



## Roots and Wings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**“T**here are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings.” So goes the adage. It is in knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life’s richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God’s presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16).

It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God’s saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes. ●

### Reflect

***Am I more comfortable with roots or wings?  
Am I more like St. Peter or St. Paul, and why?***



[Jesus said,] “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 16:18



## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Office:** Diocese of Little Rock  
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**Mon - Fri, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
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P.O. Box 970 [www.arkansascatholic.org](http://www.arkansascatholic.org)  
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### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Fr. Amal Raju Lourduswamy Punganoor  
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### Holy Mass Schedule : May God Bless You

**Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.:** Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday  
& 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
**Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.:** Wednesday  
**Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 p.m.:** Saturday  
**Confession 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday &  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 the 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 for 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 of 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.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

(Area code is 870 unless otherwise noted)

### Adoration Chapel Coordinators

Rose Brandenburg (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) 847-5018  
Anne Kootz (4 p.m. - 9 p.m.) 847-1985

### Altar Society

Joyce Speir 266-3586

### B-I-N-G-O

Isabelle Wiest 994-2243

### Columbarium Committee

Jim Wege (Kevin Templet, Kevin Langellier) 847-3396

### Holy Family cemetery

Bernie Brandenburg 994-2744

### Knights of Columbus

Buddy Kootz (Grand Knight) 847-0264

### Compassion Ministry

Pat Such 847-7224

### Liturgical Ministries

**Altar Servers -** Buddy Kootz 847-0264

### Eucharistic Ministers -

### Communion to Nursing Homes

Nancy Paluck 421-9383

### Communion to Sick & Homebound

Maureen Matselboba (941) 356-0333

**Lectors -** Teri Taylor 847-2112

**Music -** Rose Brandenburg 847-5018

**Sacristans -** Matt Winston 257-2857

**Ushers -** Pat Such 847-7224

### Finance Council Committee

**Michael Gagne (FC-Chair), (PC)** 751-3419

Bernie Brandenburg (FC) 994-2744

Rhonda Bystry (FC) 994-2177

Maureen Fortuna (FC) 966-3367

### Parish Council Committee

**Buddy Kootz (PC-Chair)** 847-0264

Rose Brandenburg (PC) 847-5018

Alison Munroe (PC) 847-7707

Joyce Speir (PC) 266-3586

Lori Templet (PC) 856-2261

Isabelle Wiest (PC) 994-2243

### Prayer Chain

Kathy Gagne [pray4me70@att.net](mailto:pray4me70@att.net) 751-3420

### Religious Education C.C.D

Lori Templet [lttemplet2507@yahoo.com](mailto:lttemplet2507@yahoo.com) 856-2261

### St. Vincent dePaul

Help Line 257-3448

### Altar / Flower Decorator

Pam MacAulay 847-6742

### 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.



**Saturday/June 28th – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary / St. Irenaeus, Bishop**

**4 p.m. Holy Mass : SI Siobhan Kootz**

**by Buddy and Anne Kootz**

**\*\*Anointing of the Sick after Mass**

**Sunday/June 29th –St. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**9 a.m. Holy Mass : SI Cardinal Burke**

**by Buddy and Anne Kootz**

**\*\*Anointing of the Sick after Mass**

**Monday/ June 30th – First Martyrs of the Holy Church  
Thirteenth week in Ordinary Time**

**9 a.m. Holy Mass: SI Staff at St. Michael's**

**by People of the Parish**

**KC officers meeting 6 p.m. with Rosary at 5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday /July 1st – St. Junipero Serra, Priest**

