Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 5:1–7 / Philippians 4:6–9 / Matthew 21:33–43

The Gradual Road to Ruin

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

A wise old sage once observed, "When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid." The parable in today's gospel illustrates this wisdom.

The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It's time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. *Kill the son,* they think, *and all that he would have inherited will be ours!*

How do you get from "don't pay the rent" to "kill the son"? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you've embraced convinces you that you're making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

Reflect

Am I aware of a sin that has become easy to commit?



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ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Mass Times

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

SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

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

Pastor: Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp

Church Office

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Phone: 870-733-1212

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Email:westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Secretary: Gladys Hampton

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Director: Libby Burroughs

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

St. Michael's Catholic School

Email: smcswm@sbcglobal.net

Website: stmichaelwm.com

Facebook: facebook.com/wmsmcs/

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EUCHARISTIC *Adoration*

ST MICHAEL'S

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.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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1181/1182 – 1226 | FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi was a Catholic saint from Assisi, Italy, known for his love of God, the poor, animals, and all of creation. He gave up a life of wealth to live simply and serve others, eventually founding the Franciscan Order.

- He had a special love for animals and nature.
- Stories tell of him preaching to birds and taming a wolf.
- He created the first live Nativity scene in Greccio.
- He traveled during the Crusades with a message of peace.
- He viewed all creatures as his "brothers and sisters."

St. Francis is the ***patron saint of animals and ecology*** and remains one of the Church's most beloved saints because of his humility, compassion, and care for all of God's creation.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, October 10th at 8:30 AM

Join us as we work together to help keep the outside of our church looking nice.

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Bring your rakes, leaf blowers, gloves, or anything else that can help with cleaning up the church grounds.



THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday October 18th, 2026

"Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitude.'"

— Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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FRIDAY, OCT. 9, 2026

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Contact Megan Moore
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Catholic Charities of Arkansas



St. Michael's & Sacred Heart

2026–2027

FAITH FORMATION

PRE & OCIA

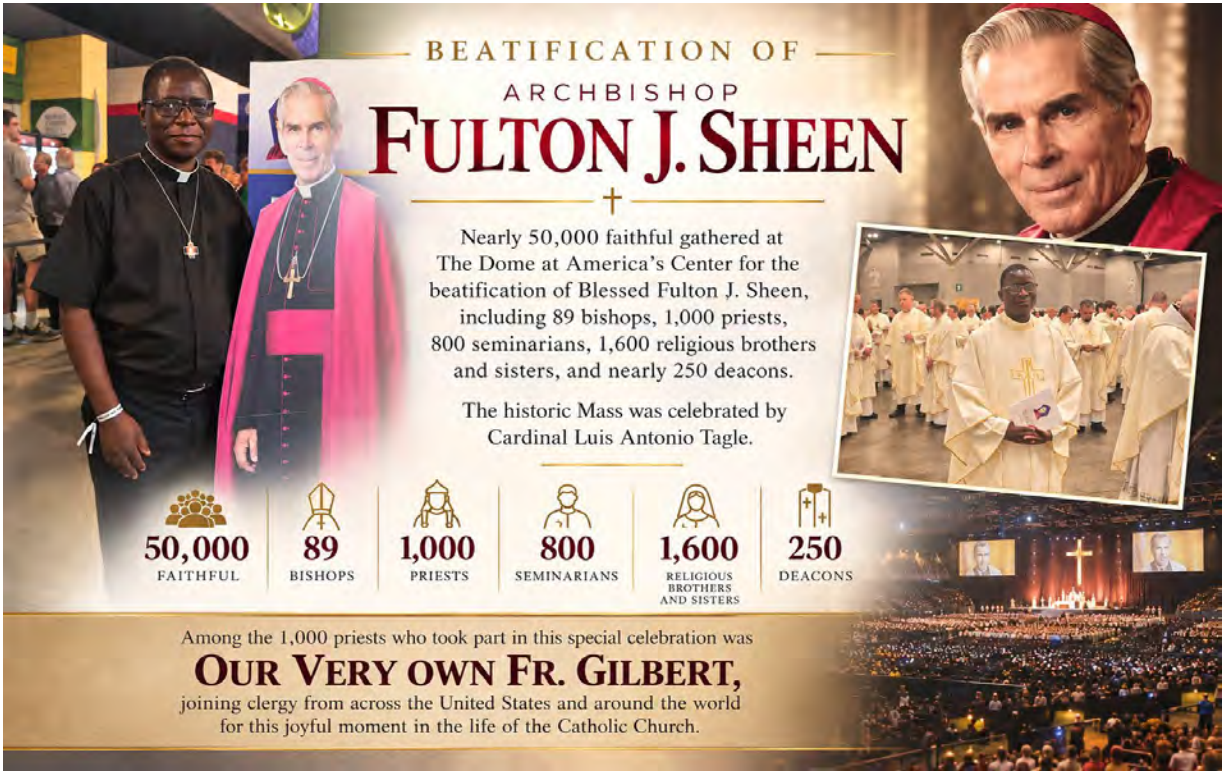
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NO CLASSES

