

For as often as you eat this
bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of
the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

Reflect

*Reflect on your experiences of loss
and abundance, loneliness and acts of
kindness, and struggles and grace.*

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Parish Council Members

Mary Jane Flowers (President)

Ross Hensley (Vice-President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Andy Horton

Bill Buckley

Beth Aureli

Joanne Smith

Sandy Young

Carol Burdison

Jo Zachary

Lisa Schafer

Tony Bell

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

June 15, 2025 St. Michael \$5,245.00

Sacred Heart \$1,112.00

Eucharistic Adoration

**St. Michael Every Tuesday,
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart, Crawfordsville,
Every Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Every Saturday, before the Vigil Mass
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**



Mass Times at our Sister Churches



St. Mary of the Lake Church
626 Horseshoe Circle
Horseshoe Lake, AR 72348
Sunday Vigil – Saturday 4 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Church
621 S. Washington St.
Forrest City, AR 72335
Sunday 12:15 pm
Tuesday, Thursday 12:00 pm
Eucharistic Adoration Thursday,
11:30 am

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 at 870-733-1212 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.



Bingo is temporarily suspended due to lack of air-conditioning in the cafeteria!



First Communion

Congratulations Anna Sophia Pirani and Michael Pirani who are entering into full communion with the Catholic faith this weekend. Please help us welcome our newest members at a reception in the school library immediately following the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 21st.



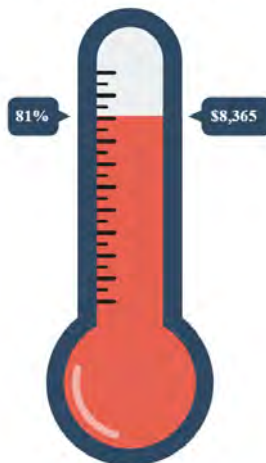
Donations for New Sacred Vessels



Just like outdoor thermometers, our donation thermometer has shown a big jump this week. We went from 67% to 81%! This is due to the generosity of several donors last week. Additionally, we were able to decrease our goal (from \$12,000 to \$10,300) due to locating an alternate seller who has lower prices and is also willing to ship the vessels to us for free!

We are now less than \$2,000 away from our goal!

GOAL: \$10,300



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School Happenings

- ✓ This week was beach Week
 - Monday: We painted seashells
 - Tuesday: "under the sea" paper plate craft using goldfish, green yarn, and gummy sharks
 - Wednesday: "ocean in a bottle"
 - Thursday : beach balls paper plate craft
 - Friday: rainbow fish paper plate
- ✓ Next week is party in the USA Week
- ✓ Summer program will be closed June 30th-July 4th



Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Helena

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." — [Pope Francis, letter announcing Jubilee 2025](#)



On May 14, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary authorized diocesan bishops to designate churches within their dioceses as pilgrimage sites for the jubilee year, allowing the faithful — especially those unable to travel to Rome — to obtain the [jubilee indulgence](#). In keeping with these instructions, Bishop Taylor announced five jubilee churches in the Diocese of Little Rock in December 2024.

In this spirit, we are planning a pilgrimage to the closest jubilee church, St. Mary's in Helena, on Thursday, July 17th. We will meet at St. Michael's at 8:30 am and share rides to Helena. We should arrive in time for confessions at 10:00 am, Eucharistic adoration at 11:00 am and Mass at Noon. We will have lunch prior to heading back to West Memphis. For more information on the Jubilee Year, please visit:

<https://www.dolr.org/article/be-pilgrims-hope-jubilee-year-2025>.

Please sign up on the sheet located in the vestibule of St. Michael's or contact the church office by July 10th.

We plan to have another Pilgrimage on a Saturday in September for those who cannot join us in July. Date to be determined.



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 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.

Jubileo 2025 – Peregrinación a Santa María Elena

Debemos avivar la llama de la esperanza que se nos ha dado y ayudar a todos a encontrar nueva fuerza y certeza mirando al futuro con espíritu abierto, corazón confiado y visión de futuro. — Papa Francisco, carta anunciando el Jubileo 2025



El 14 de mayo de 2024, la Penitenciaría Apostólica autorizó a los obispos diocesanos a designar iglesias dentro de sus diócesis como lugares de peregrinación para el año jubilar, permitiendo a los fieles, especialmente a aquellos que no pueden viajar a Roma, obtener la indulgencia jubilar. Siguiendo estas instrucciones, el obispo Taylor anunció cinco iglesias jubilares en la Diócesis de Little Rock en diciembre de 2024. Con este espíritu, estamos planeando una peregrinación a la iglesia jubilar más cercana, Santa María en Helena, el jueves 17 de julio. Nos reuniremos en San Miguel a las 8:30 a. m. y compartiremos el transporte a Helena. Deberíamos llegar a tiempo para las confesiones a las 10:00 a. m., la adoración eucarística a las 11:00 a. m. y la misa al mediodía. Almorzaremos antes de regresar a West Memphis. Para más información sobre el Año Jubilar, visite: <https://www.dolr.org/article/be-pilgrims-hope-jubilee-year-2025>. Inscribse en la hoja que se encuentra en el vestíbulo de San Miguel o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial antes del 10 de julio. Planeamos realizar otra peregrinación un sábado de septiembre para quienes no puedan asistir en julio. Fecha por determinar.



La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock se 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 contacta a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800)482-

5964 y el Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, Dcn. Matthew Glover, al (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 al (501)664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock AR 72207.

