



Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

The love of God has been
poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has
been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

Reflect

*Do I need more silence?
Do I find silence difficult?*

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.

Church Office

410 Pine St., West Memphis, AR

Phone: 870-733-1212

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 899, West Memphis, AR 72303

Email: 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

Website: stmichaelwm.com

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

Principal: Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

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.

Pastor: Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp

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"

HOLY WEEK

SEMANA SANTA 2026

MARCH
29

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM 
10:30 AM

APRIL
4

HOLY SATURDAY

6:00 PM

APRIL
2

HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 PM

APRIL
5

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM 
10:30 AM

APRIL
3

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 PM



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 SACRED HEART

Retiro Parroquial de Cuaresma

Marzo 13-14, 2026

Iglesia Católica San Miguel
405 N. Missouri Street
West Memphis, AR 72301

¡Te esperamos! Ven y encuentra a Jesús.
Él desea llenar tu corazón hambriento.

Directora/Oradores del Retiro: Debbie Eckert y P. John Marconi

Viernes, Marzo 13:

6:00 pm - Via Crucis, Cena ligera y Breve Reflexión

Sábado, Marzo 14:

8:00 am - Misa, Café, Donas y Convivencia

9:00 am - Charlas del Retiro Comienzan

Se Proveerá Almuerzo • Concluye Alrededor de las 3:00 pm

El retiro es gratuito, pero favor de registrarse por Flocknote o llamando a la oficina parroquial.

— *Homemade* —
Spaghetti Sauce
— *for Sale!* —



\$10 per Quart

All Proceeds Benefit
St. Michael's Catholic School



Thank you for supporting our school!

SAVE THE DATE!

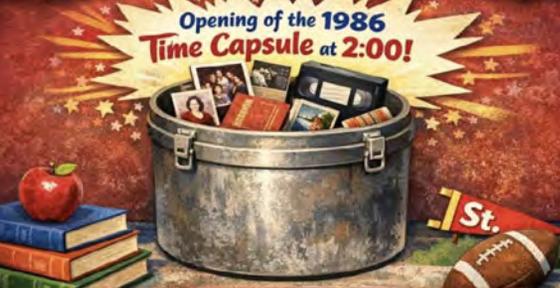


**St. Michael's School
REUNION!**

For all former students, teachers,
parents, and friends of the School.

Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 1:00 - 3:00

Opening of the **1986
Time Capsule at 2:00!**



**405 N. Missouri Street,
West Memphis, Arkansas 72301**

SMICS had a special visitor

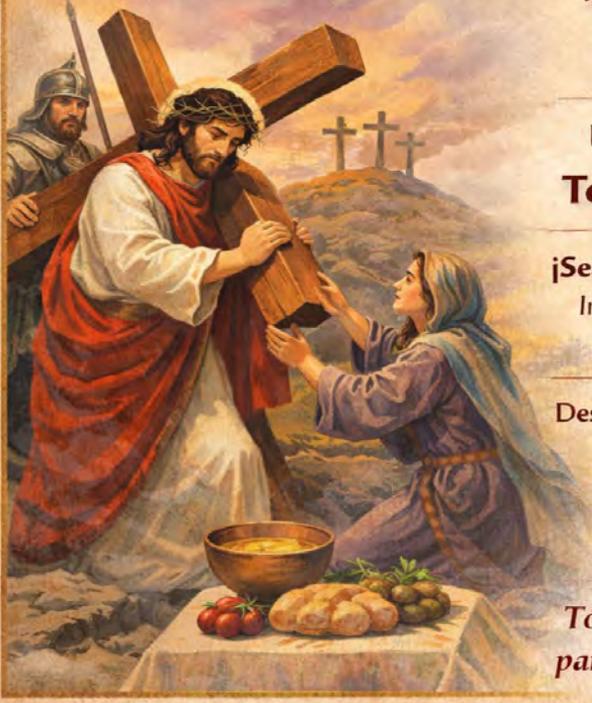


The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical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





Vía Crucis

Únase a nosotros en **San Miguel**
Todos los viernes a las 6:00 PM

¡Sea voluntario para leer una de las estaciones!

