



Enough?

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When I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It's a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today's gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. "Show us the Father," he says, "and that will be enough for us" (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus' words and actions are the Father's words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received "enough."

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don't get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I've been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I "shall not want." I already have all I need. ●



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Reflect

What does "enough" mean to me?

[Jesus said to Philip,]
"Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father."

JOHN 14:9

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.


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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

 **Mass Intentions**

Saturday / May 2nd – St. Athanasius, Bishop

First Saturday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All Priests

by: People of the parish

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Dale Lofquist †

by: Barbara Lofquist

* 2nd collection – Maintenance Fund

Food Pantry collection

Sunday/ May 3rd – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Mary Welch †

by: Joe and Doris Waggoner

*First Communion * 2nd collection – Maintenance fund

* Food Pantry collection/ Bingo at 1 pm-1 st Sunday

*5 pm K of C sponsored Sacred Heart of Jesus

Adoration Holy Hour

Monday May 4th – Easter weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bridgette Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

Tuesday/ May 5th– Easter weekday

No Holy Mass :

Wednesday/ May 6th –Easter weekday

6 p.m. Holy Mass: Sebastian Kocz

by: Mary Kocz

Thursday / May 7th – Easter weekday

***Memorial Mass for Theresa Grieshaber †

10:30 a.m. The Rosary /11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass

*Bingo starts at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm

Friday/ May 8th –Easter weekday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Archbishop Fulton Sheen †

by: Dean Beardslee

Saturday / May 9th – Easter weekday

***Memorial Mass for Marilyn Hadley †

10:30 a.m. The Rosary/ 11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Dale Lofquist †

by: Barbara Lofquist

*No 2nd Collection

Sunday/ May 10th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day - USA

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Robin West †

by: Annette Salada

*No 2nd Collection/****Knights Big Breakfast after 9 AM Holy Mass

Thought
for the week

Easter:5th Sun-A

Others,
(Any
Human
Person)
Can
Point
Toward
God
But ONLY
JESUS
Brings
Us
Into
Communion
With

Lord Jesus,
Lead Me as My Way
Teach Me As My Truth
and
Fill Me as My Life

"I am the Way
and the Truth
and the Life;
No One comes
to the Father except
through me"
(John 14:6),

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



April 25th and April 26th, 2026

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Altar Society \$624.00

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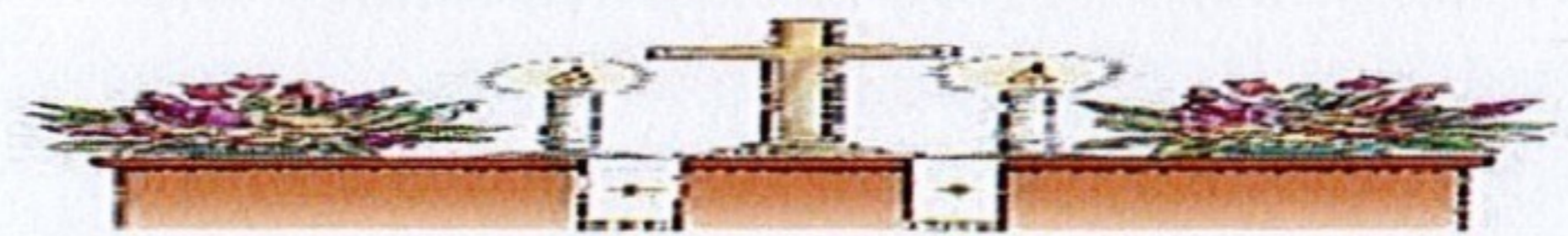
ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Tuesday 6 pm to 7 pm

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God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers this week are generously provided by :**Shelly Yingling** in memory of her father, **Harrell Dowling**.

Tabernacle Roses this week are generously provided by : **Buddy and Anne Kootz** in honor of their granddaughter, **Bridgette Kootz's** birthday.



