

Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

## The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**wenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, “It is the Lord!” For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

### Reflect

***Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?***

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

411 N. Missouri St, West Memphis, AR 72301

## Sacred Heart - Crawfordsville, AR.

Mission Church 216 S. Main Street

Fr. Gilbert Tairo, C&Sp, Pastor

### Church Office:

410 Pine Street

870-733-1212

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

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

Office Hours: Tue 8:00 am -5:00 pm, Wed-Fri 8:00 am-Noon, Closed Mondays

Patsy Fletcher, Church Secretary (cell: 901-647-1402)

**School:** 405 N. Missouri Street, West Memphis, AR 72301

870-735-1730

<mailto:smcswm@sbcglobal.net> Web Page: [stmichaelwm.com](http://stmichaelwm.com)

Find Saint Michael School on Facebook: [facebook.com/wmsmcs/](https://facebook.com/wmsmcs/)

Principal: Michael Beauregard, Ed.D.

Grades PreK3-3rd

Parish Religion Education Director: Libby Burroughs

PRE Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Grades K-12

## Parish Council Members

Mary Jane Flowers (President)

Ross Hensley (Vice-President)

Margaret Henson (Secretary)

Bobby Hinze

Andy Horton

Carol Burdison

Jo Zachary

Joanne Smith

Bill Buckley

Beth Aureli

Lisa Schafer

Sandy Young

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

April 27, 2025 St. Michael \$5,740.00

Sacred Heart \$491.00



# Eucharistic Adoration

**St. Michael Every Tuesday,  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart, Crawfordsville,  
Every Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Every Saturday, before the Vigil Mass  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**



## **Mass Times at our Sister Churches**



**St. Mary of the Lake Church**  
626 Horseshoe Circle  
Horseshoe Lake, AR 72348  
Sunday Vigil – Saturday 4 pm

**St. Francis of Assisi Church**  
621 S. Washington St.  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
Sunday 12:15 pm  
Tuesday, Thursday 12:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration Thursday,  
11:30 am

**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 at 870-733-1212 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.



## **Bingo and RAFFLE! Every Tuesday!**

**A GREAT and FUN way to support our school!**

**St. Michael's School Cafeteria**

**Doors open at 6:00 p.m.**

**Games begin at 7:00 p.m.**

**All proceeds given to St. Michael's School!**

**Bingo Jackpot for \$1000  
in 47 numbers.  
And \$200 after 47!**

**We have added a Special Raffle each week!**

**With the purchase of at least the minimum (\$15) bingo package  
you can pay \$1 more to enter the raffle for a chance at over  
\$2,800!**



Scan for the  
latest Bingo  
Information

## **P R E**

- ❖ Parish Religious Education is held on Wednesday evenings beginning with Mass at 5:30 pm.
- ❖ Sunday, May 4th, is the Parish May Procession. All children of the parish should meet in the school cafeteria before 10:00 am Mass to line up for the procession to honor Mary, Mother of Jesus.
- ❖ Congratulation to those making their First Communion on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.

**Arantxa Cruz**

**Jose Gamez**

**Caroline Hensley**

**Thiago Hernandez**



- ❖ Our "2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday" Brunch will be moved to the First Sunday in May to Honor our First Communicants.
- ❖ Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, is the final PRE class for the year. Each family should bring their favorite party food for a potluck dinner. There will be prizes for participation.

# School Happenings

- ✓ Although Field Day was last Friday, we wanted to share some photos to show how much fun we had. Thank you again, Mrs. Sandy, for spearheading this effort!
- ✓ On Friday we had our May procession and honored Mary as our Mother!
- ✓ Please join us at Mass on Thursday morning, May 8<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate Fr. Gilbert's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



*Left: Fr. Gilbert, Dr. Beauregard and all of the students following Friday morning's May Procession.*

*Above: Izabella (K) after crowning Mary at our May procession.*



*Above: Mrs. Lanie and her Pre-K(4) students taking a breather from the games*



*Above: The Pre-K(3) students pose for Ms. Sharon in between games*

*Below: The older classes give some of the parents a tough time in the tug of war. Mrs. Sandy was our judge, and it was just too close to call!*





# Happy Anniversary, Fr. Gilbert

## May 8<sup>th</sup> Marks 15 Years

Please help us celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. Gilbert's ordination. On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, the faculty, staff and students will celebrate at 8 am Mass with a small reception following in the school cafeteria. On Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate with a reception after 10:00 am Mass. During this special time, please join us in our prayer of thanksgiving below!