**No Holy Mass :**

**Wednesday /July 2nd –**

**6 p.m. Holy Mass : SI All who served in US military  
living or deceased**

**by People of the Parish**

**Thursday /July 3rd – St. Thomas, Apostle**

**10:30 a.m. The Rosary**

**11 a.m. Memorial Mass: for Dennis Welte**

**Friday /July 4th – US Independent Day**

**9 a.m. Holy Mass : Tom Kihm †**

**by Nell Kihm \*First Friday**

**Saturday/July 5th – St. Anthony Zacaria, Priest**

**9 a.m. Holy Mass : SI Buddy and Anne Kootz**

**by The Kootz family**

**4 p.m. Holy Mass : SI All volunteers of St. Michael's**

**by People of the Parish \*First Saturday**

**Sunday/July 6th – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 a.m. Holy Mass : SI All sick and homebound**

**by People of the Parish**

**Food Pantry collection July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Bingo every Thursday doors open at 5:30 pm starts at 6 pm**



*Collection Report*

**June 21st and June 22nd, 2025**

**Main Collection - \$3644.00**

*Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!*

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

**ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP**

Available Adoration

**Friday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Rose, (870) 847-5018, or**

**Anne, (870) 847-1985**



*God Bless the Donors and their Intentions*

**Altar Flowers this week generously  
provided by: Buddy and Anne Kootz in  
honor of their Wedding Anniversary**

**Tabernacle Roses this week generously  
provided by: People of the Parish**

### Food Pantry Collections

The food pantry collection is always the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of each month. This helps to service the poor and those in need. You can also bring food for the pantry at anytime just let someone from St. Vincent de Paul aware that you will be bringing it in. They can accept expired products as long as not too far past the date. Collection dates are next weekend July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Our Heartfeld Condolence

To his wife Dianna, family and friends of Dennis Welte. He passed away on Tuesday June 24, 2025. Memorial Mass will be Thursday July 3, 2025 with Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. Luncheon to follow in parish hall.

**May His Soul Rest in Peace**

### Thank you

To all the Knights of Columbus men that helped with the Corpus Christi Masses last weekend.

### Appreciation

Pam MacAulay, we appreciate and thank you for all the work you do to keep our Altar and church beautiful.

### Sunday Coffee Groups

Please, consider starting your own Sunday coffee group or joining one. Contact the church office if interested.

### Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Thank you to all who have served in the military currently or in the past. Some gave their life while serving to keep us safe here in the United States of America.

**God Bless America**



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Chuck Wolff, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Michael Gagne, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Crystal Hawkins, Lucas Kubick, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Andy Ryan, Gerald & Carol Metty, Dan Such, Darren Bates, Pat Kimball, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Jackie LeBeau Darrell & Elizabeth Beason, Doug Wortham, Mary Winston and Patrick Plunkett. Nursing Home: Ariela Wege, Ruth Klinge, Vernon Mcttmiller, KayLynn Rodenbeck Expectant Mother: Samantha Eichhorn, Olivia Moore, Jamisen Laire

🕯 June 29<sup>th</sup> – Karen Burton

🕯 July 1<sup>st</sup> – Gianna Downen

🕯 July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Laura Allen

🕯 July 5<sup>th</sup> – Peter Hernandez

🕯 July 6<sup>th</sup> – Tony Taylor

*We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!*



*We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!*

💖 June 30<sup>th</sup> – Michael and Susan Reddick  
28 years

💖 June 30<sup>th</sup> – Richard and Connie Conrad  
35 years

💖 July 1<sup>st</sup> – Buddy and Anne Kootz  
47 years

**\*\*Consider attending Mass or making a visit to the Chapel on your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary to thank God for your family & the gift of Life.\*\***