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We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- May 5th - David Scheschi
- May 6th - Anthony Burkhammer



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

♥ May 3rd — Gerald and Carol Metty

73 years

**** If we miss your birthday or anniversary please let the office know. Thank you~**

The Food Pantry can use any canned food items. Please, make sure to check the expiration dates some can be a little past the dates on the package/can. Any packaged items that retain their freshness and easy to heat and prepare are always useful for those in need. Packages of rice, noodles, soups are always welcome. Thank you!

CPR CLASS – to be held here at St. Michael's if enough interest. Please contact Garry Raikes if interested : 870-847-1425 (flyers in the vestibule).

Holy Hour of Adoration for the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Holy Hour at St. Michael's on Sunday May 3rd, 2026 at 5 p.m. Please, come pray with us!
We thank the Knights for all they do.

Knights' Big Breakfast
The Knights will be cooking their big breakfast for the parish on May 10th, 2026 after Sunday Holy Mass. This is also Mother's Day so come and treat your Mom to a breakfast. Tickets are on sale at the door.

First Communion
Sunday May 3rd at 9 AM Holy Mass we will be having 3 making their **First Communion:**
Blaise Ishmael, Scarlett Santa and Hudson Grothe.
We pray for them and know we all support you.

Memorial Mass
On Thursday May 7th, 2026 for **Theresa Grieshaber** who passed away in Louisiana on Feb. 3rd, 2026. The Rosary will be at 10:30 am and Memorial Mass at 11 am. Interment will follow in the St. Michael's Columbarium. She will be laid to rest with her husband, Henry "Sonny" Grieshaber. They were both past parishioners and active for many years here at St. Michael's.
May she rest in peace.

Memorial Mass
On Saturday May 9th, 2026 for **Marilyn Hadley** who passed away Dec. 20th, 2025 at her home in Cherokee Village. The Rosary will be at 10:30 am and Memorial Mass will start at 11 am., with interment in St. Michael's Columbarium. She will be laid to rest with her husband, James Hadley. They both were active parishioners when their health allowed. **May she rest in peace.**

Fr. Amal has written a letter and it is an insert in this bulletin. Please, read and it will help you understand the importance of our Faith and our Trust in God. May we have Peace in our Nation and for Our People.

Jesus, I Surrender My Self to YOU and You Take Care of Everything

Dear Friends

Greetings of Peace of the Risen Lord, be with You All.

I greatly appreciate the Brother Knights of Columbus of our Nation and the Knights of Columbus of our Community, CV, HSB and the Batesville -AR, for renewing the devotion of Sacred Heart of Jesus and dedicating Our Nation, under the Protection of Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On Every First Friday And on the Friday of Every Week, we as a Community, honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, by celebrating the Holy Mass and offering the Prayers, and encourage to Seek Jesus' Mercy and His Love upon, All the Families in our Community and for the People in the World, especially , still All Who fail to recognize His Mercy and Love, in their lives and for Their Salvation.

This Year, Our Bishops in our Nation [**USCCB**] are also felt, the Urgency and the Importance to call, All the Catholic Communities, in the Nation, and dedicated, this year, JUNE-2026, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to our Prayers and to Seek His Mercy and His Protection for our Nation and for All the Families, and the Leaders so that, We may Learn to discern: to seek, to learn, to listen, to obey and to walk in the Jesus' Way, **Who is our True Way, the Truth and the Life.. Jn.14:6**

Today we notice, due to the lack of Faith and the Trust in God, how the Families in the world and the Nations are, torn apart and We All lack the Peace and the Harmony in Our lives; Instead we experience Terror , Hatred, Chaos Conflicts and the Wars .

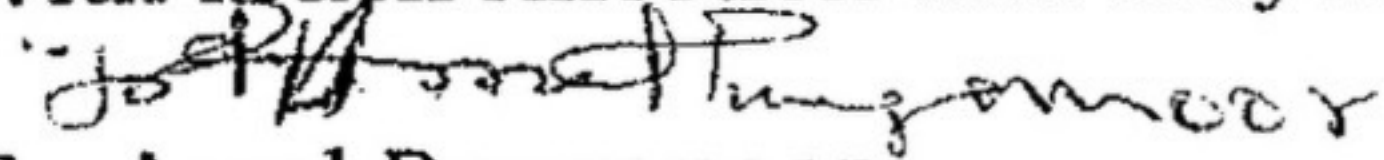
We as, The Catholics, through our baptism, are Called to be the God's Chosen People, have a big responsibility and a Greater Need, to pray for God's Mercy, and for His Healing and for His Peace to Our wounded World.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, shower, upon Us, His Mercy and His Healing to All the Families and the Leaders of Our Nation and upon the People in the Whole World.