Heavenly Father, we humbly come before you today to offer our heartfelt thanks for the priest who has faithfully served your people for so many years. We thank you for his willingness to go above and beyond, his compassion and kindness, and his dedication to your church's mission.

We are grateful for the many ways he has touched our lives, his wisdom and guidance, his commitment to the Gospel, and his tireless efforts to bring souls to Christ. We thank you for the many blessings that have come through his ministry and the joy he has brought us.

We ask that you continue to bless this priest with your grace and mercy and give him the strength and courage to serve you faithfully. May he be filled with your peace and joy as he serves you.

We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Feliz aniversario, Padre Gilberto El 8 de mayo se cumplen 15 años

Por favor, ayúdennos a celebrar el 15.º aniversario de la ordenación del Padre Gilberto. El jueves 8 de mayo, el profesorado, el personal los alumnos celebrarán en la misa de las 8:00 a.m., seguida de una pequeña recepción en la cafetería del colegio. El domingo 11 de mayo, celebraremos con una recepción después de la misa de las 10:00 a.m. En este momento tan especial, júnanse a nosotros en nuestra oración de agradecimiento a continuación!



Padre Celestial, humildemente venimos ante ti hoy para ofrecerte nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por el sacerdote que ha servido fielmente a la gente durante tantos años. Te agradecemos su disposición a ir más allá, su compasión y bondad, y su dedicación a la misión de tu iglesia. Te agradecemos las muchas maneras en que ha tocado nuestras vidas, su sabiduría y guía, su compromiso con el Evangelio y sus incansables esfuerzos por llevar almas a Cristo. Te agradecemos las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido a través de su ministerio y la alegría que nos ha traído. Te pedimos que continúes bendiciendo a este sacerdote con tu gracia y misericordia, y que le des la fuerza y el valor para servirte fielmente. Que se llene de tu paz y alegría al servirte. Ofrecemos esta oración en el nombre de Jesús.

Amén

## Donations for New Sacred Vessels



We have started a fund to purchase new sacred vessels for both St. Michael's and Sacred Heart Churches. We plan to buy two chalices and matching ciborium for St. Michael. For Sacred Heart we have identified the need for one chalice and matching ciborium. If you care to donate, envelopes are available in the back of church. Any memorials or honorariums will be published in the bulletin once we have purchased and received them.

GOAL: \$12,000



## Thank you, Bobby! Come back and visit us often!

One of our long-time and faithful parishioners is moving away! Please help us bid Bobby Hinze a loving and tearful goodbye as he moves to Hazen, AR! Bobby has been singing with our choir for over 50 years. He served as the music director at Sacred Heart. He has also served as a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound and as a member of our Parish Council. Bobby, please let us hear from you often. You will be greatly missed.



## Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Campaign

It's almost time for our annual campaign. Bottles will be available on Mother's Day Weekend, May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Please fill the bottle with your loose change, cash, or a check. Return the bottles on or before Father's Day Weekend, June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Call Mary Jane Flowers (870-551-1106) for more information.



Our next rosary rally will be held on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the church.





# *Diocese of Little Rock - Office of Permanent* Diaconate Formation



## Are you called to be a DEACON?

### About us

The Permanent Diaconate Formation Office is committed to preparing men to the diaconate in the Diocese of Little Rock. Leading a program which equips our candidates spiritually, academically, and pastorally to serve the Church.

### Process

The Formation program consists of 5 years of academic, pastoral, spiritual and human aspects. The program is offered in English and Spanish.

