Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 11, 2026

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Isaiah 25:6–10a / Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20 / Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

# Who Are You Wearing?

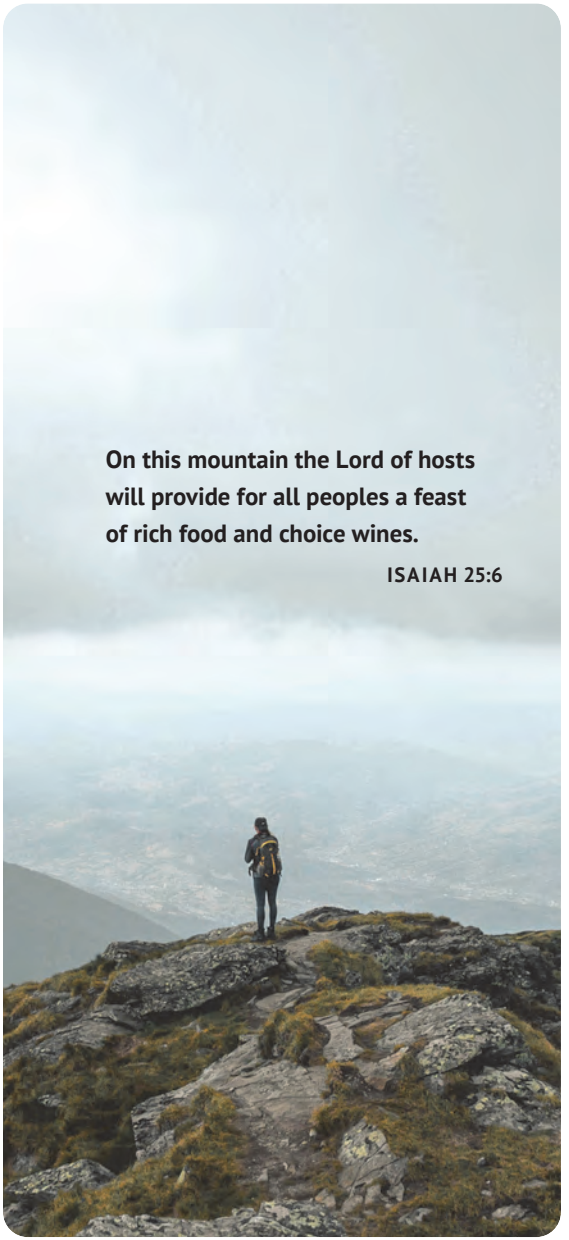
MIGUEL DULICK

The closer Jesus gets to his death, the more targeted are his parables, specifically to the "chief priests and elders." He has no patience with their hypocrisy.

The wedding feast has a long history in the prophets and the psalms, always a glorious celebration of love and delight—God marrying the chosen people. But in today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the feast as a massacre. When the guests refuse to attend his son's wedding, and they even kill the messengers sent to invite them, the enraged king amasses his troops to destroy "those murderers" and burn their city to the ground. So, the chosen people are un-chosen. Then, the king tries again, this time sending the servants to "whomever [they] find." And then comes a beautiful moment: the servants invite the "bad (literally, "evil") and good alike," and they fill up the hall! This echoes Jesus' own promise of the cross: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

There is one more twist to the story that keeps Jesus in his own uncompromising space. When the king spots a guest without a "wedding garment," he binds him hand and foot and throws him out into the darkness. Pretty scary—but do stay with Jesus. Accept the invitation to the banquet. And let Jesus dress you in his own garment of grace.●




## Reflect

***Do I show up to the banquet (the Eucharist) prepared to listen, pray, and be fed?***

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## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**Mass Times**

- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

## SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 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

Office Hours:

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

**Secretary:** Gladys Hampton

**Parish Religious Education (PRE)**

Director: Libby Burroughs

PRE Classes: **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (Grades K–12)**

**St. Michael's Catholic School**

Email: smcswm@sbcglobal.net

Website: stmichaelwm.com

Facebook: 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

## Financial Council Members

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# EUCHARISTIC *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.*



# St. Teresa of Ávila

## *St. Teresa of Jesus*

1515 – 1582 | FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Ávila, also known as St. Teresa of Jesus, was a Spanish Carmelite nun, mystic, and spiritual reformer. Deeply devoted to prayer, she worked to renew the Carmelite Order and encouraged a simpler life centered on faith, prayer, and closeness to God.

