



Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



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COMMUNITY

Reflect

Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

JOHN 1:29



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times

- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

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SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

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

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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.

Cursillo An Encounter with Christ

The Cursillo method offers those who have the potential to influence others a personal encounter with Christ and the tools to strengthen, support, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by evangelizing their daily environments.

A method to find, form, and sustain lay leadership for Christ and His Church. Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a movement of the Church that promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. It provides an opportunity to deepen your Catholic faith and to experience the love of God within a supportive and prayerful community.

Cursillo Weekends



Men's Weekend: January 29 – February 1, 2026

Women's Weekend: February 26 – March 1, 2026

Call the church office for more information or to register

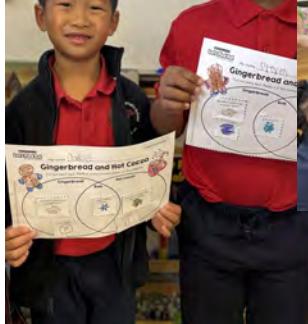
The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical 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



 Knights of Columbus
— 52nd Annual —
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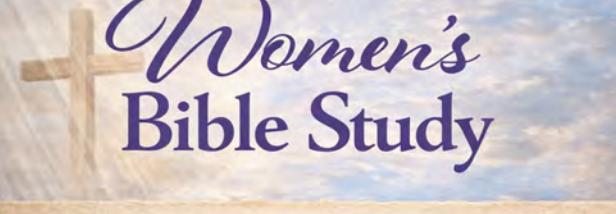
February 4, 2026
4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

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.



Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays following the
8:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information, please contact:
Becky Rushing
 (901) 652-2390



SPAGHETTI SAUCE



FOR SALE
\$20 A QUART
PROCEEDS GO TO
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Attention Sunday Ushers:



There will be an usher training on
Sunday, January 25
after Mass in the cafeteria.

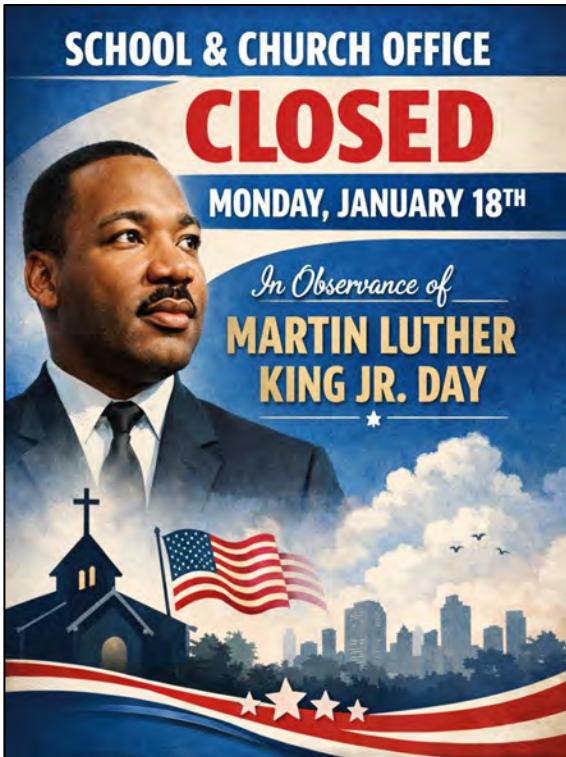
Please make every effort to attend.

 For more information, contact Tony Bell. 

WORD SEARCH

ADULTERY
COVET
EXODUS
FALSEWITNESS
FATHER
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HONOR
KILL
MOTHER
SABBATH
STEAL
VAIN

A D U L T E R Y N B E G G T Y
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N M T O Z X M O T H E R T R M
R R Q V B B V I J T U N G O K
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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.



Project Rachel Ministry

Virtual Healing Resource

(V.H.R.)

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

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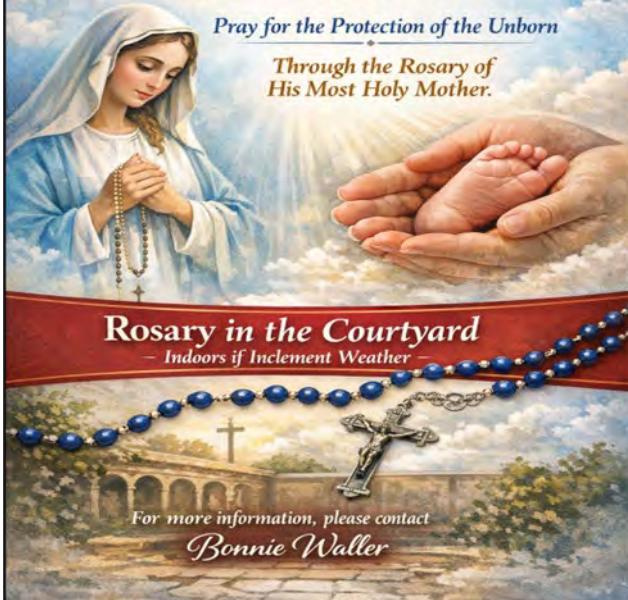
To register, call or text
CONFIDENTIALLY 501-663-0996,
or email: projectrachel@dlr.org

Rosary Rally

January 24 at 12:00 Noon

Pray for the Protection of the Unborn

Through the Rosary of
His Most Holy Mother.



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. Sarbelius & 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.

We now have two Jackpots for \$1,000 currently at 51
& 58 numbers called
Raffle is up to \$ 1,550



Scan for the latest
Bingo Information





LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



	January 24, 2026	January 25, 2026
Lector	Margie McCain	Jessie Drake
Linens		Mary Ann Tyrone
Communion	Elizabeth Reece	Patsy Fletcher
	Fairly Vega	Bert Jenkins
	Jo Ann Vega	Beth Aureli



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	17	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Hilda Phillips
Sunday	January	18	8:30 am 10:30 am	Lucille Marconi† John Halling†
Monday	January	19	NO MASS	
Tuesday	January	20	6:00 pm	Curt Beyer†
Wednesday	January	21	8:00 am 5:30pm	Bill McKee † Sallie Reece†
Thursday	January	22	8:00 am	Richard Williford†
Friday	January	23	8:00 am	Margaret McGinnis†
Saturday	January	24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration David & Ann James†
Sunday	January	25	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jim & Sis Young† William Billings†

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Pat Hooper, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wilhelm, 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 11, 2026 St. Michael \$3,535.00
Sacred Heart \$931.00

Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16-23	1 Sm 16:1-13	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7	1 Sm 24:3-21	Is 8:23-9:3	1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mk 2:18-22	Mk 2:23-28	Mk 3:1-6	Mk 3:7-12	Mk 3:13-19	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025