Inscribase a través de Flocknote o comuníquese
con la oficina parroquial

Después del servicio, acompáñenos en el gimnasio
escolar por una **cena sencilla** de Cuaresma

A cargo de los Caballeros de Colón y
la **Cofradía del Niño de Praga**

Tódos son bienvenidos
para oración, reflexión
y convivencia



Magnificat

Women are invited to attend a *Magnificat Meal*
Saturday, March 28 • from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

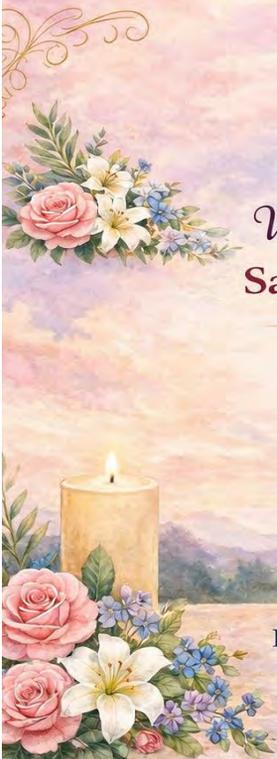
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SPIRITAN CENTER
1115 College Ave., Conway, AR 72034

Guest speaker *Kathleen Beckman*
who will speak on “Armor of God.”

Tickets: \$20 for adults • \$15 for those under 21
Free for clergy and religious

Registration deadline: March 23 • Limited seating available.
No tickets will be sold at the door.

To tickets, call *Donna Dayer* at (501) 733-1789.



VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY
Hope & Healing
for women wounded by abortion

LEARN FROM THE STORIES OF 12 AMAZING WOMEN
OF THE BIBLE

March 2 - April 20, 2026

Monday evenings from 6:00-7:15 pm

Join from the comfort & privacy of your own space.
Video not required if you wish to remain anonymous.

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

Please register by February 25, 2026
This Bible Study is FREE.



Catholic Relief
Services
Collection



March 14 & 15

Your gift helps provide food,
support refugees,
and share Christ's love
with those in need here
and around the world.



Please give generously.

Stations of the Cross

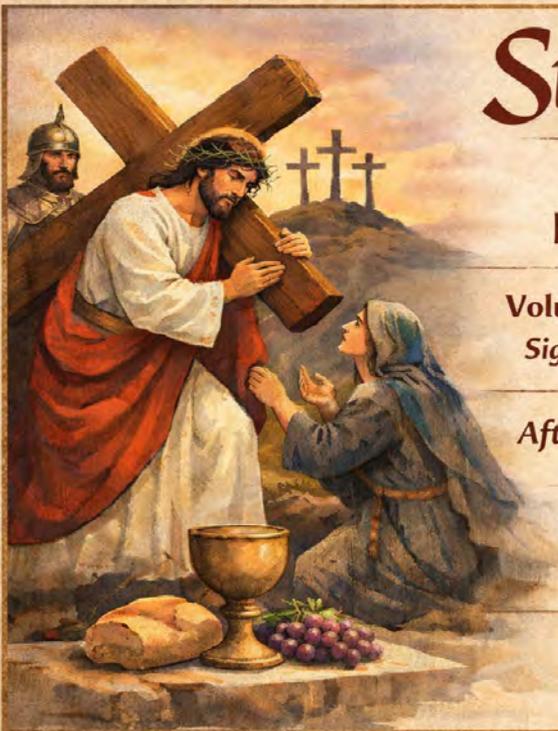
Join us at **St. Michael's**
Every Friday at 6:00 PM

Volunteer as a reader for one of the Stations!
Sign up via Flocknote or contact the church office.

*After the service, please join us in the school cafeteria
for a **Lenten Meal***

*Compliments of the Knights of Columbus &
Infant of Prague Guild*

*All are welcome for prayer,
reflection & fellowship*



Parish Lenten Retreat

March 13–14, 2026

St. Michael's Catholic Church

405 N. Missouri Street • West Memphis, AR 72301

Come and encounter Jesus —

He longs to fill your hungry hearts this Lenten season!

Retreat Directors:

Debbie Eckert & Fr. John Marconi

Friday, March 13

Saturday, March 14

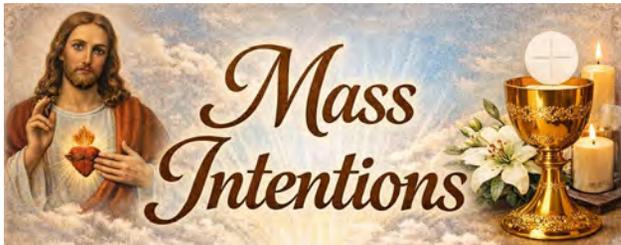
- ◆ 6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Light Supper to Follow
- ◆ Short Talk

- ◆ 8:00 AM – Holy Mass
- ◆ Coffee & Donuts
- ◆ 9:00 AM – Retreat Talks
- ◆ Lunch Provided
- ◆ Retreat Concludes ~ 3:00 PM

No Cost to Attend!

