Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b / Matthew 22:15–21



Sidestepping Side-taking

ANN M. GARRIDO

Jesus had to know something was up when both the Pharisees and the Herodians approached him together. Pharisees and Herodians were never together. Herodians survived by cooperating with the Roman Empire. The Pharisees found such cooperation an affront to God's law.

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" they asked. It was a trap. If he answered "no," the Herodians could report him to the Romans for fomenting rebellion. If he answered "yes," the crowd watching would see Jesus as a sellout to an unpopular foreign power. But Jesus did not take the bait. He refused to give a "yes" or a "no," instead allowing onlookers to see that his Pharisee and Herodian challengers were carrying the Roman coin in their pockets—hence participating in the Roman economy—whereas he did not even possess the coin they were asking about. He was living and working for a different ruler altogether. Their question was outside his realm of concern.

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

So often we, too, can find ourselves trapped in heated political conversations where questions are asked in such a way that they seem to allow only a yes-or-no answer. The askers want to reveal, "Are you with us or are you against us?" as if there are no other options. As followers of Jesus, we know that there are issues of ultimate concern for us—"battle hills worth dying on." Jesus himself had one: Calvary. But Jesus himself did not feel as if he needed to take a stand on every hot political issue of his day. Sometimes he sidestepped those conversations. So can we.●

Reflect

When confronted, do I prefer to "take the bait" or find common ground?

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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.

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Phone: 870-733-1212
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West Memphis, AR 72303
Email: westmemphiscatholic@gmail.com

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Monday–Friday:
8:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.

St. Michael's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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Website: stmichaelwm.com
Facebook: 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
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)

Pastor:
Fr. Gilbert Jairo, CSSp

Financial Council Members

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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.



Let us pray for

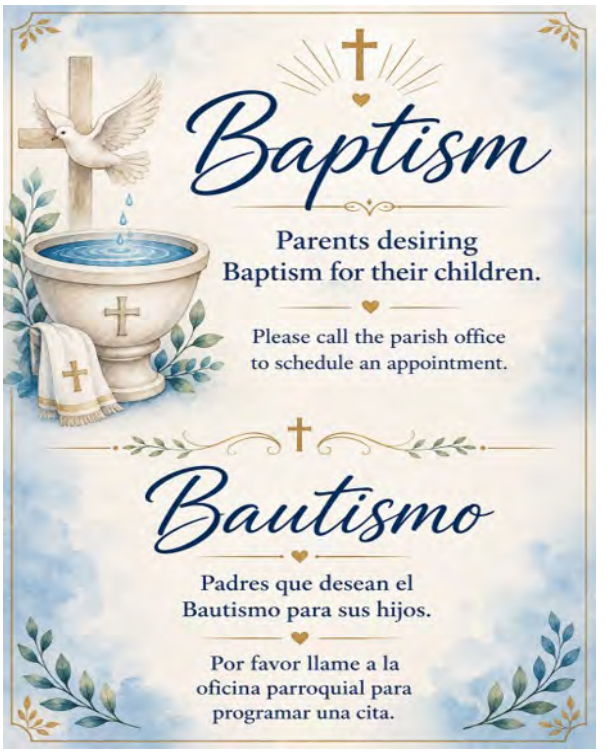
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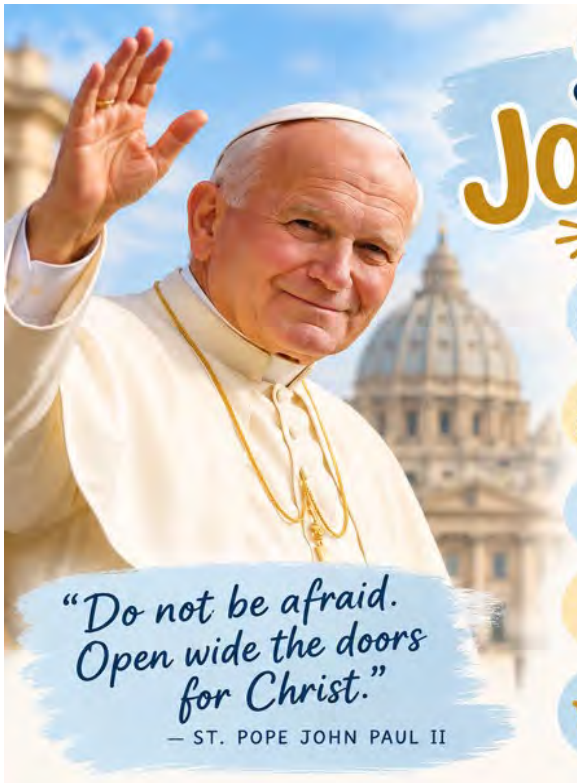
May the Lord preserve him, and give him life,
and make him blessed upon the earth,
and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.
Our Father. Hail Mary.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Leo XIV,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.


Join Us!
The CHOSEN
EXCLUSIVE EARLY SCREENING
SEASON 6 - EPISODE 1
SATURDAY,
NOV 7TH
AT 6:30 PM
We will have hot dogs, chips, and cookies!
Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets for our outdoor movie.
Weather permitting, If not, it will be held in the school gym.