### Inquiry Meetings:

June 12 - St. Raphael's - Springdale  
June 13 - St. Augustine - Dardanelle  
June 14 - Christ the King - Fort Smith  
June 19 - Blessed Sacrament - Jonesboro  
June 20 - St. Edward's - Little Rock  
June 25 - Holy Spirit - Hamburg  
June 26 - Our Lady of Good Hope - Hope

All meetings are at 6 pm

Permanent Diaconate Formation Office  
Fr. Ruben Quinteros - Director - [rquinteros@dolr.org](mailto:rquinteros@dolr.org)  
Dcn. Marcelino Luna - Assistant Director  
[mluna@dolr.org](mailto:mluna@dolr.org)  
Dcn. Mark Verkamp - Assistant Director  
[mverkamp@dolr.org](mailto:mverkamp@dolr.org)  
Jasmine Hogan - [jmoore@dolr.org](mailto:jmoore@dolr.org)

If anyone is interested in pursuing this very important vocation, please contact Fr. Gilbert! We ask everyone to pray for all involved in this program as they embark on this journey.



	May 10, 2025	May 11, 2025
<b>Lector</b>	Suzy McAuley	Melanie Beyer
<b>Linens</b>	Diana Thompson	
<b>Communion</b>	Dorothy Foster	Katie Reese
	Joanne Smith	Chris Thompson
	Sandy Goldsby Williford	Karin Thomspson

# Parish Organizations

- ◆ **Infant of Prague Guild:** the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, in the school cafeteria after 9:00 A.M Mass and a Rosary for our deceased members.
  - ◆ **Knights of Columbus** business meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 7:00 P.M.
  - ◆ **Men's Bible Study** on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. at Tony Bell's House.  
Please call Ken Thomas for more information, 901-674-1497.
  - ◆ **Women on Wednesday (WOW!)** bible study on Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass. Call Becky at 901-652-2390 for information.
  - ◆ **Finance Council** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:30 P.M.
  - ◆ **Parish Council** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 P.M.
  - ◆ **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Sacred Heart Brunch** May 4<sup>th</sup>, after Mass
  - ◆ **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday St. Michael Brunch** May 4<sup>th</sup>, after Mass
- Knights of Columbus**



# LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	May	3	9:00 5:30 6:30	MSGR Bernard Malone † Adoration Virginia Forman †
Sunday	May	4	8:00 am 10:00 am	Marinelle Paladino † Dolores Goche †
Monday	May	5	NO MASS	
Tuesday	May	6	6:00 pm	Tommy Goldsby † B'day
Wednesday	May	7	8:00 am 5:30 pm	James † & Frances † McGinnis Wedding Anniv Lee & Patsy Fletcher Wedding Anniv
Thursday	May	8	8:00 am	Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Friday	May	9	8:00 am	Elsie Baioni † Anniv.
Saturday	May	10	6:30 pm	Chantal McPherson †
Sunday	May	11	8:00 am 10:00 am	Doylene Hinze † and Jack Schranz † Carroll Maddox †



## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**



Illuminata Wilhelmi, Rev. Fr. Nolasco Mushi, CSSp, Chris Gross, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Louis Pitts, 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., Dorothy Barnes, Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, David & Ann James, Sung Sam Lee, Kay Loney, Lucille Marconi, Johnny McMullin, Sandra Thorne, 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.



# Dear Padre,

*I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?*

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**



JESUS CERVANTES / SHUTTERSTOCK

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

### Monday

May 5

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

### Tuesday

May 6

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

### Wednesday

May 7

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

### Thursday

May 8

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

### Friday

May 9

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

### Saturday

May 10

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

### Sunday

May 11

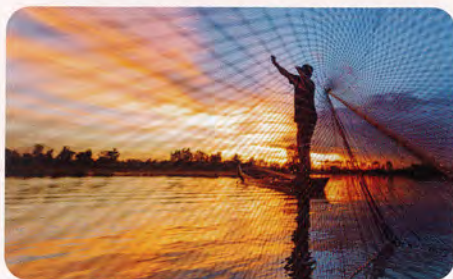
*Fourth Sunday*

*of Easter*

Acts 13:14,  
43–52

Rv 7:9, 14b–17

Jn 10:27–30



SARAVUTPICS / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022