



Jesus, Servant Leader

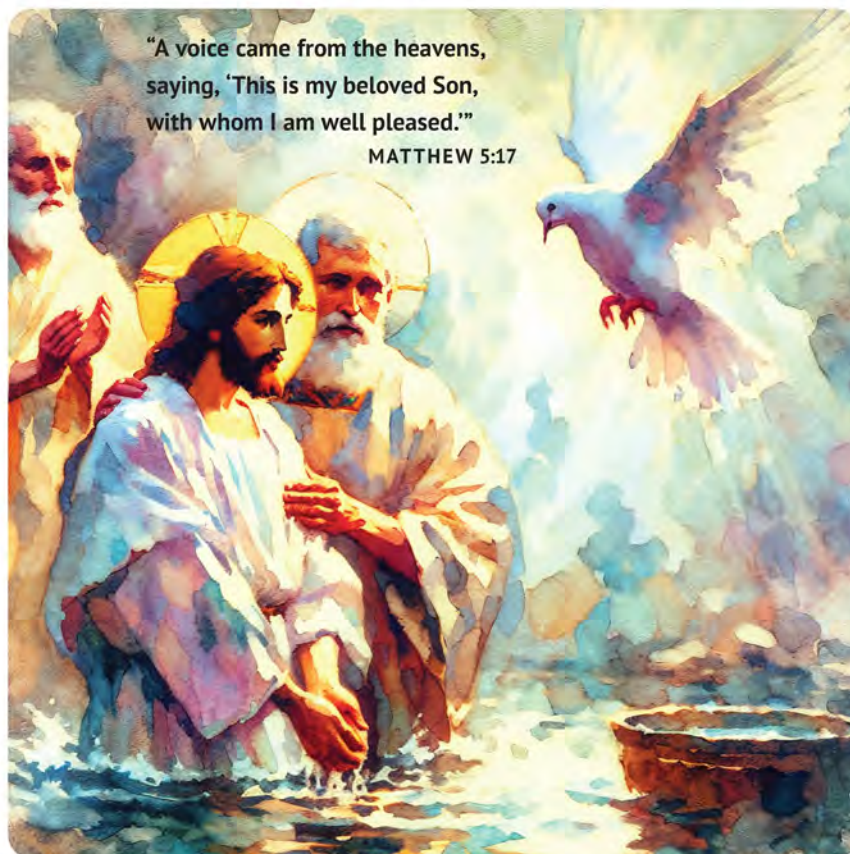
MIGUEL DULICK

John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●



Reflect

This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

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.

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

St. Michael's Catholic School

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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

SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Director: Libby Burroughs

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

Financial Council Members

Donna McAlister

Kevin Meyers

Shelley Pugh

Joanne Smith

Ken Thomas

Ginger Wilkinson

Phillip Wray

Parish Council Members

Mary Jane Flowers (President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Beth Aureli

Tony Bell

Patsy Fletcher

Claude Hunt

Ricardo Ledezma

Tim Marconi

Lisa Schafer

Joanne Smith

Lauren Wray

Jo Zachary



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

ST MICHAEL

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"*



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 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.



Project Rachel Ministry Virtual Healing Resource (VHR)

This is a confidential, non-judgmental small group meeting for anyone who has been affected by the trauma of abortion.

Available to join virtually, so that anyone, anywhere, can participate from the comfort of their own space, anonymously if desired.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month from 6:30 pm– 7:30 pm

Next meeting:
Monday, February 2, 2026

Project Rachel is
a ministry of
the Diocese of Little Rock



To register, call or text
CONFIDENTIALLY 501-663-0996,
or email: projectrachel@dolr.org



Knights of Columbus
— 52nd Annual —
OYSTER SUPPER

February 4, 2026
4:30 PM — 8:00 PM

VFW Post 5225
406 S. Avalon
West Memphis, AR

\$50 Per Ticket

Tickets available at the church and school offices.
For more information, contact Tony Bell.

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 A. 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.

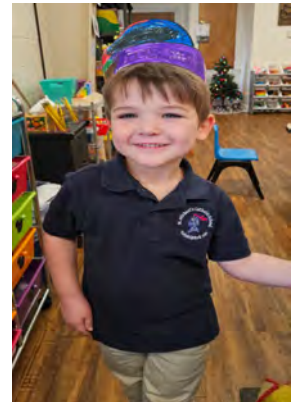


La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800) 482-5964 y con el Canciller



para Asuntos Canónicos, 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) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

SMCS HAPPENINGS





SMCS News



- Catholics Schools Week
Jan. 26th-30th
- 100th Day of School
Jan. 29th





SUNDAY BRUNCH

— All Are Welcome! —

Join us for Sunday Brunch
after the 10:30 AM Mass

 School Cafeteria
St. Michael's

Enjoy food, fellowship, and time together
as a parish community.



Bring a friend — everyone is welcome!



PRE & OCIA CLASSES

WILL RESUME ON

Wednesday, January 14

Following the 5:30 PM Mass



We look forward to seeing you there!