<p>Holy Family Catholic Cemetery Burial Plots Contact: Bernie Brandenburg</p>	<p>St. Michael's Columbarium Payment Plans Available Contact: Jim Wege</p>	<p> <b>St. Michael's Parish Hall</b> Thursday 6 p.m. Door's Open at 5 p.m. 1st Sunday of the month 1:30 p.m. Doors Open at 12</p>
<p><b>CANYON</b> CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>PO Box 295   Ash Flat, AR 72513 870.994.7472   CanyonBuilds.com</p> <p><b>Build Boldly Commercial Residential Excavation</b></p>	<p> <b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY</p> <p>St. John Neumann Council 6969 Grand Knight Buddy Kootz (870) 847-0264</p> <p>Social and Potluck Meeting 2nd Monday of the month Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.</p> <p><u>Officers Meeting</u> Last Monday of the month Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.</p>	<p> <b>new beginnings</b> PREGNANCY HELP CENTER</p> <p>New Beginning 1438 HWY 62/412 Highland, AR. 72542. (870)994-LIFE (5433) After Hours Hotline 1-800-712-HELP (4357)</p> <p>TXT Helpline to 313131 Monday — Thursday open 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday</p>
<p> <b>The Masters Bouquet</b> Flower Shop and Christian Book Store (870) 856-5659 3075 Hwy 62/412 Highland, AR 72542 highlandflorist.com</p>	<p> <b>Fourth Degree</b> Patriotic Degree of the order FN Michael Gagne (870)751-3419 <u>Quarterly Business Meeting</u> 2nd Saturday of the month</p> <p><b>“A sincere personal service”</b></p> <p> <b>Wortham Funeral Home</b> 870-856-5636</p> <p>P.O. Box 676 3075 Highway 412 West Hardy, Arkansas 72542</p> <p><b>DOUG WORTHAM, President</b> (870) 856-5636 worthamfuneralhome.com</p>	<p> <b>White River Health</b></p> <p>Caring Beyond Healthcare</p> <p>195 Hospital Drive Cherokee Village, AR 72525 870-257-6000</p>
<p> <b>BOOTLEGGER<sup>INC</sup></b> <i>LIFE IS BREWTFUL</i></p> <p>(870) 994-BEER (2337) 582 Hwy 62/412 Ash Flat, AR. 72513 <b>BEER-WINE-LIQUOR</b></p>	<p><b>Family Owned &amp; Operated</b></p> <p>We are third generation Funeral Directors with over 130 years of experience</p> <p>3079 Highway 62/412 Highland, AR 72542 (870) 856-5636</p> <p>Serving Catholic families in Northeast Arkansas since 1945</p>	<p><b>Tri-County Funeral Home</b></p> <p>Compassion and Guidance when needed most</p> <p>870-856-2705</p> <p>Physical Address 1540 Highway 62/412 Highland, AR 72542</p> <p>Mailing Address P.O. Box 665 Hardy AR. 72542</p> <p>Only on-site crematory In Sharp County</p>
<p><b>ST. MARY OF THE MOUNT — Fr. Amal Raju Lourduswamy Punganoor — Pastor</b></p>		
<p>1002 First Street Horseshoe Bend AR.72512 (870) 670-5896</p>	<p><a href="https://stmaryshsb.org">https://stmaryshsb.org</a> Confessions after every Mass Adoration after Friday Mass</p>	<p><a href="mailto:churchoffice@stmaryshsb.org">churchoffice@stmaryshsb.org</a> Horseshoe Bend AR.72512 (870) 670-5896</p>

# Dear Padre,

***What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?***

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●



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

## 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*.



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called.***

**HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022**

#### Monday

June 30  
Weekday  
Gn 18:16–33  
Mt 8:18–22

#### Tuesday

July 1  
Weekday  
Gn 19:15–29  
Mt 8:23–27

#### Wednesday

July 2  
Weekday  
Gn 21:5, 8–20a  
Mt 8:28–34

#### Thursday

July 3  
St. Thomas, Apostle  
Eph 2:19–22  
Jn 20:24–29

#### Friday

July 4  
Weekday  
Gn 23:1–4, 19;  
24:1–8, 62–67  
Mt 9:9–13

#### Saturday

July 5  
Weekday  
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29  
Mt 9:14–17

#### Sunday

July 6  
Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 66:10–14c  
Gal 6:14–18  
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20  
or 10:1–9