

[Jesus said,]  
"And I tell you,  
ask and you will  
receive; seek  
and you will  
find; knock and  
the door will be  
opened to you."

LUKE 11:9

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## The Power of Prayer

"I'll pray for you." What a simple promise. When we make this promise, what do we expect it will accomplish? The sentence is really a statement of faith. It assumes a caring relationship between us and those for whom we pray. It presumes the other person trusts that we do care. Most importantly, it acknowledges there is so much we humans cannot achieve by ourselves, and so we turn in confidence to God that our needs are the concern of God as well.

Today's first reading is the startling account of Abraham's prayer for two sinful cities. He pleads with God to spare them for the sake of any righteous citizens found there. God is willing to do that if righteous citizens can be found. Abraham prays for people who do not deserve God's mercy. But there it was. God's mercy outstrips the most horrendous crimes. Abraham kept pleading, and God kept saying, "All right."

The same persistence in prayer is found in the Gospel passage. The message there? Keep at it. We don't know whether the praying will end as Abraham's did or like that of the determined friend in the Gospel. That's not our concern, because the way prayer is answered belongs to God, not to us. So then why pray if we can't be confident about the answer? Because we believe we are connected to each other, and together we stand in need before a loving God who wants the best for us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *How often do you promise: "I'll pray for you"?  
How often do you keep that promise?*
- ★ *What do you hope prayer will accomplish?*



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## MASS TIMES

### Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: 9am

Wednesday: 6pm

\*30 minutes before Every Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 9am

### Confessions:

Saturday: 3pm

\*1<sup>st</sup> Friday & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: After the Holy Mass, or  
-by appointment

## SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

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**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.

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**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:

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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.*



## The Week Ahead

**Sat / July 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Bridget, Religious**

**3-3:45 pm:** Confessions, in the Library

**4 pm Vigil Mass:** Healing For Our Country by Bill and Aggie Budewig

**Altar Society Collection**

**Sun / July 24<sup>th</sup> The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am Mass:** Mildred Verdel † by Betsy Edmonds

**Altar Society Collection**

**Coffee & Donuts** after Mass, in the Parish Hall

**Mon / July 25<sup>th</sup> St. James, Apostle**

**10:30 am Holy Rosary 11 am Funeral Mass:** Elise Martin †

**Tue / July 26<sup>th</sup> St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

**No Mass**

**Wed / July 27<sup>th</sup> St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**

**6 pm Mass:** For Dec. Family members † by Bill and Aggie Budewig

**Thu / July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am Mass:** Marie Curry † by Matt and Mary Winston

**6 pm B-I-N-G-O**, in the Parish Hall

**Fri / July 29<sup>th</sup> St. Martha**

**9 am Mass:** Michael and Martha Decoster (SI)

by Michael and Martha Decoster

**Sat / July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**3-3:45 pm:** Confessions, in the Library

**4 pm Vigil Mass:** Mary Wargo † by Izzy Wiest

**Sun / July 31<sup>st</sup> The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am Mass:** Bruce and Gene Curler † by G & L Curler

**Coffee & Donuts** after Mass, in the Parish Hall

**Altar Flowers** this week are compliments of:

Dustin and Alison Munroe in honor of their Anniversary

**Tabernacle Roses** this week are compliments of:

The Pellant's in honor of *Precious Blood*

**Coffee & Donuts** next week, July 31<sup>st</sup>, will be served by SVDP & group # 2.

### **Thought for the week...**

"Jesus said to them "WATCH OUT!"  
Be on your guard against all kinds  
of greed LIFE does not consist in an  
ABUNDANCE OF POSSESSIONS"

Luke 12:15

Wishing you a blessed week!

## July 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Collection

Regular Collection - \$ 1,910.00

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Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

## Birthdays For the Week:

Maureen Fortuna, 24<sup>th</sup>

Kenneth Rodenbeck, 26<sup>th</sup>

Nell Kihm, 27<sup>th</sup>

Jack Kimbrell, 28<sup>th</sup>

Maureen Matselboba, 30<sup>th</sup>

Jimmy White, 31<sup>st</sup>

Mark Yingling, 31<sup>st</sup>

*We wish you many blessings on your birthday*

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

## Anniversaries For the Week:

Michael and Stacey Burton, 26<sup>th</sup>

Dustin and Alison Munroe, 26<sup>th</sup>

Jim and Ariela Wege, 27<sup>th</sup>

James and Marilyn Mayhall, 30<sup>th</sup>

*We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary*

## Open Adoration Hours

Friday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm,

Wednesday: 4-5:30 pm  
starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>

*If you are interested in one of the above hours (or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne, 870-847-1985. Please Note: substitutes are always needed, please call and volunteer.*

## SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Elsie Martin passed away Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>,

Services will be at St. Michael's Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Holy Rosary; 10:30 am

Holy Mass; 11:00 am

May the Lord give her family peace and consolation during this time.

