



To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One's core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes *honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.*

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

**Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?
What do I need to work on?**

[Jesus said,] “My sheep
hear my voice; I know
them, and they follow me.”

JOHN 10:27



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)

Bobby Hinze

Andy Horton

Carol Burdison

Jo Zachary

Joanne Smith

Bill Buckley

Beth Aureli

Lisa Schafer

Sandy Young

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

May 4, 2025 St. Michael \$3,780.00

Sacred Heart \$1,438.00

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.**



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 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 48 numbers.
And \$200 after 48!**

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!**



Scan for the
latest Bingo
Information

P R E

- ❖ Wednesday, May 14th, is the final PRE class for the year. Each family should bring their favorite party food for a potluck dinner. There will be prizes for participation.
- ❖ Thanks to all the children who participated in last Sunday's May Procession.
- ❖ Congratulation to those who made their Communion Last Sunday!

Arantxa Cruz

Jose Gamez

Caroline Hensley

Thiago Hernandez

*Fr. Gilbert posing with our
First Communicants: Jose,
Thiago, Caroline and Arantxa.*



School Happenings

- ✓ Thank you to all parents and students who made teacher/staff appreciation week so wonderful. We were spoiled with:
 - ✓ Monday: Chick-fil-a breakfast
 - ✓ Tuesday: a delicious Mexican lunch from Mi Pueblo
 - ✓ Wednesday: Sweet Treat dessert bar
 - ✓ Thursday: Loaded teas
 - ✓ Friday: Rest and Recharge Gift Baskets
- ✓ Papal conclave: Kindergarten – 3rd Grades are learning about the process used to elect a new pope, the Church's rich apostolic history, and how the world will find out a new pope has been elected.
- ✓ On Thursday, we celebrated Fr. Gilbert's 15th Anniversary with cupcakes and presented him with spiritual bouquets.
- ✓ On Friday, we had "Donuts with Grownups after Mass.



Left: Mrs. Lanier's Pre-K4 students created blossoms for Mother's Day.



Spiritual bouquets for Fr. Gilbert from Kindergarten (left) and Pre-K4 (above).

Below: Our main bulletin board by the school office is a reminder of the papal conclave in Rome.



Below: Ms. Doyle's class had visitors on Tuesday. Miles and Walker pose with Miles' guinea pigs,



Happy Anniversary, Fr. Gilbert

May 8th Marks 15 Years

Please help us celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Fr. Gilbert's ordination. On Sunday, May 11th, we will celebrate with a reception after 10:00 am Mass.



**Feliz
aniversario,
Padre
Gilberto**
**El 8 de mayo
se cumplen
15 años**

Por favor, ayúdenos a celebrar el 15.^o aniversario de la ordenación del Padre Gilberto. El domingo 11 de mayo, celebraremos con una recepción después de la misa de las 10:00 a.m. En este momento tan especial, júnanse a nosotros en nuestra oración de agradecimiento a continuación!



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



Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Campaign

Hope of the Delta's annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser starts this weekend. 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.



Special Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign

May 17th & 18th

What impact do your donations make? The Catholic Communications Campaign presents a unique opportunity to help your neighbors and people across the country connect with Christ. Half of your donation supports the national communications programs of the bishops of the United States, while the other half stays at home in your diocese. Special envelopes for this collection are in the back of church.

Colecta Especial para la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas 17 y 18 de mayo

¿Qué impacto tienen sus donaciones? La Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas presenta una oportunidad única para ayudar a sus vecinos y a personas de todo el país a conectarse con Cristo. La mitad de su donación apoya los programas nacionales de comunicaciones de los obispos de Estados Unidos, mientras que la otra mitad se destina a su diócesis. Los sobres especiales para esta colecta se encuentran en la parte posterior de la iglesia.



Diocese of Little Rock - Office of Permanent **Diaconate Formation**



Are you called to be a DEACON?

About us

The Permanent Diaconate Formation Office is committed to preparing men to the diaconate in the Diocese of Little Rock. Leading a program which equips our candidates spiritually, academically, and pastorally to serve the Church.

Process

The Formation program consists of 5 years of academic, pastoral, spiritual and human aspects. The program is offered in English and Spanish.

Inquiry Meetings:

June 12 - St. Raphael's - Springdale
June 13 - St. Augustine - Dardanelle
June 14 - Christ the King - Fort Smith
June 19 - Blessed Sacrament - Jonesboro
June 20 - St. Edward's - Little Rock
June 25 - Holy Spirit - Hamburg
June 26 - Our Lady of Good Hope - Hope

All meetings are at 6 pm

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If anyone is interested in pursuing this very important vocation, please contact Fr. Gilbert! We ask everyone to pray for all involved in this program as they embark on this journey.



Diócesis de Little Rock - Oficina de Formación de **Diaconado Permanente**



¿Estás llamado a servir como un **DIACONO**?

¿Quiénes somos? Proceso

La Oficina de Formación del Diaconado Permanente está comprometida a preparar hombres llamados al diaconado en la Diócesis de Little Rock. Ofrecemos un programa que prepara a los candidatos espiritual, académica, y pastoralmente para servir a la Iglesia.

El programa consiste en 5 años de formación de los aspectos académico, pastoral, espiritual, y humana. El programa se ofrece en español e inglés.

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Todas las reuniones
inician a las 7:30 pm

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Si alguien está interesado en seguir esta importante vocación, ¡por favor, contacte al Padre Gilberto! Les pedimos a todos que oren por todos los participantes de este programa al emprender este camino.



	May 17, 2025	May 18, 2025
Lector	Kevin Meyers	Carlyle Telesford
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Shelley Pugh	Tony Bell
	Margie McCain	Andy Horton
	Volunteer Needed	Laura Saldivar

Parish Organizations

- ◆ **Infant of Prague Guild:** the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th, in the school cafeteria after 9:00 A.M Mass and a Rosary for our deceased members.
 - ◆ **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** June 1st, after Mass
 - ◆ **2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch** June 8th, after Mass
- Parish Council**



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	May	10	5:30 6:30	Adoration Chantal McPherson †
Sunday	May	11	8:00 am 10:00 am	Doylene Hinze † & Jack Schrantz † Carroll Maddox †
Monday	May	12	NO MASS	
Tuesday	May	13	6:00 pm	
Wednesday	May	14	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Chantal McPherson † PRE Students & Faculty
Thursday	May	15	8:00 am	Teresa Williams †
Friday	May	16	8:00 am	
Saturday	May	17	6:30 pm	Betty Guiltner †
Sunday	May	18	8:00 am 10:00 am	Frank B. Alpe † Carroll Maddox †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Illuminata Wilhelmi, Rev. Fr. Nolasco Mushi, CSSp, 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,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●



FEASTOCK / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Acts 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a
						Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



NANCY BAUER / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022