



They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

MATTHEW 14:20



Seeing as God Sees

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●



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Reflect

Do you wish you could see a certain person or situation more like the way God sees?

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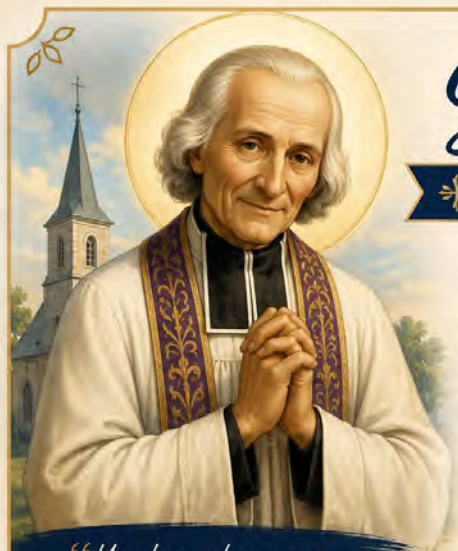
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"Come adore the Lord truly present in the most blessed sacrament"



St. John Vianney

PATRON SAINT OF PARISH PRIESTS

FEAST DAY AUGUST 4TH

Saint John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests. He was a pastor in the eighteenth century in Ars, France. Though never much of a scholar, his incredible holiness, perseverance, and reliance on God transformed southern France.

People waited in line for days to go to Confession with him where he spent **16-18 hours** a day.

One of the most treasured anecdotes about St. John Vianney tells of his encounter with a young shepherd who led him into Ars. St. John Vianney said to the shepherd boy, **"You have shown me the way to Ars. I will show you the way to Heaven."**



"You have shown me the way to Ars. I will show you the way to Heaven."

- ST. JOHN VIANNEY



Join us for
BINGO
 every
TUESDAY NIGHT
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AT
6:00PM



GAMES START
AT
7:00PM

WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS
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&

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NUMBER CALLED NUMBERS CALLED







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LATEST
BINGO INFO.

✦ Second Collection ✦

Catholic Home Mission Appeal

August 15-16, 2026



This special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas. It strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories where resources are thin and priests are few.

The funds collected help these Catholic communities survive and thrive, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, training for lay ministers and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help.



For many years Catholic Home Missions has given much support to the Diocese of Little Rock, which has enabled the diocese to help many parishes in need of special support.



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Let's Bless Our

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HOW TO GIVE:

- ♥ Donation envelopes are available in the church vestibule.
- ♥ Place your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the church office.



Donations Due:

WEDNESDAY,

August 5th



Thank You!

Your generosity is a blessing
to our school family!



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITY OF THE

Assumption

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026



MASS 9:00 AM

At ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH





Week of	August 8, 2026	August 9, 2026
Lector	Grace Reece	Matt Fletcher
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Shelley Pugh	Bert Jenkins
	Margie McCain	Beth Aureli
	Sandy G. Williford	Patsy Fletcher
Offertory	Chris Warner	Cubidies Family
	Stewart & Rebecca Warner	
Greeters	Mary Jane Flowers	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & FELLOWSHIP



INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD: Meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. *Please watch here for announcements*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday of each month · 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council - Thursday, Aug. 20th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Aug. 20th · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Aug. 2nd *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Aug. 9th *Following Mass – Knights*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	August	1	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone† Adoration Betty Kelly†
Sunday	August	2	8:30 am 10:30 am	Hilda Phillips Jack Crabtree†
Monday	August	3	NO MASS	
Tuesday	August	4	6:00 pm	Danny Foster†
Wednesday	August	5	8:00 am	Glenn Griffin†
Thursday	August	6	8:00 am	Jennifer Shiberou†
Friday	August	7	8:00 am	Mike & Michael Burroughs†
Saturday	August	8	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Frances McGinnis†
Sunday	August	9	8:30 am 10:30 am	Irmgard Paulk† Bill Slaughter†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Patsy & Danny Haynes, James Bell, Charlie Dabbs, Ginny Kimbrell, Carlton Coveny, Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, 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, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, 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:

July 26,2026 St. Michael \$4,868.00

Sacred Heart \$933.00

Dear Padre,

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, “Do this in memory of me.” But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

“The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed” (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, “Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds” (*GIRM* 281). “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors “should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation” (*GIRM* 282). ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME,
JANUARY 14, 2026



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday

August 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15,
18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

August 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 6
The Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday

August 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

August 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33