

“Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest.”

MATTHEW 21:9

From Jubilation to Desolation

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The adoring crowds, chanting “Hosanna to the Son of David” (Matthew 21:9), capture our attention on this Palm Sunday. We hear the crowds, and we rejoice with them. Sometimes, we forget that not everyone in the crowd is joyful. Some are challenged; some are threatened. For them, Jesus is not Good News; he is not the long-awaited one—he is something entirely different, and he must be silenced.

Our Sunday celebration begins with jubilant crowds and ends with a most cruel death. Those who were once joyful are now silent and dispersed. It appears that the authorities have once again triumphed. Hope is dashed. The promise remains unfulfilled.

Spiritually sit with desolation in the week that comes. Do not jump ahead to the triumphant end of the story. It is true that we are an Easter people, but we must also pay attention to the details of how evil often attempts to silence the good. It is important, as people of faith, to remind ourselves that even when all things seem to be lost, the Father has the last word. His will is accomplished. He is the Creator and the author of the story. We should always prepare ourselves to be surprised. To embrace light instead of darkness. And, even when there is death all around us, to know that there will be life—life in abundance for all. ●

Reflect

How am I at keeping in mind the resurrection when my world feels like Good Friday?

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

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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

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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

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Patsy Fletcher (President)

Lisa Schafer (Vice President)

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Beth Aureli

Tony Bell

Mary Jane Flowers

Claude Hunt

Ricardo Ledezma

Tim Marconi

Joanne Smith

Lauren Wray

Jo Zachary



EUCCHARISTIC 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"

Holy Week

SEMANA SANTA 2026



Holy Thursday

2

APR

6:00 pm - Mass



Good Friday

3

APR

3:00 pm -
Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm - Service



Easter Vigil

4

APR


6:00 pm - Mass




Easter

5

APR

8:30 am - Mass 
10:30 am - Mass

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SACRED HEART 

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:

★ 51

numbers called

&

59

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!

Donations for the Good Neighbor Center

During the Lenten season, we invite you to support the Good Neighbor Center through donations of canned goods.



A collection box will be located in the vestibule for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of those in need.

Join Us for
**ST. MICHAEL
SUNDAY BRUNCH**

April 12th, immediately
following the 10:30 AM Mass

We will be celebrating our
**Class of
2026
Graduates**

Brunch and cake will be served

Celebrating 90 Years of Faith, Learning, and Community



For nearly 90 years, St. Michael's has been more than a school—it has been a home where young hearts and minds are formed in faith, truth, and love.

Generations of students have walked these halls, guided by devoted teachers, growing not only in knowledge, but in character, compassion, and purpose. Rooted in Christian values, St. Michael's continues to shape children into thoughtful learners and faithful leaders.

Be a part of our legacy.

Help us continue this mission for generations to come.



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Thursday, April 16th

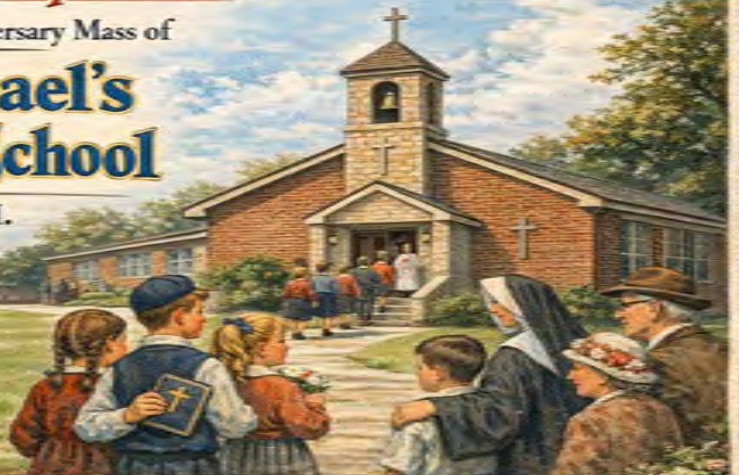
Closing 90th Anniversary Mass of

St. Michael's Catholic School

10:00 A.M.



