

The Week Ahead

Sat / May 6

4pm - Vigil Mass: Irene Barrack † by M Barrack
Food Pantry Collection

Sun / May 7 - 4th Sunday of Easter

9am - Mass: Richard Pellant † by G Pellant
Food Pantry Collection
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall
Rosary Makers after Mass, in the Parish Hall
1:30pm - B--I--N--G--O

Mon / May 8

Tue / May 9

9:30am - Scripture Study, meet in the Parish Hall Youth Room
1pm - Altar Society Rosary & Meeting, in Parish Hall
5:15pm - KC Officers Mtg. followed by Rosary & Bus. Mtg.

Wed / May 10 - St. Damien de Veuster

5:30pm - St. Monica Rosary, in the Chapel

Thu / May 11

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

Fri / May 12 - Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, and Pancras

Sat / May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima - 100 yr Anniversary

3-3:45pm - Confessions
4pm - Vigil Mass: Fr. John's private intentions
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

Sun / May 14 - Mother's Day

9am - Mass: Dec Parents of the Vander Zyl Family †
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Altar Flowers this week are compliments of:

- Jim and Anna Whorl in honor of Granddaughter Allison's First Holy Communion

Tabernacle Roses this week are compliments of:

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Coffee & Donuts next week, May 14th, will be served by the Knights of Columbus.

Birthdays Next Week:

8 - Shirley Rice
12-Terry Phelps, Buddy Smith
13-Theresa Grieshaber
14-Dan Speir

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Congratulations 2017 H.S. Graduates

Emma Burton

Our prayers go with you as you step out into the world with so many choices and decisions ahead of you. If you keep God as the center of your life, He will light your path. In times of difficulty, call on Him; He will always be there as your friend and your guide. Congratulations!

May - the Month of Mary

We invite all parishioners throughout the month to bring in fresh flowers to decorate our May Altar to honor Our Lady. **"On this day O beautiful Mother, on this day we give thee our love. Near thee Madonna, fondly we hover, trusting thy gentle care to prove. On this day we ask to share, dearest Mother, thy sweet care. Aid us ere our feet astray wander from thy guiding way. On this day O beautiful Mother, on this day we give thee our love."**

Altar Society News

May 9th at 1pm is the date of the next Altar Society meeting. Meetings are not held during the summer months so this will be the last meeting till September. One of the items for discussion will be the Sunday Coffee.

Gretchen Firment will be laundering the small altar linens in May.

Thank you to those folks who have been saving the UPC codes off Best Choice labels and leaving them in the church vestibule.

Sunday Morning Coffee & Donuts **(Please note corrected contact #)**

Due to age and other health issues, we have lost several of our Coffee Crews. If no one comes forward and offers to help, we may see the end of this hospitality ministry. If you are not on a coffee crew, please call Lila Hickert, **257-2383**, and volunteer to serve. The work is light, involving 4-5 weekends per year. You know your dates at the beginning of the year making it easy to switch if something personal comes up.

Lilies and Tulips Available to Take Home

Thank you once again to all who donated toward our Easter Decorations. There are potted Lilies and Tulips in the back hall if anyone would like to take some home.

CCD News

CCD met last Sunday for the final time this academic year. A special thank you to Michelle Bailey, our Director of Religious Education. As a busy mom and teacher, we appreciate the time and effort she puts into the planning of our CCD program. Also, many thanks to all our teachers who give of themselves to nurture the faith of our children. May God richly bless you all with a safe summer!

Please Note...

We only collect UPC codes from Best Choice Products. Please cut out the code, with the words "Best Choice", from the labels and place them in the basket on the counter in the vestibule. We do not collect the following: Box Top stamps, postage stamps, calendars, Campbell soup labels, greeting cards, and your unwanted religious mail. *Thank you for not cluttering the vestibule with unwanted items!*

Catholics Needed for Prison Ministry

Catholics are needed to visit the prison once a month when Mass is offered and then to fellowship with the inmates after. We are also in need of Catholics interested in being pen-pals with the inmates who are RCIA candidates, and with those newly received into the Church. Please contact Matt Winston, or speak to Fr. John Lewandowski after Mass this weekend or next.

BINGO

Join the fun & games every Thursday evening beginning at 6pm...doors open at 5pm. First Sundays at 1:30pm with doors open at 12:30pm. Cash prizes! Refreshments served by our KC'S. Proceeds help fund various needs of our parish. **THANK YOU** to our dedicated BINGO crew who are there every week!

Welcome Ministry Needs Volunteers

Calling all friendly, welcoming parishioners! Our newly formed Welcoming Ministry needs more couples/singles to help us. If you've seen this announcement before it is because no one has yet responded. If your interest is piqued and you would like to learn more or to volunteer, contact Sharon Vander Zyl at 870-847-3095, or send an email to: sharon.vanderzyl@gmail.com. Thank you!

Gently Used Furniture Wanted

Second Chance Thrift Store in Ash Flat is now accepting gently used furniture. If you need pick-up, please call Carolyn Rhymes, 870-994-2002. Proceeds of the Thrift Store benefit New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center.

Camp Subiaco

Subiaco Alumni Association and Subiaco Abbey are sponsoring 2 weeks of Camp Subiaco for boys ages 9-13, on June 18-24 and June 25-July 1, 2017. Fees are \$475 per camper before May 15th, after May 15th the fee is \$525; a 10% discount is given for brothers. The camps are held in Subiaco, Arkansas, 50 miles east of Fort Smith. You may apply online at: www.campsubiaco.org. For more info call Patrick Franz, 479-438-0003; or Susan Adams, 479-934-1001; or email: camp@subi.org.

Centennial Anniversary of Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima

Pope Francis has decreed that those who observe this Centennial Year with certain requirements may gain a plenary indulgence. The pastor and people of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Benton have opened its doors to the people of the diocese who wish to fulfill these requirements there. They especially invite everyone to join them for Mass on the 13th of each month. See the letter from Bishop Taylor explaining all this, which was included with a prior bulletin. There is also a copy of this letter on the bulletin board near the Sacristy.