

The Week Ahead

Sat / April 1

4pm - Vigil Mass: Irene Barrack † by M Barrack
Food Pantry Collection

Sun / April 2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am - Mass: Peter Paul DiCresce - SI by R & S Vander Zyl
Food Pantry Collection
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall
Rosary Makers after Mass, in the Parish Hall
10:30-11:30am - CCD
1:30pm - B--I--N--G--O
2:30pm - Mass (L): Jason Curry - SI by M & M Winston

Mon / April 3

9am - Mass: Gerrit Sneller † by G Demarest
5:30pm - Parish Lenten Retreat, see announcement

Tue / April 4 - St. Isidore

9am - Mass: Katherine Eastman † by the Schneider Family
Confessions - 10am-noon and 2-5pm
5:30pm - Parish Lenten Retreat, see announcement

Wed / April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

9am - Mass: Souls in Purgatory † by N & C McCoy
5:30pm - Parish Lenten Retreat, see announcement

Thu / April 6

9am - Mass: Terry Eastman - SI by J & D Schneider
6pm - B--I--N--G--O

Fri / April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle

9am - Mass: To End Abortion and Euthanasia by M Barrack
First Friday Confessions after Mass
5pm - Stations of the Cross
Altar Society Soup Supper to follow, see announcement

Sat / April 8

3-3:45pm - Confessions
4pm - Vigil Mass: Marty Barrack - SI by M Barrack
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

Sun / April 9 - Palm Sunday

9am - Mass: People of the Parish
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection
KC Breakfast after Mass, in the Parish Hall
10:30-11:30am - CCD
2:30pm - Mass (L): Howard Debus † by M & M Winston

**Join Us Palm Sunday, April 9th,
for Breakfast after Mass!**

Adults/\$7; children 3-10/\$3; ages 2 & under/free

Lenten Retreat Schedule

Monday, 4/3:

9am - Mass
5:30pm - Soup or Bread Potluck
(Ladies - please label your soup)
6pm - Reflection Theme: *Where Are You -
An Encounter with Mercy**

Tuesday, 4/4:

9am - Mass
10am till Noon - Confessions
2pm till 5pm - Confessions
5:30pm - Casserole Potluck
6pm - Reflection Theme: *Biblical Foundations
and Answers to Common Questions
about Confession**

Wednesday, 4/5:

9am - Mass
5:30pm - Smörgåsbord Potluck
6pm - Reflection Theme: *Everyone Needs to
Forgive Someone**

**The Reflections will take place in the Parish Hall*

Altar Society News

The Altar Society will sponsor a Soup Supper this Friday following Stations of the Cross. There will be no set price, but an offering will be greatly appreciated.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th, in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited.

Volunteers for coffee groups are needed. Groups usually serve about 5-6 times per year. Please call Lila Hickert if you'd like to volunteer, 257-2383.

"DIVINE MERCY" NOVENA

Our Lord in revelation to St. Maria Faustina said, for those who observe the 'Feast of Mercy' He will grant complete forgiveness of sins and total remission of temporal punishment due to sin, as long as they are not attached to any venial sins.

Mercy Sunday is April 23rd this year. We will have a Divine Mercy Service at 3pm. If you wish to prepare for Mercy Sunday with the nine-day Novena, please pick up a Novena brochure on the counter in the vestibule, it begins on Good Friday.

Decorating Help Needed

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

*Palm Sunday through Holy Week is a very busy time with Altar decorations. There are many changes each day and extra hands are needed. If you can help, we will be decorating 4/8, 13, 14 and 15, each day at 10am. **Please** join us!!*

Birthdays Next Week:

- 3 - Theresa Bieg
- 4 - Karli Burch, Lila Hickert, Luz Paul
- 5 - Shirley Heuser
- 6 - Theresa Rigwood
- 7 - Charles Galinis
- 8 - Christina McCoy
- 9 - William Lankford, Dottie Mikolajek,
Pat VanDyk

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Flower Chart

There are many openings on the Flower Charts for the remainder of 2017. This is a beautiful way to remember deceased loved ones or a special date. To reserve your day, sign-up on charts on bulletin board by Sacristy. Altar arrangements are \$45; Roses are \$15 for the pair.

Easter Sunday Potluck

The regular 3rd-Sunday potluck at St. Michael's is on Easter this year. We wish to extend an invitation to the parish to join in a meal to celebrate together. The potluck begins after Mass, approx. 3:45pm; everyone is welcome. Please join us and bring a dish to share.

Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheons

The last Lenten Luncheon and Reflection will take place at the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church this Thursday at 12noon.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

April 2017

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Holy Week Schedule/Collections

Holy Thursday - 6pm Mass **Collection for the Seminary Fund**

This Fund helps support the education of our present 31 diocesan seminarians, who will be our future priests.

Good Friday - 5pm Stations Good Friday Services to follow **Pope's Collection for the Holy Land**

This collection, requested by our Holy Father each year, supports the Christians living in the Holy Land who protect the sacred places there. It also supports the Franciscans who maintain the shrines and parishes, as well as feed and house the poor.

Holy Saturday - 6pm Vigil Mass **Easter Sunday** - 9am(E) & 2:30pm(L) Masses

Fr. Nazarus' Vacation

Fr. Naz will be taking vacation after Easter; his first Mass when he returns will be May 27th. If you or your ministry are planning something while he is gone, or immediately upon his return, please make an appointment to see him before he leaves. Thank you.

Part-Time Position Open

We are in need of someone with maintenance skills who can take care of minor electrical, plumbing and carpentry issues as they arise. Please call Anna Whorl, 856-3013, for more information.

AARP Driver Safety Class

We've had several people inquire as to where they might find a renewal Driver Safety Class to continue their insurance discount. (Most insurance companies give a discount to those 55+ who have taken this class.) Seeing the parishioner who used to offer these classes, no longer does, we found a Class on Saturday, June 3rd, beginning at 8:30am-12:30pm at the Highland Elks Hall. This 4 hour class, open to all ages, is for those who either have never taken the class, or those who need to do a 3 year renewal. Call Jim Golden, 870-710-1234, to register, or for more information. The fee is \$15 for AARP members (bring your card), or \$20 for non-AARP members. You may also contact Jim via email: jim.golden.drhc@statefarm.com.