ST. MICHAEL'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EST-1936



Thursday, April 16th • 10:00 AM

Divine Mercy Novena

A Nine-Day Devotion Beginning Good Friday



About the Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena is a *nine-day prayer devotion* requested by Jesus and revealed to St. Faustina. It begins on *Good Friday* and concludes on the *Saturday* before Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day we bring a different group of souls into the ocean of God's mercy by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

How to Pray

- **Daily Practice:** Offer the daily intention, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- **Suggested Time:** 3:00 p.m. – The Hour of Mercy

Day 1 – Good Friday

All mankind, especially sinners

Day 2 – Holy Saturday

The souls of priests and religious

Day 3 – Easter Sunday

Devout and faithful souls

Day 4 – Easter Monday

Those who do not believe in God
and do not know Jesus

Day 6 – Easter Tuesday

Souls of separated brethren

Day 7 – Easter Wednesday

Meek and humble souls and children

Day 8 – Easter Thursday

Souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

Day 9 – Easter Friday

Souls in Purgatory

Day 9 – Easter Saturday

Jesus, I Trust in You



Diócesis de Little Rock

Protegiendo a Nuestros Niños

La Diócesis Católica de Little Rock está comprometida con la protección de los niños y jóvenes. Si usted está al tanto de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por clérigos, voluntarios de la Iglesia o trabajadores de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese con:

- ☎ La Línea Directa del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños: **1-800-482-5964**
- ☎ Canciller para Asuntos Canónicos, **Diác. Matthew A. Glover**, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361

Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little

† **Laura Gottsponer**,
(501) 664-0340 ext. 425

Diócesis de Little Rock

2500 N. Tyler Street
Little Rock, AR 72207



Diocese of Little Rock

Protecting Our Children

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, please comuníquese con:

- ☎ The State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes Against Children: **1-800-482-5964**
- ☎ Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, **Den. Matthew A. Glover**, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361

For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock:

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Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed

Friday, April 3rd

in observance of Good Friday

and will also be closed

Monday, April 6th

for Easter Monday.



— *Unase a Nosotros Para* —
Brunch Dominical
— *en San Miguel* —



Abril 12, 2026

Después de la Misa de 10:30 a.m.

Estaremos festejando a

¡los Graduados del 2026!

Habrà Brunch y Pastel





Walk the Path of the Cross †

Stations of the Cross at St. Michael's


Friday, April 3rd

Join us for our *final Stations of the Cross*
as we gather in prayer and reflection
during this Lenten season.

 **3:00 PM** — *Stations of the Cross*

 **6:00 PM** — *Service to Follow*

All are welcome.

 **St. Michael's Church**

Caminen la Vía Crucis †

Estaciones de la Cruz en la Iglesia St. Michael

Viernes 3 de Abril

Únase a nosotros para las *últimas Estaciones de la Cruz* mientras nos reunimos en oración y reflexión durante esta Cuaresma.

🕒 3:00 P.M. — *Estaciones de la Cruz*

🏛️ 6:00 P.M. — *Servicio a Continuación*

Todos son bienvenidos.

📍 *Iglesia St. Michael*

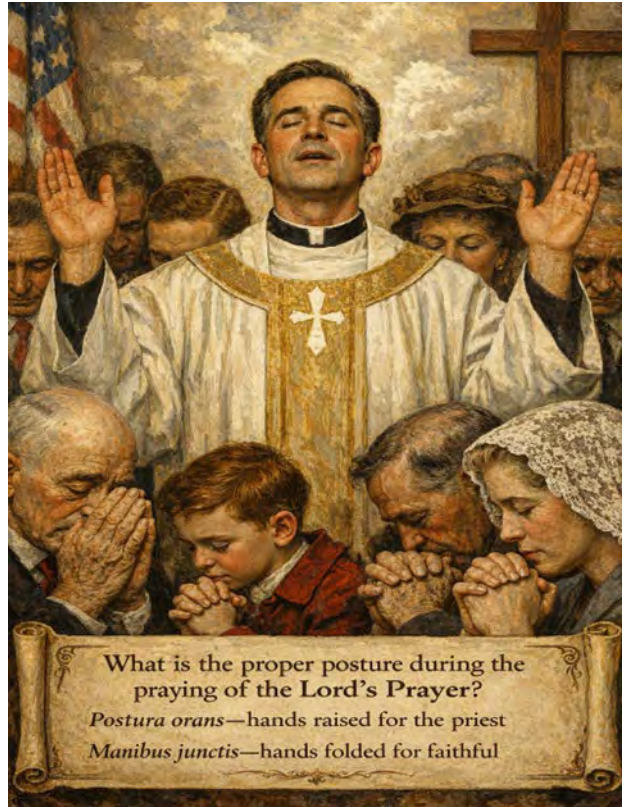
Easter
— FLOWER —
DONATIONS
are greatly appreciated

Envelopes are available
in the vestibule if you would
like to contribute

— *in memory of* —

or

in honor of
someone special.



