

The Week Ahead

Sat / January 27

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Dan Kihm - SI* by T & N Kihm
Black & Indian Missions Collection
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, *in the Church*

Sun / January 28 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*
Black and Indian Missions Collection
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, *in the Church*
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, *in the Parish Hall*
10:30am - CCD

Mon / January 29

9am - Mass: *Cecilia Orosz †* by M Birkhead

Tue / January 30

Wed / January 31 - St. John Bosco

Office Closed Today
3:45pm - Scripture Study, *in the Parish Hall*
6pm - Mass: *Larry Welch †* by Welch Family
6:30pm - RCIA Classes, *meet in Library*

Thu / February 1

9am - Mass: *Gordon Hickert †* by K & H James
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

Fri / February 2 - Presentation in the Temple

9am - Mass: *End to Abortion & Euthanasia* by M Barrack
First Friday Confessions after Mass

Sat / February 3 - Ss. Blaise & Ansgar

9am - Mass: *Dc. James Thompson †* by J & D Schneider
First Saturday Confessions after Mass
3-3:45pm - Confessions
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 - SI* 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

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:
Mary Alice Buescher *in memory of Bud Buescher †*

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:
Cavileers/Pellant *in honor of the Holy Name of Jesus*

Coffee & Donuts *next week*, February 4th, will be served by Anne Kootz & group # 4.

2018 CASA Appeal

Next weekend the 2018 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) will begin. At Mass we will listen to a message from Bishop Taylor in regards to this year's appeal and then be given time to complete a pledge form. Our Bishop asks that you prayerfully consider this opportunity to give in support of the overall needs of the Church in our Diocese. There is information enclosed in today's bulletin to help you discern what you can afford for a monthly donation prior to coming to Mass next weekend. Also, please see the enclosed list of ways your money can help spread the Good News.

Our parish goal this year is again, \$18,743.55. Pledge envelopes will be in the pews next weekend. You can make a one time donation, or pledge a monthly dollar amount (for up to 10 months), by check or debit/charge card. Envelopes may be brought home if you need more time to consider your donation. Thank You and God bless you for your continued generosity!

Bulletin Deadline

The usual deadline for submitting articles for the bulletin is Noon on Wednesday; however, the deadline for next weekend's bulletin will be Noon on Monday. Any questions or concerns, please call the Church Office. 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*)

Fr. Tom Sullivan will join us for the weekend Masses; then beginning Sunday evening, the retreat will consist of Mass each morning with reflections in the evening. Mark your calendars now so you are free to join us! We will have a bulletin insert next weekend with more details.

Thank You's

Many thanks to the many parishioners who brought food for Cecilia Orosz's Funeral Luncheon last Wednesday, and for all the kitchen helpers. Your love for Cecilia is evident in your good works. May God bless you.

We thank Cecilia and Zollie Orosz for their help establishing a Catholic Church in Hardy many years ago. Their devotion to their family, their faith, and their parish is an inspiration to us all. May Cecilia and Zollie now rest in peace!

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Birthdays Next Week:

29-Marcella Birckhead, Steve Ritter, Pat Sampson

1 - Danny Sorg

2 - Ken Billiot

4 - Virginia Mouzourakis

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

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

Items Needed for Next Weekend's

Food Pantry Collection:

Box Dinners; Mac & Cheese; Cereal; Puddings; Canned Vegetables, Meat and Fruit; Soup and Crackers; Canned or Powdered Milk; Laundry Soap; Shampoo, Dish Soap and Toilet Paper.

Thank you for your response to last month's Food Pantry Collection, 372 items were donated! God bless you!

Next PC Meeting, Feb. 8th, 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.

A MEANINGFUL LIFE...

Is not being rich, being popular,
being highly educated, or being perfect.
It is about being real, being humble,
being able to share our selves,
and touch the lives of others.

☺ *Wishing you a happy week!* ☺

Small Lenten Groups

Lent is right around the corner! We are starting to organize for our Small Groups. If you would like to host a group in your home, or act as a facilitator for a group meeting at church, please contact Rose Brandenburg, 870-994-2744. Thank You!

SAVE THIS DATE!

Our next Mary Ark of the Covenant Chapter Magnificat Luncheon is only 8 weeks away on March 17 at St. Michael's Parish Hall. Time Flies! Mark your calendar NOW so you'll be sure to be with us. More details will follow early next month.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

February 2018

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.