

The Week Ahead

Sat / December 19

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Scotty Wiest † by I Wiest*
National Retired Religious Collection

Sun / December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: *Robert Pearson † by T & T Taylor*
National Retired Religious Collection
12pm - Mass (L): *Yvonne Ross † by B & A Kootz*

Mon / December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

9am - Mass: *Max Barrack † by M Barrack*

Tue / December 22

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel OPEN

Wed / December 23 - St. John of Kanty

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel OPEN
6pm - Mass: *Marty Barrack - SI by M & M Winston*

Thu / December 24 - Christmas Eve

Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel OPEN
4pm - Vigil Mass: *People of the Parish*
2nd Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests, see article

Fri / December 25 - Christmas Day

Holy Day of Obligation
Church Office CLOSED / Adoration Chapel CLOSED
9am - Christmas Mass: *James Kihm † by T & N Kihm*
2nd Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests, see article

Sat / December 26 - St. Stephen

3-3:45pm - Confessions, in the Library
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Greg Wiest † by I Wiest*

Sun / December 27 - Feast of the Holy Family

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

- Nancy Paluck in memory of James Paluck †

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

- Isabelle Wiest in memory of Scotty Wiest †

Missalettes

If you would like to purchase a Missalette for home use, we have extras in the Office; cost is \$2.50. Please call ahead to arrange pick-up.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Christmas Gift Suggestions:

- To your enemy - forgiveness;
- To an opponent - tolerance;
- To a friend - your heart; To all - charity;
- To a child - a good example;
- To yourself - respect.

🙏 *Wishing you a blessed Christmas!* 🙏

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

December 25th - Christmas

Thursday/Dec. 24: 4pm Mass

Friday/Dec. 25: 9am Mass

Christmas is a "Holy Day of Obligation"

*Each Christmas we have a 2nd collection for the **Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund**. Our diocesan priests have dedicated their lives to ministering and serving our families. This fund allows us to give back by providing care for our retired, senior & infirmed priests.*

January 1st - Mary, Mother of God

Thursday /Dec. 24: 4pm Mass

Friday/Dec. 25: 9am Mass

January 1st is also a "Holy Day of Obligation"

We will have one collection New Year's Eve/Day which will remain in the Parish.

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. ~ Fr. Amal

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. 10th. After that time, anyone wanting a Poinsettia may take one (please leave the other plants). May God bless you this Holy Season!

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.

Birthdays Next Week:

23-Dean Beardslee

24-Pat Branch, Fr. Amal

26-Jacinta DiCresce

27-Michelle Gregory

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Church Office Hours

The Church Office will remain closed from Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, through Thursday, Jan. 7th. The Office staff will be visiting family over the holidays and wish to remain distant when they return. They will be here working behind closed doors, so please call or email if a need arises.

2021 Calendars

Our 2021 calendars are in the vestibule; one per family, please, for now. We are grateful to Wortham Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars again this year.

Parish Contribution Envelopes

For those who have signed-up to use church envelopes, you will find a box with your 2021 envelopes on the table in the vestibule. If you have not signed-up but would like to begin using envelopes, especially if you want a tax statement each year, please stop by the Church Office and we will assign you a box.

Women's Winter Clothing Needed

The Second Chance Thrift Store in Ash Flat is in urgent need of women's winter clothing. Other gently used clothing and household goods are always welcome as well. Items may be dropped-off Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 5pm. All proceeds from sales at the Second Chance Thrift Store benefit New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center in their efforts to assist women in an untimely pregnancy.

Thank You

A special *Thank You* to Pam MacAulay and her team of volunteers for generously giving of their time to make our church beautiful this Christmas (and all year long). May God richly bless you all!

A Sad Note in Parish History

This year is the first time in 34 years that Santa and Mrs. Claus will not bring cheer to our parish children. We thank them for their years of generously giving joy to others. May you have a blessed Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Open Adoration Hours

Monday: 1-2pm & 7-8pm

Tuesday: 12-1:30 (2nd person)

Thursday: 6-7pm

Friday: 6-7pm & 7-8pm

ADORERS: Please remember, it is your responsibility to find your own substitutes. Upon request, we can assist you with a list of subs to call. Whenever you get a substitute, please let your coordinator know, as well as the person before you, in case the sub forgets and needs a call.

Adoration 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, 870-994-2744, or Anne, 870-847-1985, a call. THANK YOU!

Annual Mass for Life

On Sunday, Jan. 17th, Bishop Taylor will preside at our annual diocesan Mass for Life. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Little Rock at 12:05pm. This Mass will also be live-streamed on the Diocese of Little Rock YouTube channel to allow anyone to watch online. Unfortunately, because of the coronavirus, there will not be Eucharistic Procession for Life or a Hearts for Life Conference in 2021. Arkansas Right to Life still plans to host the March for Life on January 17th at 2pm behind the Capitol. Please contact the Respect Life Office 501-664-0340 ext. 326 or email cphillips@dolr.org for more information.