<u>The Week Ahead</u>

Sat / October 2 3-3:45pm - Confessions, in the Library 4pm - Vigil Mass: Irene Barrack † by M Barrack Food Pantry and New Beginnings PHC Collections

Sun / October 3 - 27th Sunday in OT / Respect Life Sunday 9am - Mass: People of the Parish Food Pantry and New Beginnings PHC Collections 10:30am - CCD 2-3pm - Annual Life Chain, see article to right 5pm - Rosary, various locations around the Church grounds

<u>Mon / October</u> - St. Francis of Assisi 9am - Mass: Dec. Members of Horace Martin Family † by MW

Tue / October 5 - Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Wed / October 6 - St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher 6pm - Mass: Margaret Gamboe † by Gamboe Family

<u>Thu / October 7</u> - Our Lady of the Rosary 9am - Mass: Florence Thomas † by M & M DeCoster No B--I--N--G--O, canceled until further notice

Fri / October 8

9am Mass canceled 1pm Funeral Mass: Christy Wyatt †, Rosary at 12:30 Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall

Sat / October 9 - Ss. Denis & Comp.; St. John Leonardi 7am-2pm - KC Yard Sale, in upper parking lot 3-3:45pm - Confessions, in the Library 4pm - Vigil Mass: Marty Barrack - Sl by M Barrack Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

<u>Sun / October 10</u> - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am - Mass: Fr. Ralph Esposito † (former pastor) Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection NO CCD today, we will resume next Sunday 5pm - Rosary, various locations around the Church grounds

<u>Altar Flowers</u> *this week* are compliments of: •Terry Phelps *for a Special Intention*

Tabernacle Rosesthis week are compliments of:•Gerrie Pellant in honor of the Holy Rosary

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is not only MARRYING the right partner, it is BEING the right partner.

🙏 Wishing you a blessed week! 🙏

Respect Life Sunday

Today is Respect Life Sunday. We thank you for your generosity to this weekend's second collection which supports the work of New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center in Ash Flat in their efforts to help women who find themselves in an untimely pregnancy.

We also invite you to join us this Sunday, along with others around the country, in the <u>Annual Life Chain</u>. This year's Life Chain will be at the Baptist Church, across from the China Garden Restaurant in Highland, from 2-3pm. Please arrive about 15 min. early for a time of prayer and to gather your signs before standing alongside the road.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life, especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen. Printed with permission © 2021, USCCB

Birthdays Next Week:

- 4 Michael Burton, Gerald Metty, Linda Rodenbeck
- 5 Teresa Lankford

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Holy Father's Intentions

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We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

<u>Eternal Rest</u>

Our sincere condolences to Gale Orosz and the Graves family in the recent loss of their sister, Christy Wyatt. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; may perpetual light shine upon her, and may she rest in Peace. †

Funeral Services for Christy will be held here at St. Michael's next Friday, October 8th (our regular 9am Mass is canceled). A Rosary will be recited at 12:30pm; the Funeral Mass will be offered at 1pm, with burial to follow in our Columbarium. Everyone is invited to a Luncheon in the Parish Hall following interment. Parishioners are asked to bring a green or pasta salad. (To help with the Luncheon, please call Pat Such).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time of the year to start preparing for the Christmas Shoebox collection held at St. Michaels. You will have almost 2 months to purchase the items for the shoeboxes. Boxes will be provided. Each box costs \$9.00 to ship so please consider that addition when making your purchases. Our goal this year is 100 boxes. Last year we sent 67 boxes to different parts of the world. Thank you for making this a huge success! For more information contact Lori Templet, 870-856-2261.

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit

St. Peter's Church in Mountain Home will be hosting a self-guided tour of 126 Vaticanapproved Eucharistic Miracles, October 17-31. The exhibit will be on display in their Life Center on Monday-Fridays from 8am-6pm, Saturdays from 2pm-6pm, and Sundays, 8am-2pm. Experience for yourself how these miracles have inspired Catholics over the centuries increasing their love for the Eucharist.

Rosary Crusade

The Avila Foundation, with Dan and Stephanie Burke, is hosting the first **Avila Army Rosary Crusade**, a worldwide, online rosary, October 7th, to push back the darkness of the current cultural climate. Join friends, Catholic leaders, and clergy, from 6:30 to 9:00pm CDT, on Facebook or YouTube page by searching: SpritualDirection.com; or join this live event on the website: <u>https://spiritualdirection.com/rosary</u>. (If you are unable to join this live event, please pray a Rosary at home during this time.)

KC Rosary Project Update

The KCs are thankful for the response of parishioners with their Rosary Project! To date, 3,918 rosaries have been offered since this was begun in the spring. October is the month of the rosary, so let's finish this project strong before the end of the year. To add your rosaries to the tally, please write the number of rosaries offered on a slip of paper, with your name, and place it in the yellow box in the vestibule.

<u>RCIA</u>

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in mid-September. **The class is open to all**; non-Catholics interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about the faith, fallen-away Catholics wishing to return, and practicing Catholics wishing to learn more about their faith. If you know someone in your family or friends that may be interested, please pass the word to them to contact Lori Templet (870-856-2261) or call the Church Office (870-257-2850) to submit your name and phone number.

Open Adoration Hours

<u>*Tue: 7-8pm / Thu: 6-7pm</u>* <u>*Fri: 12-1pm; 6-7pm; 7-8pm*</u></u>

If you are interested in one of the above hours (or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne, 870-847-1985. Note: substitutes are always needed.

Diocesan Safe Environment Program

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse, or have been abused yourself by clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes Against Children, 1-800-482-5964, and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340, ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer, (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. For questions or more info, write the Safe Environment Office, Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.