

The Week Ahead

Sat / December 22

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marie Wilson †* by *J Wilson*

Sun / December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Mon / December 24

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel OPEN

9am - Mass: *Matthew Pickens - SI* by *G & C Harris*

Christmas Eve

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marty Barrack - SI* by *M Barrack*

2nd Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests

Tue / December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel OPEN

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*

2nd Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests

Wed / December 26 - St. Stephen

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel OPEN

6pm - Mass: *Dorothy Lampe †* by *B & R Brandenburg*

Thu / December 27 - St. John, Apostle

9am - Mass: *Gerry Stehno †* by *D Haufe*

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

Fri / December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents

9am - Mass: *Pres. Donald Trump - SI* by *M & M Winston*

Sat / December 29 - St. Thomas Becket

3-3:45pm - Confessions

4pm - Vigil Mass: *James Kihm †* by *T & N Kihm*

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

Sun / December 30 - Feast of the Holy Family

9am - Mass: *Dec. KC Members †* by *Knights of Columbus*

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Coffee & Donuts next week, December 30th, will be served by Ariela Wege & group # 5.

Birthdays Next Week:

24-Pat Branch, Fr. Amal

26-Jacinta DiCresce

27-Michelle Gregory

28-Tom Kihm

30-Francis Bieg, Chuck Wolff

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Advent Prayer

Father in Heaven, the day draws near when the glory of Your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the hearts of those who seek Him. May the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find Him. We ask this in the name of Jesus Our Lord. Amen

Merry Christmas

On behalf of St. Michael's Staff, I wish to thank you all for your prayers, Christmas cards, and many expressions of kindness to us. We are very grateful. May God bless you with His gift of Peace and Love in the coming year! ~ Fr. Amal

To Parishioners and Visitors

We pray your time with family & friends this Holy Season will be truly blessed. May God keep you safe in your travels.

MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to all for your generous support of our second collection for Christmas flowers and other decorations this Christmas Season. The Sanctuary will remain decorated until the Baptism of Our Lord, Jan. 13th. After that time, anyone wanting a Poinsettia may take one (please leave the other plants). May God bless you this Holy Season!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

**“God became man
in order to make
MAN as GOD!**

☺ Merry Christmas! ☺

Extraordinary Ministers of

Holy Communion Class

January 9th after 6pm Mass

We are in need of more ministers to help distribute Communion at Mass and to our homebound. **PLEASE** consider helping in this important ministry. The video, ***Eucharist***, by Bishop Robert Barron, will be shown, which all parishioners are welcome to come watch. If you will be attending the EMHC training after the video, please call the Church Office so we know how many to prepare for.

2019 Calendars

Our 2019 calendars are in the vestibule; one per family, please. We are grateful to Wortham Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars again this year.

2019 Contribution Envelopes

For those who have signed up to use church envelopes, you will find a box with your 2019 envelopes on the table in the vestibule. If you have not signed up but would like to begin using envelopes, stop by the Church Office.

“Alms For The Poor”

You may have noticed the Poor Box in our foyer labeled “ALMS FOR THE POOR”. The money placed in here is given to St. Vincent de Paul to help the needy in our area. Even your loose change can make a difference. It’s also a good way to teach your children about works of charity by suggesting they donate their pennies, nickels & dimes to help the poor.

New Year’s Eve

BINGO & Potluck Dinner

Come join us for a night of fun ~ Door Prizes

Please bring a dish to share

Doors open - 5pm / Dinner - 6pm

BINGO begins approx. 7pm

For more info call Izzy, 994-2243;
or Ed, 257-2375

(NO BINGO Thursday, January 3rd)

Next PC Meeting, February 18th

The Parish Council Meetings are open to parishioners to attend and listen in on. If you wish to bring up a topic for discussion, let Becky in the Office, or Rollie, know two weeks in advance so you can be put on the agenda. ***Please note, the Parish Council Meetings have changed to Monday evenings at 6pm.***

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT
FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at Subiaco Retreat Center will be February 15-17. Space is limited. For more information or to apply, call Ben & Leah Brewer at 501-733-1235, or email apply@arkansaswwme.org, or apply online at: www.arkansaswwme.org/apply. For Christmas discount use promo code **eb2019** for 25% off the application fee.

Open Adoration Hours

Monday: 4-5pm

Wednesday: 12-1pm

Thursday: 11am-12pm

Friday: 8:30-10pm

If interested in any of the above, or in being a 2nd person for an hour, or a substitute, please call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne, 870-847-1985.

2019 Altar Flower and Rose Charts

The 2019 Altar Flower & Tabernacle Rose Charts are up on the bulletin board by the Sacristy. There are 2 charts, one for the Altar Arrangements (\$45 ea.) and one for the Tabernacle Roses (\$15/pr), so make sure you are signing-up on the correct chart. There is no need to pre-pay, you may wait till that date. Donations may be placed under the Office door, please do not place in the regular collection basket. Thank you for your continued support toward our flower and altar decorations!