"The shepherd cannot run
at the first sign of danger."**

— Blessed Stanley Rother

= BLESSED = STANLEY ROTHER

1935–1981

PRIEST. SHEPHERD. MARTYR.



CALLED TO SERVE

Oklahoma-born priest who answered God's call to the priesthood.



SHEPHERD TO HIS PEOPLE

He served the Tz'utujil Mayan people in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, with unwavering love and dedication.



FAITHFUL TO THE END

He refused to abandon his flock during the civil war, saying, *"The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."* He was martyred in 1981.



BEATIFIED

Pope Francis recognized him as a martyr in 2016. He was beatified on September 23, 2017, in Oklahoma City.



A HEART GIVEN IN LOVE

His body is buried in Oklahoma, but his heart is enshrined in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, at the request of the Tz'utujil people.



ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD

The Church now awaits a recognized miracle attributed to his intercession to advance his cause to sainthood.

A LIFE GIVEN IN LOVE. + A WITNESS THAT INSPIRES.

= BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER, PRAY FOR US! =

BINGO

NIGHT!

Join us for

BINGO

every

TUESDAY NIGHT

IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA





DOORS OPEN
AT
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GAMES START
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WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS

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&

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NUMBER CALLED NUMBERS CALLED

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*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



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NIÑOS Y JÓVENES.**



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Mass Intentions



Intenciones de Misa



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.



Las intenciones de Misa se pueden ofrecer por el descanso del alma de un ser querido difunto, por sanación, una ocasión especial o por una intención especial para usted, un familiar o un amigo.



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



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



\$10

A \$10 stipend is customary for each Mass.



\$10

El estipendio habitual es de \$10 por cada Misa.

2026 RESPECT LIFE GRANT APPLICATION

Promoting a Consistent Ethic of Life

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Little Rock awards a limited number of grants to parish groups and community organizations in Arkansas that promote a consistent ethic of life.



APPLICATION PERIOD
**June 1 –
August 31, 2026**



GRANTS AWARDED
**October 2026,
Respect Life Month**



WHO CAN APPLY
Parish groups and
community organizations
in Arkansas



Detailed information and the application are located at:
Respect Life Grant Application | DOLR.org



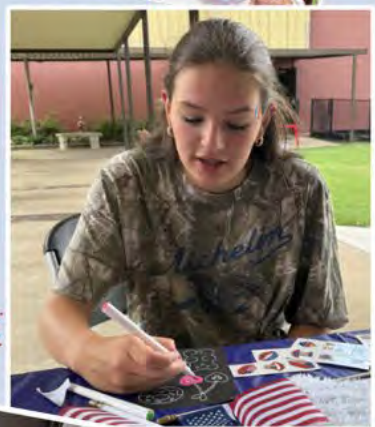
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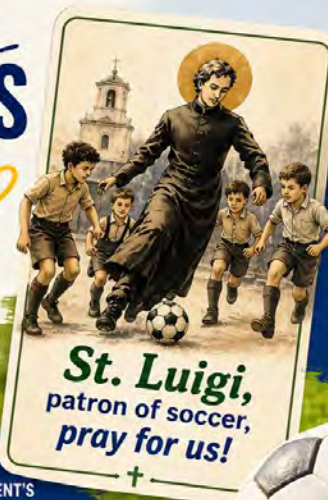


POPE LEO XIV INVITES US TO PRAY:
THE VALUES OF SPORTS
as a Prayer Intention this Summer



Pope Leo XIV has named the values of sports as a prayer intention this summer:

SPORT AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE, ENCOUNTER, AND DIALOGUE.



St. Luigi,
patron of soccer,
pray for us!

Through our prayers, may sports unite hearts, heal wounds, and build a more peaceful world.



IN LIGHT OF THIS,
WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY
THE NOVENA FOR HEALING!

FINAL MATCH
JULY 19

WITH US,
THROUGH THE
SOCCER TOURNAMENT'S
FINAL MATCH ON
JULY 19.



We'll be asking for the intercession of
ST. LUIGI SCROSOPPI,
an Italian priest who formed young people through soccer and became its patron saint.



FAIRNESS



PERSEVERANCE



DETERMINATION

were all ways to **grow closer to God**,
all virtues that we can strengthen through sports.

St. Luigi recognized that



LET'S COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER

and ask St. Luigi Scrosoppi to intercede for healing in our world,
on and off the field, through the power of sport and the love of Christ.



Baptism



Parents desiring

BAPTISM
for their children.



Please call the parish
office to schedule
an appointment.



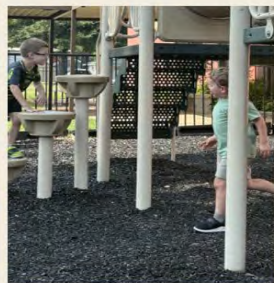
Padres que desean

BAUTIZAR
a sus hijos.



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

We look forward to celebrating this special moment with your family!



SMCS Summer Camp

"Summer laughter is one of God's sweetest gifts, for every joyful child reflects a glimpse of Heaven." – Inspired by the spirituality of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux





Week of	July 25, 2026	July 26, 2026
Lector	Suzy McAuley	Becky Rushing
Linens	Mary Mc Dougal	
Communion	Joanne Smith	Katie Reese
	Suzy McAuley	Melissa Morphis
	Dorothy Foster	Jessica Galtelli
Offertory	Sandy G. Williford	Aureli Family
	Joanne Smith	
Greeters	Ginger Creel	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>



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, Aug. 20th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Aug. 20th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Aug. 2nd *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Aug. 9th *Following Mass – Knights*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	July	18	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Hilda Phillips Mike McCain†
Sunday	July	19	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jo Zachary Horace McNeil†
Monday	July	20	NO MASS	
Tuesday	July	21	6:00 pm	Catherine Crabtree†
Wednesday	July	22	8:00 am	Maury Smith, ofm†
Thursday	July	23	8:00 am	Mary Lou Hall
Friday	July	24	8:00 am	Danny Foster
Saturday	July	25	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Etta Kelly†
Sunday	July	26	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lynn Zachary Judy Shearer†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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, 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:

July 12, 2026 St. Michael \$6,839.00

Sacred Heart \$872.00

2nd Collection – Peter's Pence (for the Holy Father) \$708.00

Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●



VASYCHENKO NIKITA / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



**EXTRAORDINARY CONSISTORY,
ROME, JANUARY 7, 2026**

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

Monday

July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13
Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Sunday

July 26
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46