

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / February 10

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

Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

### Sun / February 11 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*

Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

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

10:30am - CCD

5pm - Youth Group Italian Dinner

### Mon / February 12

9am - Mass: *Rev. Stan Swiderski - SI* by *J & D Schneider*

### Tue / February 13

### Wed / February 14 - Ash Wednesday

6pm - Mass/Ashes: *Rev. Amal Punganoor - SI* by *MVB*

Arkansas Missions Collection

6:30pm - RCIA Classes, *meet in Library*

### Thu / February 15

9am - Mass: *Patrick McCulley & Harry Laing †* by *Matselbobas*

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

### Fri / February 16

9am - Mass: *Roland Saucier †* by *J & D Schneider*

### Sat / February 17 - Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order

3-3:45pm - Confessions

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Joseph Kocz †* by *M Kocz*

Property/Liability Insurance Collection, *see article*

### Sun / February 18 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

9am - Mass: *Albert & Joanna Bradi †* by *Family*

Property/Liability Insurance Collection, *see article*

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

10:30am - CCD

2:30pm - Mass (L): *Robert Morrell †* by *G & M Gregory*

4pm - Potluck to follow Mass, *everyone invited*

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

•Bob & Clobeaut Laszacs *in memory of Mary L.* †

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

•Cavileers/Pellant *in honor of Christ's Passion*

Coffee & Donuts *next week*, February 18<sup>th</sup>, will be served by Ariela Wege & group # 5.

## Lent Begins This Week

We will have **Mass & distribution of Ashes** on Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm. During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Fridays at 5:00pm. Following Stations of the Cross, Feb. 23 and March 23, the Altar Society will offer a Soup Meal; KC Fish Fry dates are still to be determined.

A reminder from the "Arkansas Catholic":

- **Ash Wednesday** & **Good Friday** are days of fast & abstinence. The law of **fasting** obliges all between the ages of 18-59 and allows one full meal & two smaller ones. The obligation of **abstinence** begins at age 14 and prohibits the eating of meat.

- **Fridays of Lent** are days of **abstinence**. - Parents are to see minors are encouraged to do penance suitable to their age.

- All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during Lent beyond what's prescribed by Law.

## Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheons

The M.A. will once again offer Lenten Luncheons, at various churches in our community, each Thursday in Lent, beginning at 12Noon and lasting 1 hour in length. The Luncheons include a Lenten themed message followed by a simple meal. A basket will be put out for a love offering with money being donated to the M.A. Food Pantry. Call our Church Office if you have any questions.

This week's Luncheon & Lenten Message will be at the **Hardy First Baptist Church**. Mark your calendar for our church's turn, **next Thursday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and plan to join us! (*There's a sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you can bring soup.*) A complete list of churches and dates can be found on bulletin boards.

## Birthdays Next Week:

12-Rebecca Burkhammer

13-Elsie Martin, Andon Templett

16-Tim Starcken

18-Sharon Williams

*We wish you many blessings on your birthday!*

## Parish Lenten Retreat

"Sharing the Mercy of God"

Save the Date: March 4-8

## Ash Wednesday Collection

The collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Arkansas Missions. The money received supports missionary activities and the priests and religious sisters who proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they serve among the people of our diocese. One hundred percent of the money collected goes toward this ministry. Thank you for your generosity to this collection!

## Next Weekend's Second Collection

It's that time of year when we get our Annual Property & Liability Insurance Bill (usually around \$6,000). Your contribution is greatly appreciated as it helps defray the cost of this large expense each year. May God richly bless you for your generosity.

***(There are generic blue & white envelopes in the vestibule to use if you don't have church envelopes.)***

## Thank You's

Thank you for all your prayers, I am well on the road to recovery. ~ *Pat VanDyk*

Many thanks for your cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of our mother, Cecilia Orsoz. ~ *The Orosz Family*

Thank you for your condolences and support on the death of my husband, Bud Buescher. A special thank you to those who helped with the Funeral Luncheon. Your expressions of love were greatly appreciated.  
~ *Mary Alice Buescher*

## Lenten Small Group Sign-Ups

*Sign-up sheets for our Small Groups are in the vestibule. Be sure to take a "Black Book" with Lenten reflections, which will be the basis for discussions. Groups will begin meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>, so please begin reading the daily reflections.*

## Open Adoration Hours

Friday: 12-1pm

Call Martha DeCoster if interested, 870-856-1055

Wednesday: 4-5:30pm

Call Anne Kootz if interested, 870-847-1985

People available to substitute are always needed. If you can't commit to an hour, consider being a sub!

**LET US BEGIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

**Life is a One Time offer,  
USE it WELL...  
Repent and Believe in the Gospel.**

**Give God your weakness  
and He will give you  
HIS STRENGTH.**

☺ *Wishing you all a fruitful Lent!* ☺

## Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent

Sign-up now at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com) for a free email program for Lent that will guide you on a 40 day journey to becoming the best-version-of-yourself. Sponsored by Dynamic Catholic, this lenten program will help you discover how to open your hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate.

## Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

We want to remind everyone of our winter weather policy: Weekend Mass is rarely cancelled, but we ask that you please use prudent judgment, according to your own particular circumstances and road conditions, as to whether it is safe for YOU to drive. In the case of severe snow or ice when Mass needs to be cancelled, we will communicate with you through our email/phone tree, as well as have it announced on the local radio station. If you are elderly and there is snow or ice on the roads, *please stay home*; you don't need to be out and take the chance of falling. (Even if you can get here, we can't guarantee what condition our side street/parking lot/walkways will be.) *Please use caution and be safe!*

## 2018 C.A.S.A. Appeal

Our Diocese is committed to reaching out to serve the needs of others through ministry that supports our local needy and provides programs to parishes to serve its individual parishioners. Your generosity to help meet our CASA goal (\$18,743.55) has a tremendous impact on our parish's ability to support these vital diocesan programs. Additional envelopes are available in the vestibule. You can mail them yourself, or slip them under the Church Office door and we will mail them. ***Remember, make checks payable to CASA, include CASA #7215 on your check, and NO CASH PLEASE!*** Thank you!