

The Week Ahead

Sat / January 22

4pm - Vigil Mass: Kyle Burton - SI by B Edmonds
Respect Life Collection, benefitting New Beginnings PHC

Sun / January 23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: People of the Parish
Respect Life Collection, benefitting New Beginnings PHC
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall
10:30am - CCD

Mon / January 24 - St. Francis de Sales

9am - Mass: Slavicek Family - SI by J Slavicek
10am - RCIA, in the Parish Hall

Tue / January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul

Wed / January 26 - Ss. Timothy & Titus

6pm - Mass: Kevin Manning † by B & A Kootz

Thu / January 27 - St. Angela Merici

9am - Mass: Fritz Ross † by B & A Kootz
6pm - B--I--N--G--O

Fri / January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

9am - Mass: Macy Jo Jines † by B & A Kootz

Sat / January 29

3-3:45pm - Confessions, in the Library
4pm - Vigil Mass: Dalton Candler † by B & A Kootz
Black and Indian Missions Collection
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

Sun / January 30 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9am - Mass: Megan Seat - SI by B Edmonds
Black and Indian Missions Collection
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall
10:30am - CCD

Tabernacle Roses this week are compliments of:

- Isabelle Wiest in thanksgiving for her Birthday

Coffee Group Next Sunday: #2 - St. V. de Paul

Local Magnificat Luncheon

The Mary, Ark of the Covenant Magnificat Chapter is hosting a Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at St. Peter's Church in Mountain Home. There will be ride-sharing opportunities from St. Michael's. The speaker is Paula Marinoni. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be sold on February 5/6 and 12/13 after Mass.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity!**

~ Psalm 133:1



Wishing you a blessed week!



Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord God, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves us and leads us. Guide us to discover a small manger in our hearts where a great light still sleeps. Creator of light, we thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in Him. Amen.

(taken from USCCB website)

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Our 2nd collection next weekend is for Black and Indian Missions. Your contribution helps support the Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection. For more info visit: blackandindianmission.org.

2021 Contribution Statements

If you use offering envelopes and would like a 2021 Tax Statement, please call or email the Church Office. Statements may be picked up (Mon-Fri 10am-12noon) or emailed to you. If you don't use church envelopes, but would like to so you can get a statement next year, stop by the Church Office ASAP so we can get you signed up. Only those who use envelopes are entered into our Data Program.

Birthdays Next Week:

27-Daniel Sandefer

29-Marcella Birckhead, Steve Ritter

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Welcome to Our Parish

Please join us in welcoming the following new parishioners to our church family; they joined during the 4th quarter of 2021:

**Robert & Jeanne Bushey and Grandchildren
of Oxford**

**Dan & Angela Munroe and Children
of Ash Flat**

**Gary, Jr & Haley Pospisil and Children
of Cherokee Village**

**Glen & Jordan Rupert and Children
of Cherokee Village**

*We are pleased you have joined us.
May God bless you all in abundance!*

Pen Pal Wanted

An inmate in the Arkansas Department of Corrections has written St. Michael's and has asked for a Pen Pal to help him learn about the Catholic Faith. This is especially needful now because there has been no Catholic presence in this inmate's unit for over two years. For more information, please contact Matt Winston, 257-2857 or marttywinston@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

VALENTINE'S for Married Couples, give your spouse something they would REALLY appreciate - a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME is February 11-13, at the Subiaco Courty House, Subiaco, AR. Virtual experiences are also available in English or Spanish. For more information, or to apply, visit: wwwme.org.

Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference

"Men of Mercy"

Saturday, February 12th

Christ the King Parish, Little Rock

Speakers: Msgr. Jack Harris & Matthew Leonard

Register at: www.ARCatholicMen.com

Do You Live Alone?

If so, please consider filling out one of the blue Emergency Cards (in the vestibule). In doing so, if something were to happen to you, we would have the name of a family to contact. If you filled out one of these forms in the past, please consider updating it.

Open Adoration Hours

Tue: 7-8pm

Fri: 6-7pm; 7-8pm

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.

Reminder to Ministry Leaders

When planning an event to take place in the parish hall/classroom/library, be sure to check with the office early in the planning process to ensure the date you want is available. With activities increasing in the parish it is important that we have good communication to prevent any problems or double bookings.

~ Thank you, Fr. Amal

Learn more about

The Life of a Baby at 15 Weeks

(Credit: Priests for Life)

By 15 weeks of pregnancy, every major organ has grown and most are functional.

- The heart pumps 26 quarts of blood per day.
- The intestines have started the lifelong contractions that propel food through the digestive system.
- The kidneys already filter toxins.

The unborn baby prefers sucking his right or left thumb.

- By studying ultrasounds, scientists have determined that 85% of unborn babies prefer moving their right hand over their left hand; @ 85% of adults prefer their right hand, too.
- If a twin, the unborn baby moves more gently when reaching toward her twin's face.

The baby responds to taste.

- Flavors from the mother's food seep into the amniotic fluid, peaking after about 45 minutes.
- If the amniotic fluid tastes sweet because of an injection of saccharin, the baby swallows more fluid. If the amniotic fluid tastes bitter, the baby swallows less.

The baby's heart has already beat approximately 15,800,000 times.

- A baby's heart starts beating about 22 days after fertilization.
- In total, a baby's heart beats about 54 million times between conception and birth.

The baby's body responds to both touch and pain.

- The baby responds to light touches over most of the body.
- If something touches the palm of the baby's hand, the baby will bend his or her fingers as if to grasp the object.
- Neurotransmitters specific to pain processing appear between 10 and 14 weeks gestation.
- The spinal nerves needed to transmit pain to the thalamus have formed by 15 weeks gestation.

January 22nd marks the anniversary of the legalization of Abortion in the U.S. This past Friday, our nation gathered in Washington DC to stand in Unity for LIFE. Let us continue to pray for the sanctity of all life, from conception to natural death.

2022 Altar Flower and Rose Charts

The 2022 Altar Flower & Tabernacle Rose Charts are up on the bulletin board by the Sacristy. There are 2 charts, one for the Altar Arrangements (\$55 ea.) and one for the Tabernacle Roses (\$15/pr), so make sure you are signing up on the correct chart. There is no need to pre-pay, you may wait till that date. Donations may be placed under the Office door, please do not place them in the regular collection basket. Thank you for your continued support toward our flower and altar decorations!