

The Week Ahead

Sat / April 29

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Dc. Raymond Siwek † by M Siwek*

Sun / April 30 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

9am - Mass: *For the Church, the Pope, the USA & SVDP*

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

10:30-11:30am - CCD *(last class for the year)*

Mon / May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

Tue / May 2 - St. Athanasius

9:30am - Scripture Study, *meet in the Parish Hall Youth Room*

Wed / May 3 - Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

5:30pm - St. Monica Rosary, *in the Chapel*

6pm - RCIA /Adult Ed Classes, *meet in the Library*

6:30pm - Youth Group, *meet in the Parish Hall*

Thu / May 4

6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

Fri / May 5

Sat / May 6

3-3:45pm - Confessions

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Irene Barrack † by M Barrack*

Food Pantry Collection

Sun / May 7 - 4th Sunday of Easter

9am - Mass: *Richard Pellant † by G Pellant*

May Crowning with Entrance Processional

Food Pantry Collection

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

Rosary Makers after Mass, *in the Parish Hall*

1:30pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

•Gordon/Lila Hickert *in memory of deceased family*

Coffee & Donuts *next week*, May 7th, will be served by the Bystrys & group # 2.

Birthdays Next Week:

1-Damien Oberbeck, Andy Ryan, Caron Wallman

3-Joseph Bailey

5-Charles Lankford, David Scheschi

6-Anthony Burkhammer

7-Sue Billiot

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Welcome to the Catholic Church!

Please join us in welcoming the newest members to our Catholic Faith who were baptized and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass:

Jessica Inabinett

Daniel & Connor Sandefer

Jacob Powell, Jessica's son, will be received into the Catholic Church when Fr. Nazarus returns.

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

Blessed St. Joseph, you are honored by the Church as the Worker, the humble carpenter of Nazareth. Inspire us to work conscientiously putting the call of duty before our own inclinations. May we work with gratitude and joy as faithful servants and true followers of Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen †

May Crowning Next Weekend

Please bring fresh flowers next weekend and join in the May Crowning Procession to honor our Blessed Mother.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Donuts may have to CEASE

Due to age and other health issues, we have lost several of our Coffee Crews. If no one comes forward and offers to help, we may see the end of this hospitality ministry. If you are not on a coffee crew, please call Lila Hickert, 257-2353, and volunteer to serve. The work is light, involving 4-5 weekends per year. You know your dates at the beginning of the year making it easy to switch if something personal comes up.

Catholics Needed for Prison Ministry

Catholics are needed to visit the prison once a month when Mass is offered and then to fellowship with the inmates after. We are also in need of Catholics interested in being pen-pals with the inmates who are RCIA candidates, and with those newly received into the Church. Please contact Matt Winston, or speak to Fr. John Lewandowski after Mass.

**Items Needed for Next Weekend's
Food Pantry Collection:**

*Toilet Paper; Box Dinners; Mac & Cheese;
Puddings; Canned Vegetables and Meat;
Canned Fruit; Canned or Powdered Milk.*

*Thank you for your response to last
month's Food Pantry Collection, **278** items
were donated! God bless you!*

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.

2016 Operation Christmas Child Report

Pastor Howard Lisech from the Village Bible Church, in Cherokee Village, thanks everyone who participated in the 2016 Shoebox Project. They were overwhelmed with the 659 Shoeboxes turned into them! The North Arkansas Region collected over 14,000 shoeboxes; nationally over 9 million were collected, and over 11 million internationally. "Thank you for partnering with us - we couldn't have done it without you!" ~ Howard & Bonnie Lisech

Upcoming St. Scholastica Retreats
St. Scholastica Retreat Center, Fort Smith

Mother's Day of Reflection / Sr. Macrina
May 11 \$50
Lord, When Did We See You? / Alice Nahas
June 2-4 \$195
Let Your Heart Speak / Cindy Shaw
June 23-25 \$195

To register call, 479-783-1135, or visit:
www.stscho.org/retreat-registration/

(Also, see flyers on hall bulletin boards)

Welcome Ministry Needs Volunteers

Calling all friendly, welcoming parishioners! Our newly formed Welcoming Ministry needs more couples/singles to help us. If you've seen this announcement before it is because no one has yet responded. If your interest is piqued and you would like to learn more or to volunteer, contact Sharon Vander Zyl at 870-847-3095, or send an email to: sharon.vanderzyl@gmail.com. Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Knight of Columbus in Horseshoe Bend invite everyone to a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser next Saturday, May 6th. Menu includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Cost is \$5 each. Breakfast will be served at St. Mary's Parish hall 7:30am-Noon.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

May 2017

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

Gently Used Furniture Wanted

Second Chance Thrift Store in Ash Flat is now accepting gently used furniture. If you need pick-up, please call Carolyn Rhymes, 870-994-2002. Proceeds of the Thrift Store benefit New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center.

Wanted

The Altar Society redeems **Best Choice UPC Labels** (only) which help with their funding of items needed for the Altar, including altar linens, vestments, hosts, wine, and candles. Please cut out the code from the labels and place them in the basket on the counter in the vestibule.

There is also a green collection bin in the lower parking lot (next to the dumpster) for **soda and beer cans**. The money we receive from the recycling plant is given to St. Vincent de Paul to help the needy in our community.

Your help with these is greatly appreciated!