

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / February

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

### Mon / February 19 - Presidents' Day

Church Office CLOSED

9am - Mass: Bud Buescher † by P & M Borman

### Tue / February 20

### Wed / February 21 - St. Peter Damian

12pm - Altar Society Card Party, in the Parish Hall  
6pm - Mass: Donald Rettig † by C Enda  
6:30pm - RCIA Classes, meet in Library  
6:30pm - CCD

### Thu / February 22 - Chair of St. Peter

9am - Mass: Terance Rettig † by C Enda  
12Noon - M.A. Lenten Luncheon, see article  
6pm - B--I--N--G--O

### Fri / February 23 - St. Polycarp

9am - Mass: Rev. Daniel Brandenburg - SI by MVB  
5pm - Stations of the Cross, followed by A.S. Soup Meal

### Sat / February 24

3-3:45pm - Confessions  
4pm - Vigil Mass: Bud Buescher † by L Hickert  
Collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe  
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

### Sun / February 25 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9am - Mass: People of the Parish  
Collection for Church in Central & Eastern Europe  
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

**Coffee & Donuts** next week, February 25, will  
be served by Mary Stehno & group # 6.

Join us for "Stations of the Cross"  
beginning at 5pm each Friday in Lent.

### Birthdays Next Week:

19-Adam Munroe, Mary Stehno  
We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

## Lenten Prayer

*God of all compassion & goodness, heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us. You bid us turn to fasting, prayer, and sharing with our brothers and sisters. We acknowledge our sinfulness, our guilt is ever before us; when our weakness causes discouragement, let Your compassion fill us with hope and lead us through a Lent of repentance to the beauty of Easter joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen †*

### Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheons

This week's Luncheon & Lenten Message will be here at **St. Michael's Church** beginning at 12Noon. Please consider joining us! For a complete list of churches and dates, see the flyer on either of the bulletin boards.

### Next Weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

*The collection next weekend for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports basic pastoral ministries in areas still struggling with the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Your donation supplies housing and training needed to strengthen the Church there. God bless you!*

### Next PC Meeting, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 12noon in the Library

Parish Council meetings are open to parishioners to listen in on. If you wish to bring up a topic for discussion, you must let Becky or Rollie know two weeks in advance.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Season of Lent is a  
Season of GRACE.

REPENT

RENEW

RELIVE

☺ Wishing you all a fruitful Lent! ☺

## Altar Society News

The Altar Society will be sponsoring two Soup Suppers during Lent. They will follow Stations of the Cross on Fridays, February 23rd and March 23rd. Anyone wishing to donate meatless soup for these events please sign-up on sheets on the table in the vestibule. Please note, there are 2 sign-up sheets, one for each date! Also, please list the type of soup you are bringing so we have a variety. Thank you!

If you use any Best Choice products, please remove the UPC code and place in the box in the back of church as the Altar Society can redeem them. Thank you.

## Parish Lenten Retreat

Save the Date: March 4-8

Theme: "Sharing the Mercy of God"

Retreat Master: Fr. Tom Sullivan  
(from the Fathers of Mercy in Kentucky)

See this weekend's bulletin insert for more details, and please plan to JOIN US!

## 2018 CASA Update

Please be generous in sharing your gifts and blessings. One of the ways the money from this Appeal is used is in helping parishes with education expenses. Did you know each year OUR parish applies for, and is granted, money from this fund to help with CCD, RCIA and Adult Ed materials?

Our parish goal this year is **\$18,743.55**. When placing a contribution in the Sunday collection basket, remember: **make checks payable to CASA, include CASA #7215 on your check.** Thank you!

## Online Digital Lenten Retreat

PrayMoreRetreat.com

Sign-up online to receive inspirational talks via email to help you focus on our Lord and transform your prayer life this Lent. Retreat includes five different speakers in sixteen video presentations with study guides. The retreat is self-paced so you can listen at a time that is convenient for you.

## Next Magnificat Luncheon

CALLING ALL LADIES! All women are invited to a luncheon sponsored by "Mary Ark of the Covenant" Arkansas Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women. Our theme this time is St. Patrick's Day. The luncheon will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church Parish Hall, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30am-2pm (registration at 11am). Tickets are \$12 and include a catered lunch, a time of praise and worship and the featured speaker, Cecilia Robilio from Memphis, TN. Cecilia will share her testimony -- a time away in the world followed by a "St. Paul" experience which led her to say "yes" to God and become a "bride of Christ". Join us and bring friends to hear her powerful testimony, to pray, to praise God and to fellowship with us. If you bring a guest who is attending for the first time, you and your guest will be entered into a drawing for a special gift. Tickets are available from the Church Office or from the Magnificat team: Cindy Harris, Sharon Vander Zyl, Kathy Gagne, Mary Welch, Sharon Williams or Briana Dilorio. Tickets will also be sold at weekend Masses March 3-4 and March 10-11. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## 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!

## Winter Clothes Wanted

Second Chance Thrift Store in Ash Flat is in great need of winter clothing. They also accept good gently used knick knacks and décor, and gently used furniture. All donations are greatly appreciated and a tax donation receipt will be given. Proceeds benefit the New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center. If items are too big for you to haul, please call Carolyn Rhymes, 870-994-2002, and she can arrange for pick-up.

**Alzheimer Support Group**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - 1:30pm**  
**CV United Methodist Church**