

The Week Ahead

Sat / March 2

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Irene Barrack* † by *M Barrack*
Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections

Sun / March 3 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: *William Schneider* † by *J & D Schneider*
Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall
10:30am - CCD Classes
1:30pm - *B--I--N--G--O*
12pm - Mass (L): *Fr. Daniel Brandenburg - SI* by *G Pellant*

Mon / March 4 - St. Casimir

9am - Mass: *Nina Bohl - SI* by *D Beardslee*

Tue / March 5

Wed / March 6 - Ash Wednesday

6pm - Mass: *Pres. Donald Trump - SI* by *M & M Winston*
Collection for the Arkansas Missions, see article on back
6:45pm - RCIA, in the Parish Library

Thu / March 7 - Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

9am - Mass: *Francis Bieg* † *E & M Hettinger*
12pm - MA Lenten Luncheon, see article on back
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

Fri / March 8 - St. John of God

9am - Mass: *Elizabeth Matteson - SI* by *D Beardslee*
5pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat / March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

3-3:45pm - Confessions
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marty Barrack - SI* by *M Barrack*
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

Daylight Savings Time Begins - Turn clocks AHEAD 1 hour

Sun / March 10 - 1st Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

•Brad & Maureen Fortuna *in memory of Parents* †

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

•Gerrie Pellant *in honor of St. Joseph*

Next Altar Society Meeting

Mark the date: March 12th at 1pm

All parishioners are invited to attend.

Lent Begins This Week

We will have **Mass & distribution of Ashes** on Wednesday, March 6th, at 6pm. During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Fridays at 5:00pm. The KCs will offer a Fish Fry 3/15, 3/29 & 4/12; the AS will offer a Soup Meal 3/22 & 4/5.

A reminder from the "Arkansas Catholic":

- **Ash Wednesday** & **Good Friday** are days of fast & abstinence. The law of **fasting** obliges all between the ages of 18-59 and allows one full meal & two smaller ones. The obligation of **abstinence** begins at age 14 & prohibits the eating of meat.

- **Fridays of Lent** are days of **abstinence**.
- Parents are to see minors are encouraged to do penance suitable to their age.

- All members of the Christian faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during Lent beyond what's prescribed by Law.

Lenten Prayer

God of all compassion & goodness, heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us. You bid us turn to fasting, prayer, and sharing with our brothers and sisters. We acknowledge our sinfulness, our guilt is ever before us; when our weakness causes discouragement, let Your compassion fill us with hope and lead us through a Lent of repentance to the beauty of Easter joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen* †

EWTN Special March 3rd

The National Council of St. Vincent De Paul is proud to announce "Our Faith in Action," a network premier on EWTN, March 3rd, at 2:30pm. We hope many of you can tune-in and watch it, and as you do, consider if God is calling you to join us in this important work in our area. Call Nancy Paluck for more information (870-528-0723.)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

**No person was ever honored
for what he received
Honor has been the reward
for what he gave.**

- Calvin Coolidge

☺ *Wishing you a blessed Lent!* ☺

Lenten Small Groups

Come and grow in love and faith this Lent with your fellow parishioners! Our small groups are forming and will begin on the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 10th. Please sign up in the vestibule for a date and time that will work best for you. The insert in this week's bulletin will be used in the small groups to facilitate discussion. May God bless you all with a holy Lent!

Birthdays Next Week:

5 - Ken Rutz, Teri Taylor

9 - Ryan Munroe

10-Mary Jolley, Dennis Welte

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Arkansas Missions Collection

The collection on Ash Wednesday will help support those involved in ministry among African-American, Asian, Hispanic & other Catholics within our Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

Forty Days ~ Forty Items

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. **The Forty Day Challenge is:** Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet, or any other place in your home, and put it in a trash bag (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.

Thank You

Dear Members of St. Michael's Parish,

We are again deeply grateful for your ongoing support in the recent quarterly collection. It is through your generosity that we can continue to provide food, shelter, transportation, utilities, and spiritual support to those who are struggling financially. We ask you to pray for us as we do our work. As you pray, ask the Lord if He might be calling you to join us! We need you!

~ St. Vincent De Paul Society

M.A. Lenten Luncheons

March 7th is the start of the Ministerial Alliances' Lenten Luncheons. These short services will take place at a different church each week. They begin at 12noon with a Lenten themed reflection followed by a simple soup meal. The first will be here at St. Michael's. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for Soups (please list what type), Bread and Dessert. Looking forward to seeing everyone there...God Bless you,

~ Mike Gagne

**Join us for "Stations of the Cross"
at 5pm each Friday during Lent.**

SAVE THE DATE

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

Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

We want to remind everyone of our winter weather policy: **Weekend Mass** is rarely canceled, but we ask that you please use prudent judgment, according to your own particular circumstances and road conditions, as to whether it is safe for YOU to drive. In the case of severe snow or ice when Mass needs to be canceled, we will communicate with you through our email/phone tree, as well as have it announced on the local radio station. If you are elderly and there is snow or ice on the roads, *please stay home*, you don't need to be out and take the chance of falling. (Even if you can get here, we can't guarantee what condition our side street/parking lot/walkways will be.) *Please use caution and be safe!*

Adorers - *If school would normally be in session but is canceled due to bad weather, then the chapel will also be closed. If you have questions, call your coordinator.*

Weekday Mass - *If weekday Mass is canceled, the Text/Phone tree will be activated. If you want to be part of this communication, let Diana know in the Office.*