

The Week Ahead

Sat / February 3

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Irene Barrack* † by *M Barrack*
Food Pantry Collection / CASA Appeal / AR Catholic Drive

Sun / February 4 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: *Ed & Mel Hettinger - 69th Anniv.* by *Hettingers*
Food Pantry Collection / CASA Appeal / AR Catholic Drive
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, *in the Parish Hall*
10:30am - CCD
1:30pm - *B--I--N--G--O*
2:30pm - Mass (L): *Kootz Grandchildren - SI* by *B & A Kootz*

Mon / February 5 - St. Agatha

9am - Mass: *Bill & Cathy Duncan - SI* by *D Beardslee*
5:15pm - KC Officers Mtg. followed by Rosary & Bus. Mtg.

Tue / February 6 - Ss. Paul Miki & Companions

Wed / February 7

Office Closed Today
3:45pm - Scripture Study, *in the Parish Hall*
6pm - Mass: *Gordon Hickert* † by *J & A Whorl*
6:30pm - RCIA Classes, *meet in Library*

Thu / February 8 - Ss. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

9am - Mass: *Frank Leonhard - SI* by *M Barrack*
12Noon - Parish Council Meeting, *in the Library*
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

Fri / February 9

9am - Mass: *Michael Schneider - SI* by *J & D Schneider*

Sat / February 10 - St. Scholastica

3-3:45pm - Confessions
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marty Barrack - SI* by *M Barrack*
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

Sun / February 11 - 6th 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

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

•Joyce Speir *in honor of her sisters Aline & Florence*

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

•Ed & Mel Hettinger *in honor of 69th Anniversary*

Coffee & Donuts *next week*, February 11th, will be served by the Knights of Columbus.

Join Us - This Thursday - 12Noon

Parishioners are welcome to attend the Parish Council Meeting at 12Noon in the Parish Library.

2018 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to CASA as a way of saying "thank you" to God. Our Bishop has asked us all to consider a monthly pledge or a one-time gift equal to 1%, or even ½ %, of your annual net income to share the ministry of Christ in Arkansas. Our parish goal is the same as last year, **\$18,743.55**. ***Make checks to "CASA" and include our CASA #7215 on the lower left corner of your check.*** If you bring an envelope home today to give yourself more time to consider what your pledge will be, please slip it under the Office door when you bring it back. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule in which you can mail your monthly pledges, or slip your check, made payable to CASA, under the Office door and we will mail it for you. God bless you!

Birthdays Next Week:

5 - Norman Flowers, Alma Lancaster
6 - Gerrie Pellant
7 - Tomas Hernandez
9 - Jeonilla VanHouten, Forrest Walsh
We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

A Look Ahead to Lent

Ash Wednesday: 2/14, Mass & Ashes - 6pm
Stations of the Cross: Fridays - 5pm
Altar Society Soup Meals: 2/23 & 3/23
KC Fish Fries: TBA
M.A. Luncheon at St. Michael's: 2/22 - Noon
Parish Retreat: 3/3-8 (see today's insert)
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Lenten Small Group Sign-Ups

It's time to sign-up for Small Groups for Lent. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule; you may choose whichever day and time works best for your schedule. Be sure to take a "Black Book" with Lenten reflections, which will be the basis for discussion in the small groups. Groups will begin meeting February 18th. Please begin reading the daily reflections on Ash Wednesday to prepare for your group's meeting. Any questions, call Rose Brandenburg, 994-2744.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

When you truly care for someone, their mistakes never change your feelings, because it's the mind that gets angry but the heart still cares!

☺ *Wishing you a happy week!* ☺

Altar Society News

The Altar Society will be sponsoring two Soup Suppers after Stations of the Cross during Lent. They will be on February 23rd and March 23rd. Parishioners are all invited. There will be no set charge but donations are greatly appreciated.

The Altar Society now meets every other month, so the next meeting will be **March 13th at 1pm.**

HERE I AM!

***Women's Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat
Come see that Sisters are Real People!***

The retreat is for young women, 16-35 years of age, who want to learn and discern about Religious Life. It will be held February 24-25, 2018 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in LR. Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices of Vocations, Youth & Campus Ministry, and Minister for Religious, the retreat will include: talks on Religious Life by Sisters from congregations serving in Arkansas; a time for prayer & reflection; and an opportunity to speak with the Sisters. The Retreat is free. Registration deadline is February 15th. For more information contact Sr. Mary Clare, Minister for Religious, smcbezner@dolr.org, or 501-664-0340, ext. 309.

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Envelopes are available in the vestibule; or you can sign-up online at: arkansas-catholic.org.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WWME, for married couples, gives you time away from it all..Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. And a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is at Subiaco Coury House, February 9-11. For more information contact Leah & Ben Brewer, (501) 733-1235; or email: apply@arkansaswwme.org; or apply online at: www.arkansaswwme.org/apply.

Open Adoration Hours

Monday: 11am-12Noon

Call Martha DeCoster if interested, 870-856-1055

Wednesday: 4-5:30pm

Call Anne Kootz if interested, 870-847-1985

Wednesday: 7-8pm

Call Bernie Brandenburg if interested, 870-994-2744

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Do you know of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths. The next Retrouvaille Weekend is February 23-25 at St. John Center in LR. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, or to signup, visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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

St. Scholastica Retreat Center will present a Lenten workshop series on three consecutive Thursdays, February 22nd - March 8th, from 9:30-11am. Using the book, **SEVEN STAGES OF SUFFERING: a Spiritual Path for Transformation**, Sister Rachel Dietz, OSB will lead participants through the seven stages with an emphasis on the positive and transformative energy of suffering. For more information, or to register, call (479) 783-1135. See flyer on hall bulletin board.