



## Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

**O**f 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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### 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

411 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

### Mass Times

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

**Pastor:** Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp

### Church Office

410 Pine St., West Memphis, AR

Phone: 870-733-1212

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AR 72303

Email: [westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com](mailto:westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com)

Office Hours:

**Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

**Secretary:** Gladys Hampton

### St. Michael's Catholic School

Email: [smcswm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smcswm@sbcglobal.net)

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Facebook: [facebook.com/wmsmcs/](https://www.facebook.com/wmsmcs/)

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**Grades:** PreK3 & PreK4, K, 1st, 2nd, 4th

405 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

Phone: 870-735-1730

## SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

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

### Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Director: Libby Burroughs

PRE Classes: **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (Grades K–12)**

### Financial Council Members

Donna McAlister

Kevin Meyers

Shelley Pugh

Joanne Smith

Ken Thomas

Ginger Wilkinson

Phillip Wray

### Parish Council Members

Patsy Fletcher (President)

Lisa Schafer (Vice President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Beth Aureli

Tony Bell

Mary Jane Flowers

Claude Hunt

Ricardo Ledezma

Tim Marconi

Joanne Smith

Lauren Wray

Jo Zachary



# EUCHARISTIC 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.



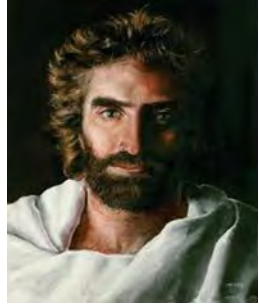
## Cursillo

### 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.

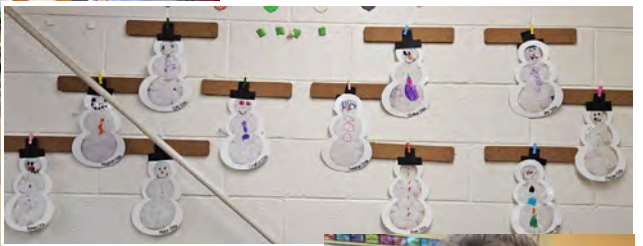


La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida a proteger a los niños y jóvenes. Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al (800) 482-5964 y con el Canciller



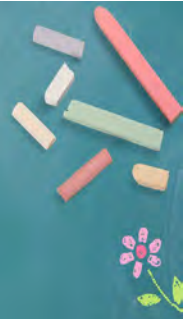
para Asuntos Canónicos, Diác. Matthew A. Glover (501) 664-0340, ext. 361. Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock Laura Gottsponer (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diócesis de Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

# SMCS HAPPENINGS



## SMCS News

- Catholics Schools Week  
Jan. 26th-30th
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
Jan. 29th





Knights of Columbus

— 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual —

# OYSTER SUPPER

**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.

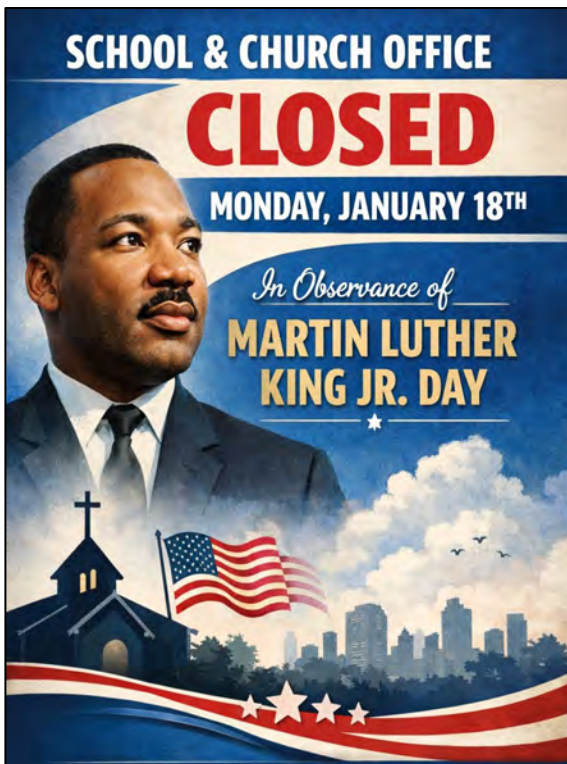
Please make every effort to attend.

☎ For more information, contact Tony Bell. ✉

## WORD SEARCH

ADULTERY  
COVET  
EXODUS  
FALSEWITNESS  
FATHER  
GRAVEN  
HONOR  
KILL  
MOTHER  
SABBATH  
STEAL  
VAIN

A D U L T E R Y N B E G G T Y  
Z I F C Z Z Y B M M J G Y E T  
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  
Y M Z E G W Z J E Z Y Y J W P  
C Q C T R E T T W G Y A Q C X  
S T E A L Q S F G U R D Q T H  
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B Y I T Z Y E F A V R Z V Q C  
B V K G I Y O X A L T R S E P  
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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**  
 (VHR)

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**

Project Rachel is  
 a ministry of  
 the Diocese of Little Rock



To register, call or text  
 CONFIDENTIALLY 501-663-0996,  
 or email: [projectracheledolr.org](mailto:projectracheledolr.org)

# Rosary Rally

January 24 at 12:00 Noon

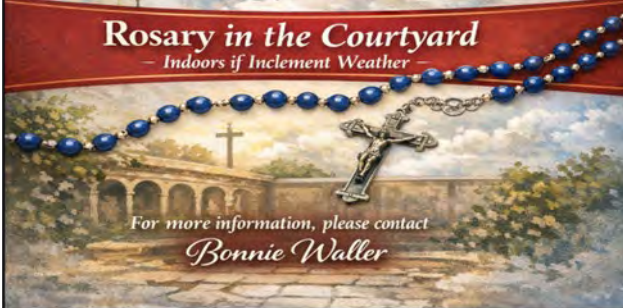
*Pray for the Protection of the Unborn*

*Through the Rosary of  
 His Most Holy Mother.*



## Rosary in the Courtyard

– Indoors if Inclement Weather –



For more information, please contact  
*Bonnie Waller*

# 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 (Card 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. Sabelius & 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.

Scan for the latest Bingo Information

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





LITURGICAL  
MINISTRIES



	January 24, 2026	January 25, 2026
<b>Lector</b>	Margie McCain	Jessie Drake
<b>Linens</b>	Mary Ann Tyrone	
<b>Communion</b>	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 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Finance Council** meeting Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.
- ❖ **Parish Council** meeting Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.
- ❖ **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch** January 4<sup>th</sup>, after Mass
- ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday St. Michael Brunch** January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 Wilhelmi, 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. ●



THOMAS ORRICO / CATHOLIC

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

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



FRANCISCO XAVIER ESPINOZA / CATHOLIC

## **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**