Our Brother Knights are conducting a Special Prayer Service of **"ONE HOUR of ADORATION" in HONOR of "SACRED HEART of JESUS" [on Sunday May 3rd, 2026, at 5pm, At: St. Michael's Church-CV.**

We encourage You All, to join with us to Offer Your Prayers for this Noble Cause: "Peace for Our Nation and for Our People"

With Much Affection and Prayers,


Fr. Amal Punganoor

May 03rd. 2026.

To the Sacred Heart of Jesus

I FLY to you, Sacred Heart
of my Savior,
for you are my refuge,
my only hope.

You are the remedy for all my miseries,
my consolation in all my wretchedness,
the reparation for all my infidelities,
the supplement for all my deficiencies,
the expiation for all my sins,
and the hope and end of all my prayers.

You are the only one
who is never weary of me
and who can bear with my faults,
because you love me
with an infinite love.

Therefore, O my God, have mercy on me
according to your great mercy,
and do with me,
and for me,
and in me,
whatever you will,
for I give myself entirely to you,
Divine Heart,
with full confidence that you will never
reject me. Amen.

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
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Contact: Bernie Brandenburg

St. Michael's Columbarium
Payment Plans Available
Contact: Jim Wege



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2nd Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Officers Meeting

Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

Fourth Degree

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Quarterly Business Meeting
2nd Saturday of the month



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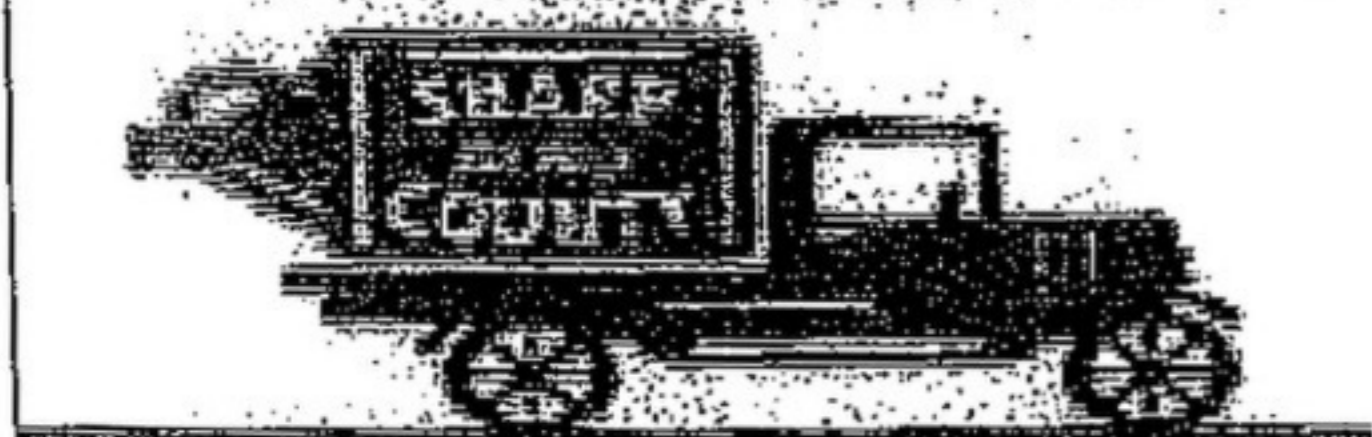
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Dear Padre,

I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is



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not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped.

Jesus saves us by showing us that

asking is not unworthy, but liberating.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025**

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

May 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

Friday

May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

May 10
Sixth Sunday of
Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21