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.



St. Pope JOHN PAUL II

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 22

St. Pope John Paul II served as the head of the Catholic Church from 1978 until his death in 2005. Born in Poland, he was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and served for nearly 27 years.

LOVE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

He was known for his strong faith, compassion, and love for young people and families.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

In 1985, he established World Youth Day to bring young Catholics together in celebration of their faith.

A VOICE FOR FREEDOM

He played an important role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe and worked for peace around the world.

PATRON SAINT

St. Pope John Paul II is a patron saint of young Catholics, families, World Youth Day, and Poland. He was canonized in 2014 after two miracles were attributed to his intercession.

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."

— ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II



OCTOBER

IS THE MONTH OF THE

Holy Rosary

During this special month, we honor our Blessed Mother and grow closer to Jesus through the beautiful prayer of the Rosary.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, PRAY FOR US!

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH PICNIC




























CATCH UP
WITH
SUS






#1 COOK


CATCH UP
WITH
JESUS
LETTUCE PRAISE
& RELISH HIM

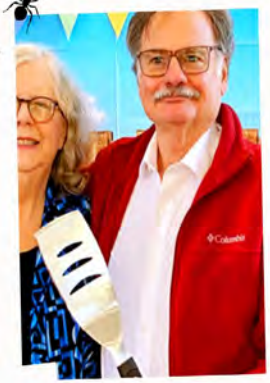
























BINGO NIGHT!

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

GAMES START AT 7:00PM

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

59 NUMBER CALLED & 53 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

CHANCELLOR | GENERAL COUNSEL
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
(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



MASS
CANCELLATION NOTICE

Masses scheduled for
October 20–22
will be canceled.

Fr. Gilbert will be in Little Rock from October 20–22 for continuing education.

Any Mass intentions scheduled during these dates will be rescheduled for a later date.

Thank you for your understanding, and please keep Fr. Gilbert in your prayers as he travels!

St. Michael's
TRUNK a TREAT

Friday, October 23rd
6 - 8 PM

For school and church children.

We are looking for volunteers to help make our Trunk or Treat a fun-filled evening!

If you are interested in purchasing candy and passing it out from the trunk of your vehicle, please contact the church office.

Thank you for helping make this event special for our children!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Week of	October 24, 2026	October 25, 2026
Lector	Bonnie Waller	Jessie Drake
Linens	Diana Thompson	
Communion	Liz Posey	Tony Bell
	Ginger Creel	Andy Horton
	Ginger Wilkinson	Laura Saldivar
Offertory	Jo Ann Vega & Michelle Pirani	Galtelli 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, Nov. 19th · 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council- Thursday, Oct. 22nd · 6:15 p.m.

✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — Nov. 1st *Following Mass*
ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — Nov 8th *Following Mass – Knights*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	October	17	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Irmgard Paulk†
Sunday	October	18	8:30 am 10:30 am	Juanita Alpe† Michael Gabour†
Monday	October	19	NO MASS	
Tuesday	October	20	6:00 pm	NO MASS
Wednesday	October	21	8:00 am 5:30 pm	NO MASS NO MASS
Thursday	October	22	8:00 am	NO MASS
Friday	October	23	8:00 am	Rick Hennessy†
Saturday	October	24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Adrian Pirani†
Sunday	October	25	8:30 am 10:30 am	Carol Burdison† Miguel Pena†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Holly Adams, Michael Paul, 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: October 11,2026

St. Michael's $3,462.00
St Michael's online $135.00
Sacred Heart $1,251.00

Dear Padre,


GEMINI

What does it mean when it says we're in Cycle A or B or C? Or Years I and II?

When the bishops of the Church at the Second Vatican Council in 1963 called for a revision of our liturgy, they asked that "The treasures of the Bible…be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way, a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 51).

At Sunday Masses, the Scriptures are divided up over three years (called Years A, B, and C). At these Masses, the gospel is the primary reading. The first reading, taken from the Old Testament, and the responsorial psalm touch upon the same theme as the gospel. In the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The second reading follows consecutive passages from the letters of Paul or the other apostles, independent of the other readings.

At weekday Masses, most of the Bible is read over a period of two years. Odd-numbered years are Year I, and even-numbered years are Year II.

All of this should help us open those treasures that the Church says are ours in the Scriptures. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25
Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Eph 2:1–10	Eph 2:12–22	Eph 3:2–12	Eph 3:14–21	Eph 4:1–6	Eph 4:7–16	Ex 22:20–26
Lk 12:13–21	Lk 12:35–38	Lk 12:39–48	Lk 12:49–53	Lk 12:54–59	Lk 13:1–9	1 Thes 1:5c–10
						Mt 22:34–40

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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


URBI ET ORBI BLESSING/ CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to be able to serve, with Jesus and like Jesus, those men and women thirsting for truth and justice. This is not the time for opposition between one church and another, between "us" and "them"—those who worship God seek to be men and women of peace, who worship him in Spirit and in truth.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 8, 2026

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