Rosary Rally

January 24 at 12:00 Noon

Pray for the Protection of the Unborn

*Through the Rosary of
His Most Holy Mother.*



Rosary in the Courtyard

— Indoors if Inclement Weather —

For more information, please contact

Bonnie Waller

SPAGHETTI SAUCE



FOR SALE

\$20 A QUART

PROCEEDS GO TO

**ST. MICHAEL'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

CELEBRATE EPIPHANY!

BIBLE VERSE TO LEARN:

“When they saw the star,
they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy,
Matthew 2:10”

How many
can you find? ☐

WORD SEARCH

J O U R N E Y Z X
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JESUS MAGI GIFT
GOLD JOURNEY MANGER
MYRRH STAR BETHLEHEM

TIC TAC TOE



DID YOU KNOW?

Epiphany celebrates
when the Wise Men
followed the star to find
baby Jesus - the day
Jesus was revealed to
the world as God's Son.



WORD SCRAMBLE

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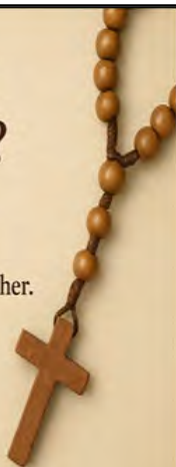
(LOOK AT THE WORD SEARCH FOR CLUES!)

Have You Prayed the Rosary Today?

Take a few quiet moments to reflect,
give thanks, and draw closer to God
through the prayers of the Blessed Mother.

*“Pray the Rosary every day in order
to obtain peace for the world.”*

— Our Lady of Fatima



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.



The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Little Rock
invites you to the annual Mass for Life

MASS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 18, 2026

PRAY FOR LEGAL PROTECTION FOR EVERY UNBORN CHILD
PRAY TO END ABORTION

CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW
617 S. LOUISIANA STREET, LITTLE ROCK

- 11:20 -11:50 a.m. ADORATION & ROSARY FOR LIFE
- 12:05 p.m. MASS WITH BISHOP TAYLOR
- AFTER MASS FREE TACOS!
Grab-and-go to make it easy to attend March for Life!
- 2 p.m. MARCH FOR LIFE sponsored by Arkansas Right to Life
(along Capitol Avenue to the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol)

**Questions? Contact the Respect Life Office
at 501-664-0340, ext. 326.**

Join us!

Everyone welcome!

MARCH for LIFE

SUNDAY
JANUARY 18TH
2PM

ARKANSAS
STATE
CAPITOL



ARKANSAS
RIGHT TO LIFE

January

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

1 Mary, Mother of God

9 St. Adrian of Canterbury

17 St. Anthony the Abbot

25 The Conversion of St. Paul

2 St. Basil

10 St. William of Bourges

18 St. Margaret of Hungary

26 St. Timothy

3 The most holy name of Jesus
(and St. Genevieve)

11 St. Theodosius

19 St. Fillan

27 St. Angela Merici

4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12 St. Tatiana of Rome

20 St. Fabian

28 St. Thomas Aquinas

5 St. John Neumann

13 St. Hilary of Poitiers

21 St. Agnes

29 Sts. Sabelius & Barbea

6 St. André Bessette

14 St. Felix of Nola

22 St. Vincent

30 St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti

7 St. Raymond of Peñafort

15 St. Paul the First Hermit

23 Espousal of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Joseph

31 St. John Bosco

8 Our Lady of Prompt Succor

16 St. Marcellus, Pope

24 St. Francis De Sales



WE HAVE NEW GAMES!!



Bingo is played in the school cafeteria on Tuesdays at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm.

Scan for the latest Bingo Information

We now have two Jackpots for \$1,000 currently at 50 & 57 numbers called
Raffle is up to \$ 1,550





	January 17, 2026	January 18, 2026
Lector	Sandy Goldsby Williford	Meline Beyers
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Ginger Wilkinson	Laura Saldivar
	Liz Posey	Tony Bell
	Ginger Creel	Andy Horton



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.
- ❖ Finance Council meeting Thursday, Jan. 15th at 5:00 pm.
- ❖ Parish Council meeting Thursday, Jan. 15th at 6:15 pm.
- ❖ 1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch January 4th, after Mass
- ❖ 2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch January 11th, after Mass - Guild



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	January	10	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Lucille Marconi†
Sunday	January	11	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sr. Christopher Flowers, Osb† Katy Boone†
Monday	January	12	NO MASS	
Tuesday	January	13	6:00 pm	Janie Justis†
Wednesday	January	14	8:00 am 5:00pm	Christopher Saldivar (B'day) Maria Asuncion Pena†
Thursday	January	15	8:00 am	Jean Etoch†
Friday	January	16	8:00 am	Devyne Hampton (B'day)
Saturday	January	17	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Hilda Phillips
Sunday	January	18	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lucille Marconi† John Halling†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Pat Hooper, 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, 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, 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:

January 4, 2026 St. Michael \$4,622.00

Sacred Heart \$1,019.00

Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●



RODRIGO DE AGUIAR / CATHOPIC

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



ANTONELLA ULAURI / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025