

The Week Ahead

Sat / August 5

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

Food Pantry Collection

Sun / August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration

9am - Mass: Dec. Firment Family Members † by G Firment

Food Pantry Collection

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

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

No Latin Mass today, Fr Naz is out of state for a wedding

Mon / August 7 - Ss. Sixtus II & Comp.; St. Cajetan

9am - Mass: Irene Barrack † by M Barrack

Tue / August 8 - St. Dominic

5:15pm - KC Officers Mtg. followed by Rosary & Bus. Mtg.

Wed / August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

6pm - Mass: Harris Children - SI by G & C Harris

Thu / August 10 - St. Lawrence

9am - Mass: For a Special Intention by D Schneider

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

Fri / August 11 - St. Clare

9am - Mass: Frederick H Winston - SI by M & M Winston

9:45am - Scripture Study, in the Parish Hall

Sat / August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal

3-3:45pm - Confessions

4pm - Vigil Mass: Marty Barrack - SI by M Barrack

Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

Sun / August 13 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: People of the Parish

Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

KC Breakfast after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

•Al Czech & Mary Jack † Eileen Czech

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

•Cavileers/Pellant in honor of the Immaculate Heart

Thank You All!



Many of you remember the Repair and Restoration Project (later known as R & R) begun in 2009. Phase I of R & R, cleaning out the duct work and installing UV lights to prohibit the growth of mold, was paid for with our savings.

In 2010 we had a fund drive for Phase II of R & R, which included: a new metal roof; replacement of windows, repair of water damage to the ceiling, and painting in the main sanctuary; and exterior tuck pointing and waterproofing. The total bill was over \$110,000. Parishioners, and some generous non-parishioners, made donations and/or monthly pledges for a period of 2 years (and longer). A \$70,000 loan was obtained from the diocese to make up the difference so the work could begin. **With grateful hearts, we are very pleased to inform you that our loan is paid in full** (9 months early with the help of Bingo). We are most appreciative of the generous hearts of the people of our parish who help us maintain God's house in which we worship. We are also very grateful to the volunteers who work weekly with the BINGO committee, and to those who support BINGO by participation, which allowed this bill to be paid off sooner than expected.

Phase III of R & R was suspended because of the current debt with the loan for Phase II. Then a few years later, through the generosity of Helen Shinavar's Estate, and again, Bingo, we were able to expand the altar and tile it, lay down new carpet throughout the upper level of the church, and paint the hallways and offices. Parishioners donated toward the new altar chairs.

We are so grateful for the generous people of St. Michael's who continually open their wallets when an urgent need arises, such as when our heat pumps need to be replaced. And now, once again, we have 2 issues that need immediate attention: the church parking lot and the honey bee situation. As you have noticed, the parking lot is full of cracks and weeds. Water gets into the cracks in the winter, freezing and creating potholes. These cracks and potholes pose a tripping hazard, so we need to have it resealed. The cost will be approximately \$10,000. (Continued maintenance of the parking lot will prevent the need to repave it, which would be extremely expensive.) We also have a bee hive in the upper most peak of the church that needs to be removed. Last year we tried sealing the interior walls to keep them out, but they have found their way in again. Special equipment will be needed to reach the area in which we believe the hive is, then part of the roof and exterior wall removed so we can get at it. Once the bees are removed we will seal that area so that more bees won't move in. We are estimating the cost will be about another \$1000.

On August 26/27, we will take-up a second collection to help defray the cost of these projects. As always, your generosity is most appreciated. May God bless you all!

Join Us Next Sunday for Breakfast

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

**Worries and Tensions
are like birds.**

**We cannot stop them
from flying near us,
but we can certainly
stop them from making a
nest in our mind!**

☺ Wishing you a happy week! ☺

August 15th - The Assumption of Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. We will have Mass on Monday, Aug. 14th, at 6pm, and on Tuesday, Aug. 15th, at 9am. There will be one collection this day which remains in the parish.

Birthdays Next Week:

8 - Chuck Williams

9 - James Mayhall

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Altar Society News

Hope all of you are enjoying the summer. As always, we do not meet during the months of June, July and August. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 12th, at 1pm. We have many topics to discuss so we can plan for the coming year.

As a reminder, your Altar Society Dues of \$5 is now due. Please put in an envelope marked "Altar Society" and either place in the collection basket at Mass, or bring to the Church Office.

4th Annual Color for Life

5K Fun Run/Walk

**NEW BEGINNINGS PREGNANCY HELP
CENTER FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, Sept. 16th, Loberg Park, Hardy
Registration at 8am / Event begins at 9am**

Last year's event was a big success and much fun was had by all ages. Whether you are a first time walker/runner or seasoned athlete, this 5K event is for you. There is also a 1 mile walk for moms with strollers and/or small children, senior adults, or anyone not able to commit to the 5k. Registration fees: ages 5-12/\$20; ages 13 & older/\$30; register before Sept. 1st and save \$5. Registration forms are in the vestibule, or you can register online at: www.ColorForLifeFunRun.com. From this website you can also choose someone to sponsor. Volunteers are always needed; call the Center to sign-up, 994-5433. The goal this year is to raise \$30,000. Thank you for making a difference in our community!

We Extend Our Gratitude...

To the ladies who showed up last weekend to assist Father: Anne Kootz, Pam MacAulay, Niki McDaniel, Lois Nunnally, Lana Sorg, and Ariela Wege. They polished all the brass items at church, including the Tabernacle, candlesticks and Monstrance. God bless you all for giving of yourself and your time!

Open Adoration Hours

Friday 4-5pm & 5-6pm

We are looking for someone to commit to these hours effective August 11th. Please call Anne Kootz if interested.

Adoration Subs Needed

We need to update our list of substitutes for Adoration. If you are someone who can't commit to the same hour each week, maybe you could offer to be on the Sub List. This way, if you are busy, you have the option of declining when you are asked. If interested in being on this list, please call Anne Kootz, 870-847-1985, and let her know the time of the day you prefer. God bless you.

Upcoming St. Scholastica Retreats

St. Scholastica Retreat Center, Fort Smith

Seven Sacred Pauses

by Sr. Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB

September 22-24; \$245

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

(Also, see flyer on hall bulletin board)

Next PC Meeting, Sept. 21, 12noon

Parish Council meetings are open to parishioners to attend. If you wish to bring up a topic, let Becky in the Office know two weeks in advance so you can be put on the agenda.



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