**A WOMAN OF PRAYER**

She taught the importance of a deep, personal relationship with God through prayer.

**REFORMER**

She became the central figure in a movement of spiritual and monastic renewal, reforming the Carmelite orders of both women and men.

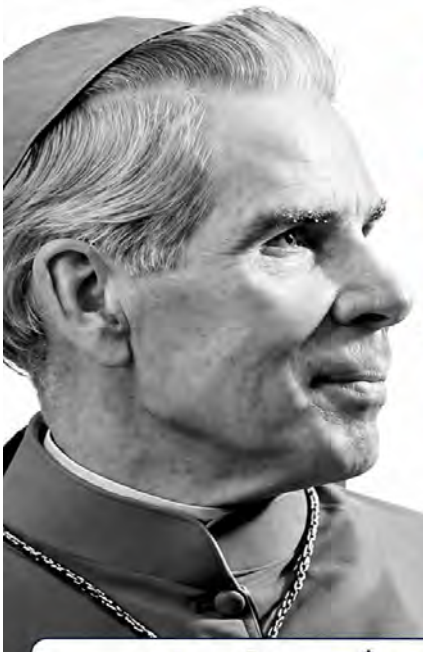
**WRITER**

Her writings on prayer and the spiritual life continue to inspire Catholics today.

**DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

In 1970, she was one of the first women to be named a Doctor of the Church.

*St. Teresa is remembered for her deep faith, courage, wisdom, and love of God.*



THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

# ONE IN CHRIST, *United in Mission*

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

## World Mission Sunday
## October 18th, 2026



"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitude.'"

**— Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**
*National Director*
*The Pontifical Mission Societies USA*
*(1950 – 1966)*









"MISSIONIZE" TO $3555

**Last year your gift helped:**

- Formed over 9,000 future missionaries
- Built 29,000 churches
- Provided 10,000 schools and centers
- Trained 844,000 catechists and missionary leaders
- Supported 5,016 dioceses in the poorest territories

# Sunday Brunch
# CHURCH PICNIC

## Sunday, October 11th
**Following the 10:30 AM Mass**
**St. Michael's**

**Come enjoy a fun afternoon of**
**food, fellowship and games!**

Join us indoors for a wonderful time together with our church family as we share a meal, visit, and have some fun!

## Helpers Needed!
We would greatly appreciate anyone who is willing to stay afterward and help with clean-up.



# MASS
## CANCELLATION NOTICE

**Masses scheduled for**
**October 20–22**
**will be canceled.**

Fr. Gilbert will be in Little Rock from October 20–22 for continuing education.

Any Mass intentions scheduled during these dates will be rescheduled for a later date.

*Thank you for your understanding, and please keep Fr. Gilbert in your prayers as he travels!*



# OCTOBER
## IS THE MONTH OF THE
# *Holy Rosary*

During this special month, we honor our Blessed Mother and grow closer to Jesus through the beautiful prayer of the Rosary.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY,
PRAY FOR US!

# CHURCH
# *Clean-Up Day*

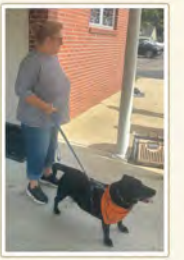
## Saturday, October 10th
## 8:30 AM

Please join us as we come together to help clean up around the church grounds!

We are aware that there is a possibility of rain on Saturday. If the weather does not cooperate, Church Clean-Up Day will be rescheduled for:

**Saturday, October 24th**
**8:30 AM**



## St Francis of Assisi's
## *Pet Blessing*





# Come and See Retreat

**October 17-18**
**at Holy Angels Convent**



Come experience Monastic Life
with the Olivetan Benedictine Sisters!

IF YOU ARE

## Needing to ADD OR REMOVE

SOMEONE TO THE

## Prayer List,

PLEASE CONTACT
*the Church Office.*

THANK YOU!

## Baptism

Parents desiring
Baptism for their children.

Please call the parish office
to schedule an appointment.

## Bautismo

Padres que desean el
Bautismo para sus hijos.

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

# BINGO NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

GAMES START AT 7:00PM

WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS WORTH $1,000 EACH!

