

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / April 8

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  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall  
10:30-11:30am - CCD  
2:30pm - Mass (L): Howard Debus † by M & M Winston

### Monday of Holy Week / April 10

### Tuesday of Holy Week / April 11

9am - Mass: Magnificat Ministry  
1pm - Altar Society Rosary & Meeting, in Parish Hall  
5:15pm - KC Officers Mtg. followed by Rosary & Bus. Mtg.

### Wednesday of Holy Week / April 12

6pm - Mass: Special Intention by G Demarest  
6:45pm - RCIA /Adult Ed Classes, meet in the Library

### Holy Thursday / April 13

Office Closed / Adoration Chapel closes at 3pm  
6pm - Mass: Allison Pruitt - SI by J & A Whorl  
Seminarian Fund Collection  
Altar of Repose with Adoration after Mass till Midnight

### Good Friday / April 14

Office Closed / Adoration Chapel Closed  
5pm - Stations of the Cross  
@5:30pm - Good Friday Services  
Holy Land Collection

### Holy Saturday / April 15

6pm - Vigil Mass: Irene Barrack † by M Barrack

### Easter Sunday / April 16

9am - Mass: Les & Margaret Gamboe † by Family  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall  
Easter Egg Hunt, after donuts, ages 0-10, bring a basket

Palm Arrangement this week is compliments of: *The Altar Society*

Tabernacle Roses this week are compliments of:  
•Cavileers/Pellant in honor of the Holy Eucharist

Coffee & Donuts next week, April 16<sup>th</sup>, will be served by The Stegnos & group # 6.

### Birthdays Next Week:

12-Bud Buescher, Julie Hellner, Ed McCarroll  
14-Cheryl Walsh  
16-Dale Lofquist

## Prayer for Holy Week

Jesus Christ, may Your death be my life & in Your dying may I learn how to live. May Your struggles be my rest, Your human weakness my courage, Your embarrassment my honor, Your passion my delight, Your sadness my joy, in Your humiliation may I be exalted. In a word, may I find all my blessing in Your trials. † Amen †

## 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 of the Cross  
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 Mass

## Altar Society News

The next meeting is this Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited.

Thank you to those who made soup for our two Soup Suppers this Lent, and also to those who attended. Your participation was appreciated.

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.

## Welcome to Our Parish

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our Parish Family:

**Barbara Byers - CV**  
**William & Maureen Matselboba, and her mother, Rita Predergast - CV**  
**Nelson & Christina McCoy - Hardy**  
**Tiffany Warden-Lewis & children - HSB**

**A Reminder - Good Friday** is a day of fast & abstinence. The law of **fasting** obliges all between the ages of 18-59 & allows one full meal & two smaller ones. The obligation of **abstinence** begins at age 14 & prohibits the eating of meat.

The **Diocese of Little Rock** is asking its people to consider “fasting” by turning off their cell phones and television on Good Friday. Instead, spend some time in silent prayer listening to God speak in your hearts. Combining this with the above mentioned fasting and abstinence, offering the fruits of the sacrifice for a specific cause gives meaning to the suffering involved and produces a greater spiritual benefit.

## **Eternal Rest**

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Bob King**, who passed away last Sunday. May he rest with Our Lord in eternal peace!

## **Scripture Study Course**

*Beginning Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a six week scripture study on the book of Acts. We will be meeting at 9:30am in the Youth Room in the Church Hall. We hope many will take advantage of this opportunity! To order a book, please let Sharon Vander Zyl know by April 12<sup>th</sup> that you will be attending, 870-847-3095, or email: [sharon.vanderzyl@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.vanderzyl@gmail.com).*

## **Centennial Anniversary of Fatima**

On one side of this weekend's bulletin insert is a letter from Bishop Taylor about plenary indulgences that can be received during 2017 in relation to this Centennial Anniversary. Also explained are the special Masses that will be offered at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Benton.

## **Decorating Help Needed**

*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 if you can!!*

## **Latin Mass & Easter Potluck on Easter Sunday is Cancelled**

**Due to several people being out of town on Easter Sunday, it was decided to cancel the Latin Mass and the Easter Potluck scheduled that day.**

## **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

### **“Safe Environment Healing Mass”**

*April is dedicated to raising awareness of and preventing child abuse (whether sexual, physical, or emotional). Bishop Taylor will offer a Mass on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, in the Morris Hall Chapel in LR. The Mass will be offered for the healing of all victims of child abuse and those impacted by it, with a reception immediately to follow.*

## **“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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

## **“Let’s say ‘yes’ to life and ‘no’ to death.”**

*(Pope Francis, Jan 19, 2014)*

*Catholics believe in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Starting Easter Monday, eight men are scheduled to be executed by the State of Arkansas. Please see the **enclosed bulletin insert** for prayer requests from Bishop Taylor..*

## **Magnificat Secretary Needed**

The local Magnificat Advisory Board has an opening for secretary. Your commitment would be one meeting per month, plus attendance at 3 meals per year. Please pray about becoming part of this important ministry. For more info, call Ariela Wege, (870) 257-2799.

## **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.