

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / February 25

3-3:45pm - Confessions

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Bob & Evelyn Lynch † by M & E Novak*

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, *in the Church*

### Sun / February 26 - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, *in the Church*

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

10:30-11:30am - CCD

### Mon / February 27

### Tue / February 28

9am - Mass: OPEN

### Wed / March 1 - Ash Wednesday

6pm - Mass: *Lester Gamboe † by Family*

Arkansas Missions Collection, *see announcement*

6:45pm - RCIA /Adult Ed Classes, *meet in the Library*

### Thu / March 2

9am - Mass: OPEN

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

### Fri / March 3 - St. Katherine Drexel

9am - Mass: *To End Abortion & Euthanasia by M Barrack*

First Friday Confessions after Mass

5pm - Stations of the Cross

KC Fish Fry to follow, *see announcement*

### Sat / March 4

9am - Mass: *Rev. Nazarus Maduba - SI by G Demarest*

3-3:45pm - Confessions

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

St. Vincent DePaul and Food Pantry Collections

### Sun / March 5 - First Sunday of Lent

9am - Mass: *Roy Lowe † by T & T Taylor*

St. Vincent DePaul and Food Pantry Collections

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

Rosary Makers after Mass, *in the Parish Hall*

10:30-11:30am - CCD

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

2:30pm - Mass (L): *Matt & Mary Winston - SI by M & M Winston*

**Altar Flowers** *this week* are compliments of:

•Mike & Evelyn Novak † *Bob & Evelyn Lynch †*

**Tabernacle Roses** *this week* are compliments of:

•Cavileers/Pellant *in honor of Jesus' Passion*

**Coffee & Donuts** *next week*, March 5<sup>th</sup>, will be served by Mike & Rhonda Bystry & group # 2.

## Lent Begins This Week

We will have **Mass & distribution of Ashes** this Wednesday at 6pm (9am in Horseshoe Bend). During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Fridays at 5pm.

### Lenten Regulations

**-Ash Wednesday & Good Friday** are days of fast AND 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 all 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 & charity during Lent beyond what's prescribed by Law.

### From the "Arkansas Catholic"

For the first time ever, the Diocese of Little Rock is inviting people to "fast" by turning off their cell phones and televisions on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and Good Friday, April 14.

Silencing our phones and televisions for all or part of these holy days will give God a chance to call our hearts, especially if we couple this with at least an hour spent in silent prayer while disconnected from digital media. Please consider including this practice in addition to almsgiving, prayer and fasting from food, which are traditional disciplines the Church observes during Lent

Because all of these practices involve sacrifice of one sort or another, it would be especially beneficial to offer the spiritual fruits of that sacrifice for some specific cause -- thus giving meaning to the suffering involved and producing greater spiritual benefit.

**Mass Intentions Open - call the Office**

## Lenten Small Groups

### *Sign-Ups in Vestibule*

*If you're interested in attending a Small Group during Lent, please sign-up for a time/day that is best for you. Don't forget to take a 'Little Black Book' by the sign-up sheet. Groups begin March 5.*

### Birthdays Next Week:

27-Ray Elenteny, Lanetta Holden,

Dustin Munroe

28-Larry Allen, Robert McDaniel

2 - Gunnar Holden

3 - Bernie Brandenburg, Ariela Wege

5 - Ken Rutz, Teri Taylor

*We wish you many blessings on your birthday!*

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The Altar Society will be sponsoring Soup Suppers for Lent following the Stations of the Cross on March 17th and April 7th. There will be no set price, but an offering will be greatly appreciated.

**If you would like to donate a pot of meatless soup, please sign-up on the sheet in the vestibule so that everyone is not making soup on the same day. Thank you for volunteering!**

Gretchen Firment will be laundering the small Altar linens during March. Thank you to all the ladies who have helped with the laundry during the winter months.

## Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheons

*See the note on the bulletin boards for this year's scheduled luncheons. Mark your calendars for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 12noon when it will be St. Michael's turn to host. Please join us!*

## Ladies' Day of Recollection

Ladies - you are invited to join St. Peter's (Mtn Home) Council of Catholic Woman for a Day of Recollection with Fr. Norbert Rappold, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am - 2pm. Please RSVP by March 3<sup>rd</sup> to: [maryjo.spcc@centurytel.net](mailto:maryjo.spcc@centurytel.net). Program includes Mass and a Lenten Lunch.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention

**March 2017**

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

## Parish Lenten Activities

### **Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 5pm**

Ministerial Alliance Thursday Soup Luncheons (sponsored by St. Michael's on March 9<sup>th</sup>)

**K.C. Fish Fries: March 3, 10, 24 & 31**

**A.S. Soup Meals: March 17 & April 7**

### **Parish Lenten Reflection**

**with Fr. Norbert Rappold, pastor from Mtn Home,**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> / details TBA**

## KC Lenten Fish Fries

*The Knights of Columbus will offer Fish Fries this Lent following Stations of the Cross (see dates above). Locally raised fried catfish, french fries, green beans, hush puppies, drinks and cake will be served. Cost of the meal is \$7.50 for adults/\$5 for children 12 and under.*

## Ash Wednesday Collection

The collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Arkansas Missions. The money received supports missionary activities and the priests and religious 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!

## Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for SVDP

*Thank you for your past generosity to our quarterly collections. SVDP helps with the spiritual, emotional, & financial needs of the poor in our community. Your continued generosity is greatly needed. Please make checks payable to: St. Vincent dePaul. God bless you!*

## Items Needed for Next Weekend's Food Pantry Collection:

*Toilet Paper; Box Dinners; Mac & Cheese; Puddings; Canned Vegetables and Meat.*

*Thank you for your response to last month's Food Pantry Collection, **363** items were donated! God bless you!*