

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / March 16

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Margaret Gamboe †* by *Family*  
Easter Flower Collection

### Sun / March 17 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9am - Mass: *William Duncan - SI* by *D Beardslee*  
Easter Flower Collection  
KC Breakfast after Mass, in the Parish Hall  
Rosary Makers after Mass, in the Parish Hall  
12pm - Mass (L): *Pres. Donald Trump - SI* by *M & M Winston*

### Mon / March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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

### Tue / March 19 - St. Joseph

### Wed / March 20

12pm - Altar Society Card Party, in the Parish Hall  
No pm Mass (Father will join the priests for Clergy Ed Classes)  
6:45pm - RCIA, in the Parish Library

### Thu / March 21

No am Mass (Father will join the priests for Clergy Ed Classes)  
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

### Fri / March 22

9am - Mass: *Virginia Schneider †* by *J & D Schneider*  
5pm - Station of the Cross, followed by A.S. Soup Supper

### Sat / March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

3-3:45pm - Confessions  
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Garett Huscher - Sp Int* by *B Huscher*  
Catholic Relief Services Collection

### Sun / March 24 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9am - Mass: People of the Parish  
Catholic Relief Services Collection  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall  
1:30pm - *B--I--N--G--O* Fundraiser here for St. Mary's

**Join Us THIS Sunday for an  
All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast after Mass!**

*Adults/\$7; children 6-12/\$3, under age 6/free*

**Coffee & Donuts** next week, March 24<sup>th</sup>, will be served by Lila Hickert & group # 1.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

*Pilgrimage to Bl. Sacrament Church in Jonesboro  
April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Gather at Church at 9:00am  
Mass / Lunch / Tour -- more info to follow...*

## Lenten Prayer

God our Father, Your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world & brought mankind the gift of reconciliation by the suffering & death he endured. Teach us, the people who bear His name, to follow the example He gave us. May our faith, hope, & charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, death to eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen †

### Birthdays Next Week:

18-Madalyne Holden, Dylan Munroe  
19-Joseph Alvey, Dick Wargo  
21-Kathleen Pester, Becky Pope  
22-Liz Pope, Robert Rohricht  
24-Peter Paul DiCresce

*We wish you many blessings on your birthday!*

### Catholic Relief Services Collection

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend supports the work of Catholic Relief Services, which includes six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. To learn more, visit: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will be sponsoring two Soup Suppers, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, & April 5<sup>th</sup>, after the Stations of the Cross. There will not be a set charge, but we hope that those attending make an offering. We ask that several of our members sign-up on the sheets in the vestibule to furnish a meatless soup. Please note, there is a separate sign-up sheet for each date.

Several coffee captains, as well as team members, are needed for Sunday morning coffee. Please see Joyce Speir, Lila Hickert, or one of the Altar Society officers if you'd like to help. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

**My goal is not to be better  
than anyone else,  
But to be better  
than I used to be.**

 *Wishing you a blessed week!* 

**Next PC Meeting, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**at 6pm in the Church Hall Classroom**

The Pastoral 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 Pastoral Council Meetings have moved to a classroom in the Parish Hall.***

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE  
ADVERTISERS ON THE INSIDE  
BACK COVER OF OUR BULLETIN –  
MANY OF WHOM ARE PARISHIONERS!**

**“Flex Your Faith”**

*St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Engelberg will host a Lenten Mission, March 31, April 1 & 2, with Father Stephen Gadberry, pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Batesville. “Flex your Faith: Growing as a saint in body and soul” is the theme of the retreat. Fr. Stephen will lead all to reflect on the importance of holy and healthy habits. Talks will begin each evening at 6pm with confessions and a reception to follow.*

**Open Adoration Hours**

**Monday: 4-5pm; 5-6pm**

**Thursday: 11am-12pm**

**Friday: 6-7pm; 8:30-10pm**

*If interested in any of the above, please call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne, 870-847-1985.*

**Substitutes Needed**

Substitutes are needed as much as those who commit to the same hour each week. If you are unable to commit to a specific hour but are available to fill in now and then, please give Rose or Anne a call. THANK YOU!

**Ministerial Alliance Lenten Luncheons**

*This week’s Luncheon & Lenten Message will be at the Village Bible Church in Cherokee Village, Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12Noon. Please join us there if you can. For a complete list of churches and dates, see the flyer on either of the bulletin boards.*

**Lenten Penance Services**

- Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>: 6pm in Batesville
- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>: 6pm in Pocahontas
- Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 6pm Cherokee Village\***
- Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: 6pm in Newport
- Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm in Blytheville
- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: 6pm in Wynne
- Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: 6pm in Paragould
- Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm in Jonesboro

**Eternal Rest**

*Our sincere condolences to Chuck Wolff and his family on the recent death of his son, **Jeffrey Wolff**. May Jeff rest in peace. †*

*Our heartfelt condolences are also extended to Pauline DiIorio and her family upon the death of their husband/father/grandfather, **Tony DiIorio, Sr** this past week. A Memorial Mass is being planned for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10am, here at St. Michael’s. Full details will be sent the week prior via the parish email/phone tree. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to our Knights of Columbus Council or C.V. Volunteer Fire Fighters. Many Tony now rest in peace. †*

**Sign-up to be Gift Bearers at Mass**

Would you like to be a Gift Bearer at Mass but feel like you never get called upon? Sign-up sheets are now available on the bulletin board next to the Flower and Rose sign-up sheets. Pick the Vigil or Sunday Mass on the date you prefer and put your name down. You may sign-up as an individual, as a couple (friends or spouses), or as a family. Fr. Amal asks that you wear reverent attire to Mass on the weekend you have chosen. Also, please introduce yourselves to the ushers when you arrive at church so they know you are there and can give you any needed instructions before Mass begins.

**Missed Contributions**

*Whether it’s a vacation or bad weather that keeps you from Mass, please make up your missed contributions. Like at your home, even though you are away, the bills still have to get paid. We appreciate your generosity. May God bless you all in abundance.*