Forever in our Hearts

Sandra Jean Thorne

March 3, 1959 - June 17, 2025

Born on March 3, 1959, in West Memphis, Sandra was a proud graduate of Bishop Byrne High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Arkansas State University. She built a fulfilling career at FedEx Corporation, where she worked with dedication until her retirement. She was also a greyhound trainer.

A lifelong resident of West Memphis, Sandra was a faithful member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, where her quiet strength and warm spirit were felt by all who knew her.

Sandra is survived by her three brothers, Fred Thorne (Edna), Robert Thorne (Bonnie), and John Thorne (Rebecca); her sister, Nancy Spaulding (Robert, deceased); numerous nieces and nephews as well as her dearest friend, Mary Baker. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Fredrick and Muriel Murphy Thorne.

Sandra will be remembered for her kindness, devotion to her family, and unwavering faith. She leaves behind a legacy of love and grace that will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to either Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital or to Saint Michael Catholic Church of West Memphis.

Services

Rosary at 5:30 pm, Monday, July 7th,
followed by 6:00 pm Funeral Mass



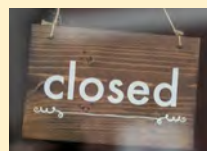
June 29th

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

The tradition of honoring these saints on the same day goes back to the early Church. "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching and their confession of faith." — [St. Augustine of Hippo in 395 A.D.](#)



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Please
note that
the church
office will
be closed
on
Thursday,
June 26th.

Corpus Christi

Eucharistic Procession

Weather permitting, we will have a Eucharistic Procession around the outside of St. Michael's after 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, June 22nd.

Please join us in singing *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* during our procession! We've printed the lyrics for those who don't know them!

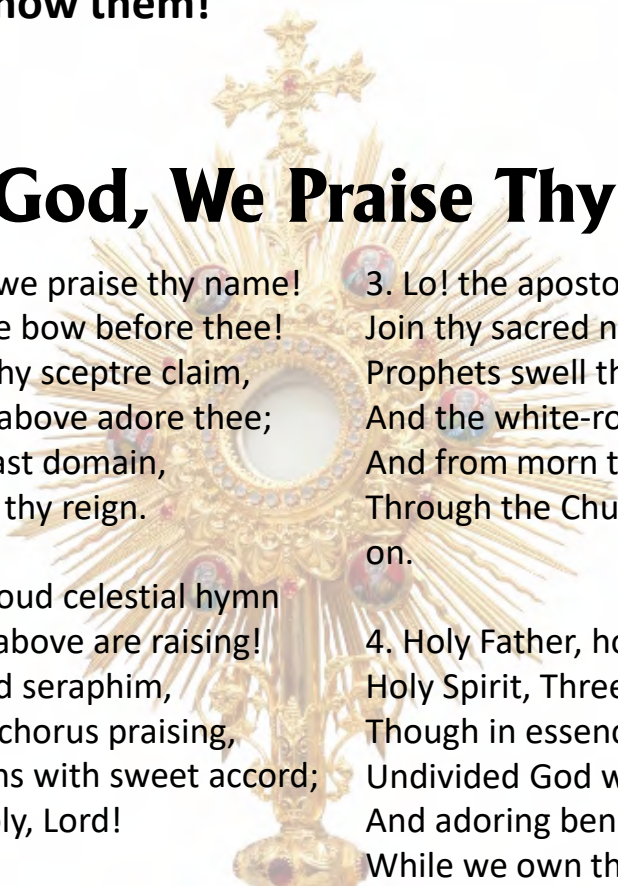
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim,
All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord;
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

3. Lo! the apostolic train
Join thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

4. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.





	June 28, 2025	June 29, 2025
Lector	Kevin Meyers	Gustavo Perez
Linens	Mary Ann Tyrone	
Communion	Liz Posey	Gladys Hampton
	Ginger Creel	Bert Jenkins
	Ginger Wilkinson	Melissa Morphis

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.
 - ◆ **Men's Bible Study** on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. at Tony Bell's House.
Please call Ken Thomas for more information, 901-674-1497.
 - ◆ **Women on Wednesday (WOW!)** bible study on Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass. Call Becky at 901-652-2390 for information.
 - ◆ **Finance Council** meets every 3rd Thursday at 5:30 P.M.
 - ◆ **Parish Council** meets every 3rd Thursday at 6:00 P.M.
 - ◆ **1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch** July 6th, after Mass
 - ◆ **2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch** July 13th, after Mass
- Infant of Prague Guild**



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	June	21	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Adoration E. B. McLemore †
Sunday	June	22	8:00 am 10:00 am	Fr. Maury Smith, ofm Cy † & Pat † Bond Wedding Anniv.
Monday	June	23	NO MASS	
Tuesday	June	24	6:00 pm	Chantal McPherson †
Wednesday	June	25	8:00 am	Illuminata Wilhelmi
Thursday	June	26	8:00 am	Dolores Goche † Anniv.
Friday	June	27	8:00 am	Bobby Cassidy †
Saturday	June	28	6:00 pm	Primo Baioni † Anniv
Sunday	June	29	8:00 am 10:00 am	William Billings † Carroll Maddox †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Illuminata Wilhelmi, Rev. Fr. Nolasco Mushi, CSSp, Nancy Ellis Hays, Fr. Maury Smith, ofm, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Louis Pitts, 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, David & Ann James, Sung Sam Lee, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Sandra Thorne, 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.

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24
The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1–12,
17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–
16 or 16:6b–12,
15–16
Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27
The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29
Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8,
17–18
Mt 16:13–19

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