58 NUMBER CALLED & 52 NUMBERS CALLED

RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO $ 1,000

JOIN US FOR BINGO every TUESDAY NIGHT

IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND LUCKY CHARMS.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE.

SCAN FOR LATEST BINGO INFO.

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Diócesis Católica de Little Rock

## 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 | 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 Gottsponer (501) 499-9110

Diócesis de Little Rock
2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

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## 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 Gottsponer
(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




# OPTIONS
## 2026 Gala

NOVEMBER 5, 2026 | 6:00 PM | MARION FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office to register.

For additional information, please contact the church office.

# LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

| Week of | October 17, 2026 | October 18, 2026 |
|---|---|---|
| Lector | Grace Reece | Chuck Brakensiek |
| Linens | Mary McDougal | |
| Communion | Shelley Pugh | Katie Reese |
| | Margie McCain | Melissa Morphis |
| | Sandy G. Williford | Jessica Galtelli |
| Offertory | Joe Alvarez &<br><br>Ricardo Ledezma | Cubidies Family |



## 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, Oct. 15th · 5:00 p.m.
**Pastoral Council-** Thursday, Oct. 22nd · 6:15 p.m.

### ✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

**SACRED HEART BRUNCH -** First Sunday — Oct 4th *Following Mass*
**ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH-** Second Sunday — Oct 11th *Following Mass – Guild*

# LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday | October | 10 | 4:00 pm<br>5:00 pm | Adoration<br>Bobby Cassidy✝ |
| Sunday | October | 11 | 8:30 am<br>10:30 am | Juanita Alpe✝<br>Armando Carranza✝ |
| Monday | October | 12 | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | October | 13 | 6:00 pm | Danny Foster✝ |
| Wednesday | October | 14 | 8:00 am<br>5:30 pm | Junior Vega✝<br>Joe Schafer✝ |
| Thursday | October | 15 | 8:00 am | Bill Slaughter✝ |
| Friday | October | 16 | 8:00 am | Michael Gabour✝ |
| Saturday | October | 17 | 4:00 pm<br>5:00 pm | Adoration<br>Irmgard Paulk✝ |
| Sunday | October | 18 | 8:30 am<br>10:30 am | Juanita Alpe✝<br>Michael Gabour✝ |



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Holly Adams, Michael Paul, Mark Franceschini, Conrad Wilhelmi, Sarah Pizzolatto, Bobby Hollingsworth, Carli Albrecht, Bangie Camper, JoAnn Vega, 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, Mar, 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, 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: October 4,2026

St. Michael's .5,313.00
St Michael's online $966.00
Sacred Heart $767.00

# Dear Padre,



GEMINI

***In the Creed, we say we believe in the resurrection of the body. So, why is it all right to be cremated?***

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clearly states what many find confusing: "It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life?" (*CCC* 996). The *Catechism* goes on to address several questions: "What is rising? Who will rise? How? When?" (*CCC* 997–1001). In essence, "Christ 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,' into a 'spiritual body'" (*CCC* 999). The disposition or condition of the physical body at death will not affect the spiritual body that is raised. Cremation, decomposition, mutilation or dismemberment by violence, or the donation of one's body to science—deemed "a noble and meritorious act…to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (*CCC* 2296)—does not prevent the resurrection of our glorified body. It is only when the act of cremation appears to be a public denial of faith in the resurrection or the sacredness of the body that the practice is forbidden. ●

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SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***In the face of…the tragic situations of injustice, violence, and suffering that mark our time, it is essential that our faith be alert, attentive, and prophetic. It should likewise open our eyes to the darkness of the world and bring to others the light of the gospel through our commitment to peace, justice, and solidarity.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 15, 2026**

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

**Monday**
October 12
*Weekday*
Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31—5:1
Lk 11:29–32

**Tuesday**
October 13
*Weekday*
Gal 5:1–6
Lk 11:37–41

**Wednesday**
October 14
*Weekday*
Gal 5:18–25
Lk 11:42–46

**Thursday**
October 15
*St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*
Eph 1:1–10
Lk 11:47–54

**Friday**
October 16
*Weekday*
Eph 1:11–14
Lk 12:1–7

**Saturday**
October 17
*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*
Eph 1:15–23
Lk 12:8–12

**Sunday**
October 18
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Is 45:1, 4–6
1 Thes 1:1–5b
Mt 22:15–21

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