There will be no PRE or OCIA classes and no 5:30 PM Mass on

Wednesday, October 7th.

Please enjoy your evening, and we will see everyone at our next scheduled class!



IF YOU ARE

Needing to

ADD OR REMOVE

SOMEONE TO THE

Prayer List,

PLEASE CONTACT

the Church Office.

THANK YOU!

Baptism

Parents desiring Baptism for their children.

Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment.

Bautismo

Padres que desean el Bautismo para sus hijos.

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para programar una cita.

BINGO NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

GAMES START AT 7:00PM

WE NOW HAVE TWO JACKPOTS WORTH $1,000 EACH!

57 NUMBER CALLED & 51 NUMBERS CALLED

RAFFLE PRIZE IS NOW UP TO $ 1,000

JOIN US FOR BINGO every TUESDAY NIGHT

IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND LUCKY CHARMS.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE.

SCAN FOR LATEST BINGO INFO.

DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA DE LITTLE ROCK

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 | Asesor General, 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) 499-9110

Diócesis de Little Rock
2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

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:

STATE OF ARKANSAS HOTLINE FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
1-800-482-5964

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FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE
please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock:
Laura Gottsponer
(501) 499-9110

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
– Mark 10:14

DIOCESE OF LITTLE ROCK
2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

Come and See Retreat

October 17-18
at Holy Angels Convent



Come experience Monastic Life
with the Olivetan Benedictine Sisters!

FALL BREAK

St. Michael's Catholic School will be on
Fall Break October 8-9!

Classes will resume on
Monday, October 12th.

We hope everyone has a fun, safe, and relaxing Fall Break!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Week of	October 10, 2026	October 11, 2026
Lector	Margie McCain	Patsy Fletcher
Linens	Mary Lou Hall	
Communion	Lisa Schafer	Libby Burroughs
	James Alpuente	Sarah Horton
	Bonnie Waller	*VOLUNTEER NEEDED*
Offertory	Allyssa Franks & Kaden McKinnon	Jacob Wray Family



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, Oct. 15th · 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council- Thursday, Oct. 22nd · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Oct 4th *Following Mass*
ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Oct 11th *Following Mass – Guild*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	October	3	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	MSGR Bernard Malone✝ Adoration Jack Crabtree✝
Sunday	October	4	8:30 am 10:30 am	Irmgard Paulk✝ Bo Morphis✝
Monday	October	5	NO MASS	
Tuesday	October	6	6:00 pm	Naomi Meyers✝
Wednesday	October	7	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Jerry Lancaster✝ Gene McGinnis✝
Thursday	October	8	8:00 am	Georgia Durmeier(B'day)✝ Robyn Fulton✝
Friday	October	9	8:00 am	Fr Peter Ocholi Okolo
Saturday	October	10	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Bobby Cassidy✝
Sunday	October	11	8:30 am 10:30 am	Juanita Alpe✝ Armando Carranza✝



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Mark Franceschini, Conrad Wilhelmi, Sarah Pizzolatto, Bobby Hollingsworth, Carli Albrecht, Bangie Camper, JoAnn Vega, 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, Mar, 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, 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:

September 27,2026 St. Michael's $3,522.00
Sacred Heart $767.00

Dear Padre,

My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?



HLEB RAHOISHA / PEXELS

Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, "The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love" ("Why We Bless Animals," *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it's especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

"PRAY WITH THE POPE" VIDEO MESSAGE, MARCH 2026

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MARCO IACOBUCCI EPP - SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday
October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6–12
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday
October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13–24
Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday
October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1–2, 7–14
Lk 11:1–4

Thursday
October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1–5
Lk 11:5–13

Friday
October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7–14
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday
October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22–29
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday
October 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6–10a
Phil 4:12–14, 19–20
Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

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