*May Her Soul Rest In Peace*



### WANTED

If anyone has any religious statues that you want to donate, the Knights of Columbus are looking to take them in and refurbish them and place them at nice home. For more Information Contact: Chuck Wolff at 870-257-4999

### Columbarium

Due to unforeseen circumstances we now have to lock the Columbarium gates due to trespassers during the night. It will be opened everyday 10 am till 3 pm if you need in before or after those hours please make prior arrangements with the office. We are working hard to get the situation under control. Thank you for your generosity and patience.

### ALL LADIES

The laundering of the small Altar Linens is handled by a handful of dedicated women of the parish. We would like to invite more ladies to participate in this humble, but important service. Time involved is once/ week for about 3-5 hours total. Usually we serve for a month at a time, two or more times a year. "Substitutes only" are also welcome. For more information please contact: Anne Kootz at 870-847-1985.

### LIBRARY IS NOW OPENED

The caution tape has been removed from the library shelves so books can again circulate. The library has many "good reads". Come and take a look and find something you can enjoy on these very hot days! Books circulate for 4 weeks. When you take a book, fill out the card in the back of the book and place it in the file on the top of the small bookshelf under the window on the right.

Please do not bring any books to donate to the library without checking with Father Amal or the office. At this time we are only accepting books on scriptures and saints. Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Let Us Have our Love, for the, Holy Eucharistic Lord !

I kindly remind You All that the COVID restrictions are now completely lifted in our Diocese.

You can no longer get credit for attending the Holy Mass by watching It on EWTN or YouTube.

You have to actually attend a live Mass and encouraged to receive Holy Communion and to spend a little time in adoration in the presence of Blessed Sacrament.

So we will be more happy to see, more of you on the weekdays and Saturdays and Sundays.

I appreciate and thank you all, for All Your kind Prayers and loving support and generous Sacrifices, for our St. Michael's Community.

God Bless You and  
Bless All Your Dear and Near Ones.  
Fr. Amal Punganoor 07/01/2022

### FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTER POSITION

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Pocahontas is seeking a devoted, faith filled Catholic to become the full time Youth Minister of our parish. While working primarily at St. Paul Church, candidate will also serve the youth of St. John the Baptist Parish in Engelberg and St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Corning. Deadline for Applications will be September 30, 2022.

To apply or inquire, contact Fr. Stephen Elser.  
frstephenelser@gmail.com

### SHOUTING THANKS TO KC'S

We would like to Give Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for giving the church a check for \$365.00 as a part of the proceeds from their yard sale.



## Holy Family Catholic Cemetery

### Burial Plots

Contact Bernie Brandenburg  
870-994-2744

## St. Michael's Columbarium

### Payment Plans

Contact: Jim Wege  
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Please join us for fun & fellowship at "BINGO!"

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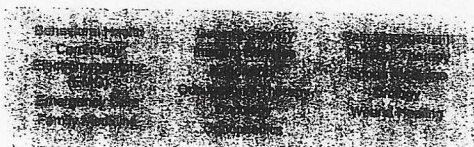
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Adoration: After Friday Mass



# Bilingual Bulletin Announcements

## Taste of Faith /Prueba de Fe

### #1 Announcement (Short)

All are invited to watch "Taste of Faith: Virtual Edition" live from the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. on the Taste of Faith website [tasteoffaith.org](http://tasteoffaith.org) to support seminarian education in the Diocese of Little Rock. The seminarians have a faith-filled event planned for you that will include interviews with priests from around our diocese, encouraging talks from our future priests and vocation director, and the opportunity to meet our newest seminarians. Donate anytime at: [tasteoffaith.org/give](http://tasteoffaith.org/give). For more information on attending in person, email Dianne Brady, director of stewardship and development, at [dbrady@dolr.org](mailto:dbrady@dolr.org) or call her (501) 664-0340, ext. 391.

