



## Why Doesn't God Do Something?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, "I am now grown up." Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not "Why doesn't God do something?" but rather "Why do we not do something?" To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

### Reflect

*In what ways do I act like an adult?  
How is the world a better place because of me?*

[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8



# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Sacred Heart - Crawfordsville, AR.

Mission Church 216 S. Main Street

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Principal: Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

Grades PreK3-3rd

Parish Religion Education Director: Libby Burroughs

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

## 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:

May 25, 2025 St. Michael \$4,120.00

Sacred Heart \$ 408.00



# 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.**



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

## 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 51 numbers.  
And \$200 after 51!**



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latest Bingo  
Information

**We have added a Special Raffle each week!**

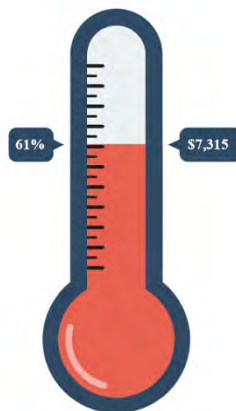
**With the purchase of at least the minimum (\$15) bingo package  
you can pay \$1 more to enter the raffle. The raffle pot is at  
\$3,000!**

## 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.

**GOAL: \$12,000**



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## Special Pentecost Collection

**June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will have a special second collection June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to support the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). This annual fund from collections at parishes served by Spiritan priests helps the order spread the Good News "to the ends of the earth."



## Pentecost Novena



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Novena.

# School Happenings



St. Michael's Catholic School  
**SUMMER PROGRAM 2025**  
June 9th, 2025 - July 25th, 2025

**THEMES**  
WEEK 1: 6/9-6/13 - Disney Week  
WEEK 2: 6/16-6/20- Beach Week  
WEEK 3: 6/23-6/27- Party in the USA Week  
CLOSED WEEK OF 6/30-7/4  
WEEK 4: 7/7-7/11 - Camping Week  
WEEK 5: 7/14-7/18 - Space Week  
WEEK 6: 7/21-7/25 - Wet & Wild Week

Science, Arts & Crafts, Team Building, & Water Fun

\$75 REGISTRATION PER CHILD  
\$35 DAILY PER CHILD  
\$175 WEEKLY PER CHILD  
\$100 SECOND CHILD

Call (870)-735-1730 if you have questions.

## Church Secretary Position Available

Our church is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to serve as our Church Secretary. Responsibilities include office management, accounts payable, data input, publishing bulletin, minor website updates, ordering and tracking supplies, and assisting at school when required. Individual should be proficient in use of MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Adobe Acrobat. If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to Fr. Gilbert at [westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com](mailto:westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com)

## Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Campaign

Please pick up a bottle from the vestibule, fill it with your loose change, cash or a check. Return the bottles Father's Day weekend or before.

Call Mary Jane Flowers (870-551-1106) for more information.





	<b>June 7, 2025</b>	<b>June 8, 2025</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Bonnie Waller	Tony Bell
<b>Linens</b>	Mary McDougal	
<b>Communion</b>	Bonnie Waller	Chris Thompson
	Lisa Schafer	Karin Thompson
	Libby Burroughs	Katie Reese

# Parish Organizations

- ◆ **Infant of Prague Guild:** the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, in the school cafeteria after 9:00 A.M Mass and a Rosary for our deceased members.
  - ◆ **Knights of Columbus** business meeting 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30 P.M.
  - ◆ **Parish Council** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 P.M.
  - ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch** June 1<sup>st</sup>, after Mass
  - ◆ **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday St. Michael Brunch** June 8<sup>th</sup>, after Mass
- Parish Council**



# LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	May	31	5:00 6:00	Adoration Teresa Williams †
Sunday	June	1	8:00 am 10:00 am	Mary Ann Tyrone Dolores Goche †
Monday	June	2	NO MASS	
Tuesday	June	3	6:00 pm	Bob Fletcher †
Wednesday	June	4	8:00 am	Teresa Williams †
Thursday	June	5	8:00 am	Teresa Williams †
Friday	June	6	8:00 am	Mike † & Michael † Burroughs
Saturday	June	7	9:00 am 6:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone † Teresa Williams †
Sunday	June	8	8:00 am 10:00 am	Bobby Cassidy † Michael Cutanda † Anniv.



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Illuminata Wilhelmi, Rev. Fr. Nolasco Mushi, CSSp, Theresa Black, Chris Gross, 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., 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,

## What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ's multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus' miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church's credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va).) ●

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

#### Monday

June 2  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1–8  
Jn 16:29–33

#### Tuesday

June 3  
St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Acts 20:17–27  
Jn 17:1–11a

#### Wednesday

June 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28–38  
Jn 17:11b–19

#### Thursday

June 5  
St. Boniface, Bishop  
and Martyr  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11  
Jn 17:20–26

#### Friday

June 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 25:13b–21  
Jn 21:15–19

#### Saturday

June 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31  
Jn 21:20–25

#### Sunday

June 8  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1–11  
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13  
or Rom 8:8–17  
Jn 20:19–23 or  
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26