

As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?

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PRE Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Grades K-12

Parish Council Members

Mary Jane Flowers (President)

Ross Hensley (Vice-President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Bobby Hinze

Andy Horton

Carol Burdison

Jo Zachary

Joanne Smith

Bill Buckley

Beth Aureli

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Sandy Young

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

April 6, 2025 St. Michael \$5,019.00

Sacred Heart \$705.00

Eucharistic Adoration

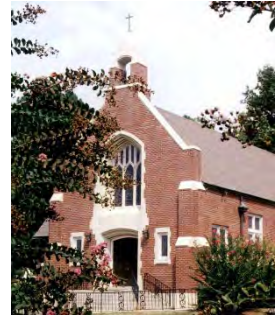
St. Michael Every Tuesday,
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart, Crawfordsville,
Every Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Every Saturday, before the Vigil Mass
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.



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

Fr. Gilbert will hear confessions at St.
Mary's of the Lake at 3 pm on Saturday,
April 12th.

Mass Times at our Sister Churches



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 and RAFFLE! Every Tuesday!

A GREAT and FUN way to support our school!

St. Michael's School Cafeteria

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Games begin at 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds given to St. Michael's School!

**Bingo Jackpot for \$1000
in 60 numbers.
And \$200 after 60!**

We have added a Special Raffle each week!

With the purchase of at least the minimum (\$15) bingo package
you can pay \$1 more to enter the raffle for a chance at over
\$2,600!



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Information

P R E

- ❖ Parish Religious Education is held
on Wednesday evenings
beginning with Mass at 5:30 pm.



*Comfort the afflicted.
PRE students want the
people served at
St. Mary's soup
kitchen to have a little
Easter surprise.*

Easter Flower Donations

For those who don't receive envelopes and wish to make donations for Easter Flowers, we have provided envelopes in the back of the church. You can return in next week's collection or drop them off at the church office.



Donations for New Sacred Vessels

We have started a fund to purchase new sacred vessels for both St. Michael's and Sacred Heart Churches. We plan to buy two chalices and matching ciborium for St. Michael. For Sacred Heart we have identified the need for one chalice and matching ciborium. If you care to donate, envelopes are available in the back of church. Any memorials or honorariums will be published in the bulletin once we have purchased and received them.



School Happenings

- ✓ The school will be closed on Friday, April 18th, and Monday, April 21st, for Easter break.
- ✓ FRIDAY, April 25th, is our annual field day. We will have Dr. Suess themed activities starting a 9:00 am. However, our spring musical, *Go Fish*, will make its debut on our final day of school, Friday, May 23rd, at 10:00 am in the gym.



*Above and right:
On Friday, Mrs. Libby, led our effort of putting together almost 100 birthday cake packages that will be given to Hope House Ministries.*



Above: Walker, Miles & Kash celebrate Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoon.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7 pm Mass St. Michael's (no morning Mass)
Friday: 3 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Michael's
Friday: 7 pm Good Friday Service, St. Michael's
Saturday: 6:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass, St. Michael's
Sunday: 8 am Mass, Sacred Heart
Sunday: 10 am Mass, St. Michael's



Below: Pre-K4 students show their excitement over an art project with Mrs. Taylor in our new Makerspace. They stamped sheets of paper with paint & bubble wrap.





	April 17, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 19, 2025	April 20, 2025
Lector	Margie McCain	Mary Lou Hall Suzy McAuley	Sandy Goldsby Kevin Meyers	Gustavo Perez
Linens	Mary Ann Tyrone			
Communion			Joanne Smith	Laura Saldivar
			Margie McCain	Tony Bell
			Libby Burroughs	Andy Hoton

Parish Organizations



- ◆ Infant of Prague Guild: the next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 7th, in the school cafeteria.
 - ◆ 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 May 4th, after Mass
 - ◆ 2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch April 13th, after Mass
- Infant of Prague Guild

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	April	12	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Adoration Bill Forman †
Sunday	April	13	8:00 am 10:00 am	Fr. Chris McDermott, CSSp † Judy Shearer †
Monday	April	14	NO MASS	
Tuesday	April	15	6:00 pm	Margaret McGinnis † B'day
Wednesday	April	16	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Gene † & Theresa † McGinnis
Thursday	April	17	7:00 pm	Vickey Stanford B'day
Friday	April	18		
Saturday	April	19	6:30 pm	First Communicants/Confirmandi
Sunday	April	20	8:00 am 10:00 am	Fr. Maury Smith, ofm B'day



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Mary Ann Tyrone, Terry Mullins, 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 Gultner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Bobby Cassidy, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Dorothy Barnes, Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, David & Ann James, Sung Sam Lee, Kay Loney, Lucille Marconi, 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,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

Thursday

April 17
Thursday of Holy Week
(Holy Thursday)
Chrim Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or
1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2,
9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Lk 24:1–12

Sunday

April 20
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9