What is the proper posture during the praying of the Lord's Prayer?

Postura orans—hands raised for the priest

Manibus junctis—hands folded for faithful

Holy Thursday Collection

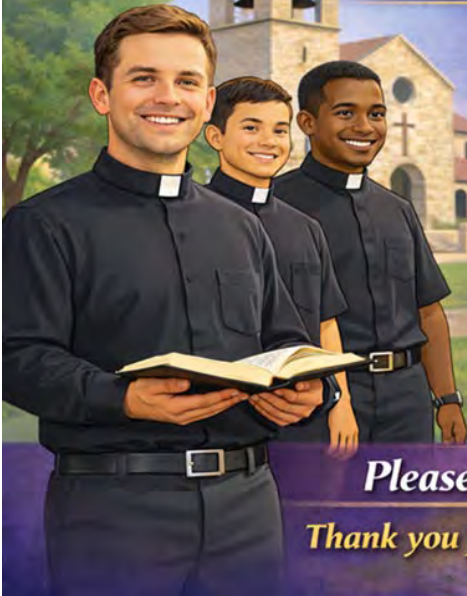
COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS

*Support the Education & Formation
of Our Future Priests*

- + Tuition & Fees
- + Room & Board
- + Health Insurance

Please Give Generously

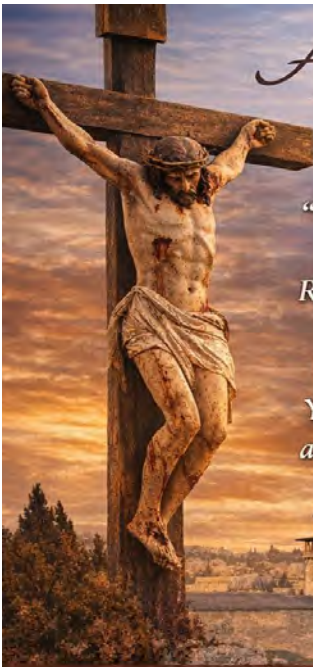
Thank you for your prayers & support!



A Call to Support the Holy Land

Good Friday, April 3, 2026:

*“On Good Friday, as we contemplate the Crucifix,
we ask you not to forget the Holy Land.
Remember in prayer and concrete charity those
who continue to live and bear witness to
the Gospel in the Places of Redemption.
Your closeness is a precious sign of hope
and fraternity—help us give hope and sow peace.”*



Your generosity helps bring hope, stability, and peace to the land where Jesus walked.



LITURGICAL

 MINISTRIES



Week of	April 4, 2026	April 5, 2026
Lector	Laura Long	Becky Rushing
	Kevin Meyers	
	Sandy G. Williford	
Linens	Lisa Schafer	
Communion	Shelley Pugh	Jessica Galtelli
	Joanne Smith	Katie Reece
	Sandy G. Williford	Melissa Morphis
Offertory	Christina Bolden	Volunteer
	Clara & Elizabeth Bolden	
Greeters	Volunteer	Maria June Greenwood

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, April 16 · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, April 16 · 6:15 p.m.



✧ PARISH FELLOWSHIP ✧

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — April 5 *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — April 12 *Following Mass - Guild*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	March	28	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Theresa Williams†
Sunday	March	29	8:30 am 10:30 am	Jimmy Sharp† Anita Miller†
Monday	March	30	NO MASS	
Tuesday	April	31	6:00 pm	Ann Kynch†
Wednesday	April	1	8:00 am 5:30pm	Martha Annis† Phylis Steiddle†
Thursday	April	2	6:00 pm	Jean Fogarty†
Friday	April	3	3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Service
Saturday	April	4	6:00 pm	All Parishioners
Sunday	April	5	8:30 am 10:30 am	Hilda Phillips Michael & Georgia Durmeier†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Lynda Ashcraft, 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, Carol Burdison, 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, 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 22, 2026 St. Michael \$2,862.00

Sacred Heart \$640.00

Dear Padre,

How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 30	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5
<i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i>	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	<i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i>	<i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>
Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11	Is 49:1–6 Jn 13:21–33, 36–38	Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25	Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9 Rv 1:5–8 Lk 4:16–21 Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1–8, 11–14 1 Cor 11:23–26 Jn 13:1–15	Is 52:13–53:12 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9 Jn 18:1–19:42	Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 Ex 14:15–15:1 Is 54:5–14 Is 55:1–11 Bar 3:9–15, 32–44 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28 Rom 6:3–11 Mt 28:1–10	Acts 10:34a, 37–43 Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8 Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?

GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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