

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / March 9

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marty Barrack - SI* by *M Barrack*  
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

### Sun / March 10 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*  
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall  
10:30am - CCD Classes

### Mon / March 11

9am - Mass: *Gerry Stehno †* by *M Corso*  
5:30pm - KC Rosary and Meeting

### Tue / March 12

1pm - Altar Society Rosary & Meeting, in Parish Hall

### Wed / March 13

6pm - Mass: *Katherine Eastman †* by *J & D Schneider*  
6:45pm - RCIA, in the Parish Library

### Thu / March 14

9am - Mass: *Dec. Saucier Family †* by *J & D Schneider*  
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

### Fri / March 15

9am - Mass: *Pres. Donald Trump - SI* by *M & M Winston*  
5pm - Stations of the Cross, followed by KC Shrimp Dinner

### Sat / March 16

3-3:45pm - Confessions  
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*

Coffee & Donuts next week, March 17<sup>th</sup>, will be served by the Bystrys & group # 2.

## KC Breakfast Postponed Until Next Week

*Shrimp Linguine Dinner after Stations*  
*Shrimp Linguine, Dinner Salad & Garlic Bread*  
*Adults \$7/age 12-16 \$5/under 12 free*

## Altar Society News

*The Altar Society will meet THIS Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. All members...please plan to attend.*

*During March, the small altar linens will be done by Gretchen Firment. Thanks to all the ladies who do the laundering of the linens each month.*

## A Lenten Prayer

Lord our God, You formed man from the clay of the earth and breathed into him the spirit of life, but we turned from Your face and sinned. In this time of repentance we call out for Your mercy. Bring us back to You and to the life Your Son won for us by His death on the cross, for He lives and reigns for ever and ever. † Amen †

## Birthdays Next Week:

13-Joyce Doucette  
14-Cheryl Paul, Charles Rees  
15-William Duncan, Vincent Quinco  
16-Adam Lankford, Elaine Sampson  
*We wish you many blessings on your birthday!*

## 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.*

## Next Weekend's Second Collection

*Next weekend's second collection will be used to purchase Easter Flowers and other decorations for our sanctuary for the Easter Season. God bless your generosity!*

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

*Let us not forget the real Purpose of LENT:  
It is an opportunity to remember His Sacrifice made for us ALL.  
His Love - His Mercy - His Grace*  
🙏 *Wishing you a blessed week!* 🙏

## Lenten Small Groups

It's not too late to be part of one of the small groups that will be meeting during Lent this year. The groups will be reflecting on the book we all received at Christmas, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity". To find out where the groups are meeting, call Rose Rose Brandenburg, 870-994-2744.

## SAVE THE DATE

*Pilgrimage to Bl. Sacrament Church in Jonesboro  
April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Carpool leaves 9:30am  
Mass / Lunch / Tour -- more info to follow...*

## Forty Days ~ Forty Items

Lent began Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us in **The Forty Day Challenge**: Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet, or any other place in your home, and put it in a trash bag (some may still be available in the vestibule). At the end of forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone in need, such as: the Second Chance Store, Mission of Hope, or SACS Thrift Store. If you'd rather, you may bring your full bag to church after Lent and we will distribute your items for you.

## 2019 CASA Update

We are now one month into our 2019 CASA Drive. To date, **11** households have pledged/donated **\$1,875** toward our goal of **\$18,743.55**. If you have not made a pledge and would like to do so, there are pledge cards in the vestibule. Please remember, when placing a contribution in the Sunday collection basket, **make checks payable to CASA, include our CASA #7215 on your check, and NO CASH PLEASE!** Thank You!

## Open Adoration Hours

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

**Wednesday: 4-5:30pm (temp - 6 wks)**

**Thursday: 11am-12pm; 1-2:30pm**

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

*If interested in any of the above, or in being 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. Altar Arrangements are \$45 each; Tabernacle Roses are \$15/pair. There is no need to pre-pay, you may slip a check under the Office door on that date. Thank you for your continued support toward our altar decorations!*

## Save the Date

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. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! More info will follow.

## Rosary Blanket of Prayer

*Please join the Ladies of the Magnificat in praying the Rosary the **15<sup>th</sup>** of each month for the Church, New Evangelization, the priesthood and religious vocations, Magnificat, the sanctity of life, marriage & family life, our country and world peace. Bless you! ~ The Magnificat Team*

## Online Contributions

Have you considered setting-up weekly or monthly contributions to St. Michael's through your bank's Online Bill Pay? It's not just for bills! There are already a few parishioners who contribute in this way. It's easy, convenient, and you can change the amount and frequency when needed. It can be used for any of the collections, but is especially convenient for those who contribute weekly to the Regular Collection; and when traveling, you won't have to worry about make-up contributions when you return. For those of you who use offering envelopes, your contributions will still be posted for tax purposes. Call Becky in the church office if you have any questions; and/or check with your bank for details and instructions on how to set-up Bill Pay.