



[Solomon said to the Lord,]
“Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your
people and to distinguish
between good and evil.”

1 KINGS 3:9

What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus’ favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God’s dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God’s reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus’ disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus’ work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●



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Reflect

What image of God’s kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?

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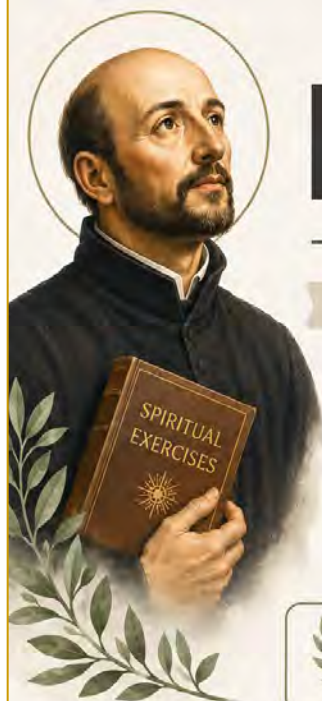
TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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SACRED HEART

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"Come adore the Lord truly present in the most blessed sacrament"



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Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will. All I have and call my own. You have given to me. To You, Lord, I return it. Everything is Yours; do with it what You will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; that is enough for me.



FEAST DAY
JULY 31



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

— For the Greater Glory of God —



SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA,
Pray for Us!



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
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51

&

59

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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Let's Bless Our **St. Michael's** *Catholic School* **TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS!**



As we prepare for the new school year,
we would love for our parish family to
help us bless our St. Michael's Catholic
School teachers and admin by creating
a welcome gift basket for each of them.



If you would like to donate,
envelopes will be available
in the church vestibule.

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You may place your donation
in the collection basket or
bring it to the church office.



**PLEASE HAVE ALL DONATIONS
TURNED IN BY**
Wednesday, August 5th



Thank you

Your kindness, support, and thoughtfulness
mean so much to our school family.

We are truly grateful for your generosity!





WORLD
Watch

WE STAYED FOR THE GAME, ENJOY



CUP Party

FELLOWSHIP, AND CHEERED TOGETHER



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](https://dolr.org)



Questions?
Please email respectlife@dolr.org.



**DIOCESE OF
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RESPECT LIFE OFFICE



LAST WEEK OF
SMCS
Summer Camp





Week of	August 1, 2026	August 2, 2026
Lector	Margie McCain	Carlyle Telesford
Linens	Diana Thompson	
Communion	James Alpuente	Tony Bell
	Bonnie Waller	Andy Horton
	Lisa Schafer	Laura Saldivar
Offertory	Christina Bolden	Jacob Wray Family
	Clara & Elizabeth Bolden	
Greeters	Alissa & Alivia Hampton	<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	25	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Etta Kely†
Sunday	July	26	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lynn Zachary Judy Shearer†
Monday	July	27	NO MASS	
Tuesday	July	28	6:00 pm	Danny Foster†
Wednesday	July	29	8:00 am	Miguel Pena†
Thursday	July	30	8:00 am	Virginia Marcellini (B'Day)
Friday	July	31	8:00 am	Ginger Wilkinson
Saturday	August	1	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone† Adoration Betty Kelly†
Sunday	August	2	8:30 am 10:30 am	Hilda Phillips Jack Crabtree†



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 \$3,266.00

Sacred Heart \$1,098.00

Dear Padre,

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, JANUARY 14,
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

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21