### #1 Anuncio (Breve)

Todos están invitados a ver "Prueba de Fe: Edición Virtual" en vivo desde el Centro de Convenciones Statehouse en Little Rock el sábado 6 de agosto a las 7 p.m. en el sitio web de Taste of Faith [tasteoffaith.org](http://tasteoffaith.org) para apoyar la educación de seminaristas en la Diócesis de Little Rock. Los seminaristas tienen un evento lleno de fe planeado para ustedes que incluirá entrevistas con sacerdotes de toda nuestra diócesis, conversaciones interesantes de nuestros futuros sacerdotes y director de vocaciones, y la oportunidad de conocer a nuestros nuevos seminaristas. Para obtener más información sobre como atender en persona, envíe un correo electrónico a Dianne Brady, directora de corresponsabilidad y desarrollo, a [dbrady@dolr.org](mailto:dbrady@dolr.org) o llámela al (501) 664-0340, Ext. 391.

### #2 Announcement (Long)

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Taste of Faith is an in-person dinner held four to five times a year across Arkansas to raise money for seminarian education. This year, these dinners have been combined into one, live event where everyone can either participate in person or online. You can watch and donate online from the safety of your home, or come join us for dinner! To donate now, go to: [tasteoffaith.org/give](http://tasteoffaith.org/give).



The seminarians have a faith-filled event planned for you that will include interviews with priests from around our diocese, encouraging talks from our future priests and our vocation director, and the opportunity to meet our newest seminarians.

The show will be hosted by our future priest, Deacon John Paul Hartnedy, so make sure and watch. You won't want to miss it! For more information, email Dianne Brady, director of stewardship and development, at [dbrady@dolr.org](mailto:dbrady@dolr.org) or call her (501) 664-0340, ext. 391.

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"Prueba de Fe" es una cena de gala en persona que se lleva a cabo de cuatro a cinco veces al año en todo Arkansas para recaudar dinero para la educación de seminaristas. Este año, estas cenas se han combinado en un solo evento en vivo donde todos pueden participar en persona o en línea. ¡Puede ver y donar en línea desde la seguridad de su hogar, o únase con nosotros para cenar! Para donar ahora, vaya a: [tasteoffaith.org/give](http://tasteoffaith.org/give).

Los seminaristas tienen un evento lleno de fe planeado para usted que incluirá entrevistas con sacerdotes de toda nuestra diócesis, conversaciones interesantes de nuestros futuros sacerdotes y nuestro director de vocaciones, y la oportunidad de conocer a nuestros nuevos seminaristas.

El programa será presentado por nuestro futuro sacerdote, el diácono John Paul Hartnedy, así que asegúrese de verlo. ¡No querrás perdértelo! Para más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Dianne Brady, directora de corresponsabilidad y desarrollo, a [dbrady@dolr.org](mailto:dbrady@dolr.org) o llámela al (501) 664-0340, Ext. 391.



# Dear Padre,

**My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me.**

**C**atholics receive most of their religious education as children. Even at the high school level, teachers are not able to explore religious topics with the same breadth and depth that occurs during the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) formerly known as RCIA. The Bible, for instance, is taught to children as stories, but adult faith requires us to read and understand Scripture as more than a story.

Adults learn differently from children; adults ask different questions. The facts and contents remain the same, but it's not possible for your early religious education to have the same content and depth as that of an adult who is converting to Catholicism.

Most Catholic parishes need a faith-formation program for adults who want to take their faith to a deeper level. If yours doesn't offer adult-education programs, many publishers offer programs that can be used for individual study. Let your own interest and curiosity be your guide.



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*Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR*  
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## 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*

*Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved...by he who is Father.*

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 10, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 25

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

### Tuesday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,

Parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17–22

Mt 13:36–43

### Wednesday

JULY 27

Weekday

Jer 15:10, 16–21

Mt 13:44–46

### Thursday

JULY 28

Weekday

Jer 18:1–6

Mt 13:47–53

### Friday

JULY 29

Sts. Martha, Mary,  
and Lazarus

Jer 26:1–9

Jn 11:19–27

or Lk 10:38–42

### Saturday

JULY 30

Weekday

Jer 26:11–16, 24

Mt 14:1–12

### Sunday

JULY 31

Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23

Col 3:1–5, 9–11

Lk 12:13–21