Please Register through **Flocknote**
or Call the **Church Office**

Join us for a time of Prayer, Reflection & Renewal!



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.



INTENCIONES DE MISA

Las intenciones de Misa pueden ofrecerse por el descanso del alma de un ser querido fallecido, por sanación, por una ocasión especial o por una intención especial para usted, un familiar o un amigo.

Por favor complete un sobre disponible en el vestibulo de la iglesia o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para conocer las fechas disponibles.

Se acostumbra ofrecer una ofrenda de **\$10 por cada Misa.**



BINGO NIGHT!

Join us for Bingo every Tuesday night
in the School Cafeteria!



Games Start at:

7:00 PM



Doors Open at:

6:00 PM

We now have **TWO** Jackpots worth **\$1,000** each,
currently at:

★ 47 numbers called & 55 numbers called

Raffle Prize is now up to: \$ 1,550



Bring your friends, family, and lucky charms!

We can't wait to see you there!

SCAN FOR
THE LATEST
BINGO INFO!

CASA 2026

Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal



"Charity should begin at home."

Your Gift Supports:

- Catholic Schools
- Charitable Medical Clinics
- Youth Ministries
- Seminarian Education
- Disaster Relief
- Adoption Services
- And many other diocesan programs

Make a Difference Close to Home

Please give generously and join us in supporting CASA 2026. Together, we can care for our neighbors and build a stronger Church in Arkansas.

Become a CASA supporter today.

Every contribution helps meet real needs, strengthen our faith community, and serve those most in need throughout our diocese.



Week of	March 14, 2026	March 15, 2026
Lector	Bonnie Waller	Melanie Beyer
Linens	Mary Lou Hall	
Communion	Lisa Schafer	Andy Horton
	James Alpuente	Laura Saldivar
	Bonnie Waller	Tony Bell
Offertory	Sandy G. Williford	Fletcher Family
	Joanne Smith	
Greeters	Linda Gay	Anna & Christina Lugay

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.
- ❖ Parish Finance Council meeting Thursday, March 19h at 5:00 pm.
- ❖ Parish Pastoral Council meeting Thursday, March 19th at 6:15 pm.
- ❖ 1st Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch April 5th, after Mass
- ❖ 2nd Sunday St. Michael Brunch March 8th, after Mass - PC



LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	March	7	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone† Adoration Ernest Miller Sr†
Sunday	March	8	8:30 am 10:30 am	Bessie McNeil† Cardinal Pengo His Eminence †
Monday	March	9	NO MASS	
Tuesday	March	10	6:00 pm	Evan Wray†
Wednesday	March	11	8:00 am 5:30pm	Agnes Beauregard† Ray Knapp†
Thursday	March	12	8:00 am	Fr. Peter Sabinus Assenga†
Friday	March	13	8:00 am	Betty Fletcher†
Saturday	March	14	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Hilda Phillips
Sunday	March	15	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jean Etoch † Tommy Goldsby †



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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, 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:

March 1, 2026 St. Michael \$3,098.00

Sacred Heart \$1,222.00

Dear Padre,

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



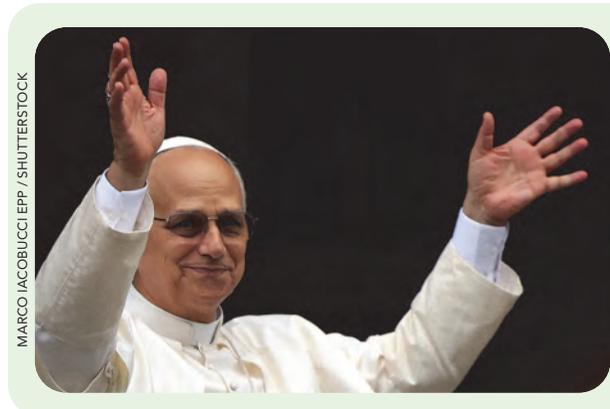
CATHOPIC

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24–30	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35	Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19	Jer 7:23–28 Lk 11:14–23	Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34	Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.

HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025