



At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



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Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?

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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"

St. Maximilian Kolbe

1894-1941

MARTYR OF CHARITY

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan priest who gave his life to save another prisoner at the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II.

Canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982.



Arrested by the Nazis for sheltering refugees, including thousands of Jews, at his monastery.



Sent to Auschwitz in May 1941 as Prisoner #16670.



Volunteered to take the place of a man who had been selected to die.



Survived two weeks in an underground starvation bunker while leading prayers for other inmates.



Remembered for his extraordinary courage, faith, and selfless love.

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The most
deadly poison
of our times is
indifference

- St. Maximilian Kolbe



FEAST DAY
AUGUST 14



FAMILIES



JOURNALISTS



POLITICAL PRISONERS



THOSE STRUGGLING
WITH ADDICTION

PATRON SAINT OF



BINGO NIGHT!

Join us for **BINGO** every **TUESDAY NIGHT** IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM | **GAMES START AT 7:00PM**

WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS WORTH **\$1,000 EACH**,
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Bring your **FRIENDS, FAMILY AND LUCKY CHARMS.**

We can't wait **TO SEE YOU THERE.**

SCAN FOR LATEST BINGO INFO.




First Day of School

AUGUST 12

Please keep all **SMCS** staff and students in your prayers for a *great school year!*

May God bless them with wisdom, kindness, safety, and joy throughout the school year. We pray for a wonderful year filled with *faith, learning, friendship, and many blessings.*

Thank you for keeping our SMCS family in your prayers!



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITY OF THE
Assumption
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026



MASS 9:00 AM

At ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Collection
Catholic Home Mission Appeal

August 15-16, 2026



This special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas. It strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories where resources are thin and priests are few.

The funds collected help these Catholic communities survive and thrive, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, training for lay ministers and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help.



For many years Catholic Home Missions has given much support to the Diocese of Little Rock, which has enabled the diocese to help many parishes in need of special support.



Strengthening
FAITH.
HOPE.
COMMUNITY.



Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity! ♥



Week of	August 15, 2026	August 16, 2026
Lector	Bonnie Waller	Tony Bell
Linens	Mary Ann Tyrone	
Communion	Ginger Creel	Libby Burroughs
	Ginger Wilkinson	Sarah Horton
	Liz Posey	Tony Bell
Offertory	Christina Bolden	Galtelli Family
	Clara & Elizabeth Bolden	
Greeters	Margie McCain	<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 — Sept. 6th *Following Mass*

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	August	8	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Frances McGinnis†
Sunday	August	9	8:30 am 10:30 am	Irmgard Paulk† Bill Slaughter†
Monday	August	10	NO MASS	
Tuesday	August	11	6:00 pm	Lynn Slaughter† William Billings†
Wednesday	August	12	8:00 am	Robert Fulton†
Thursday	August	13	8:00 am	Gene McGinnis†
Friday	August	14	8:00 am	Michael Gabour†
Saturday	August	15	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Etta Kelly†
Sunday	August	16	8:30 am 10:30 am	Frank J. Alpe† Cathryn Simpson†



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:

August 2,,2026 St. Michael \$2,678.00

Sacred Heart \$792.00

Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

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



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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**.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



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Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63 or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28

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