

# REPENT, and believe in the gospel

*At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. ~ Mark 1:12-13*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**W**hen I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it *mean*?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

**Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of His living body, the Church, to bring the Kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, religious education, and service in our families, parish, and community.



# A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting & almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters & brothers around the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory Consecration** — begins Friday 2/23, 10:00am
- **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays at 4:45  
Fridays at 9am (except Fri. 2/16 at 4:45pm)
- **Confirmation Retreat** — Saturday, Feb. 24, 9:00am-4:00pm
- **Praise & Worship Mass** — Saturday, Feb. 24, 5:00pm
- **Root Beer on Tap** — Theology on Tap for our Youth  
Saturday, Feb. 24, 6:00pm

## This week!

Our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection funds grants that support vital pastoral ministries throughout the region. That means you support seminary programs, promote ministries and education for children and families, rebuild churches, and renew community life.

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PLEDGE TO  
HEAL

## 2024 MASS FOR HOPE & HEALING

**WHAT:** To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St., Little Rock

**WHO:** Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

*Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant*

## 2024 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE 1st Sunday of Lent

- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
9 AM-4PM Ladies' Retreat  
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions  
5:00 PM MASS: SI - Father Ben Riley
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30 AM MASS: +Charlotte Amrhein
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - NO MASS**
- **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions  
5:30 PM MASS: +Marin Jones
- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
4:45 PM Stations of the Cross  
5:30 PM MASS: SI - Ed & Kathy Hart
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**  
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30 PM MASS: +Arnold & Jean Pribyl
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30 AM MASS: SI - Carmen Andrade  
9:00 AM Stations of the Cross  
9:30 AM 33 Days of Eucharistic Consecration Begins  
5:00 - 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus FISH FRY Begins
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
9:00 AM-4PM Confirmation Class Retreat  
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions  
5:00 PM MASS: +Consolacion Magtoto
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions  
8:30 AM MASS: +Melvin Pollock



## HELP OUR MARRIAGE.ORG

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**Our next Weekend will be February 23-25, 2024  
at St. John's Center in Little Rock.**

To register: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

For more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or contact the Family Life Office at 501-664-0340 for more information.



*A Beautiful and Powerful Lenten Offering!*

NOW THROUGH .... March 23 (Eve of Palm Sunday)

**You're Invited!**

Peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood abortion referral and transgender center, 1222 W. Poplar, Rogers.

Join us in prayer, fasting & community outreach in prayers for the workers, clients and the closing of this center. You can come to pray every day, once or twice a week, or maybe just once during the vigil. Help to make a peaceful, prayerful, persistent and public presence at Planned Parenthood.

**If you'd like more information please contact: Sheila Pursell  
469-231-1959 or [nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nwarespectlifecouncil@gmail.com) or see  
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Yet even now—oracle of the Lord—return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

~ Joel 2:12



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# PRAYER ~ FASTING ~ ALMSGIVING

*In Loving Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster*





# DON'T FORGET!

## BIBLE STUDY STARTS TODAY & RUNS THROUGH HOLY WEEK

*Finding Intimacy with God*  
Sunday, Feb. 18 @ 10AM  
or Tuesday, Feb. 20 @ 3PM

# BINGO!

Sunday, Feb. 18 2:00pm

RCIA CLASS — TUES., FEB. 20  
PRE CLASS — WED., FEB. 21

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK of FEBRUARY 18

Feb. 18: Gn 9:8-15 / Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10) / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15  
Feb. 19: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / Mt 25:31-46  
Feb. 20: Is 55:10-11 / Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 / Mt 6:7-15  
Feb. 21: Jon 3:1-10 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 / Lk 11:29-32  
Feb. 22: 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 / Mt 16:13-19  
Feb. 23: Ez 18:21-28 / Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 / Mt 5:20-26  
Feb. 24: Dt 26:16-19 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 / Mt 5:43-48  
Feb. 25: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9) / Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**VIGIL CANDLES** - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

**CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE** half hour before all Daily & Sat/Sun. Masses or by appointment.

**\*\* Personal Listening Devices are Available for Mass. \*\* Please see an usher in the vestibule to sign one out.**

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** We welcome new members to our Church through the process and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please contact the church office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a preparation process before the Baptism of children. Registration is required. Please contact the church office.

### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass. Call the church office about anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist at home.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** Arrangements for wedding must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the church office.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
Please contact Father Ben.



**The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock** is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of

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**For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at 501-664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207**



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**Please keep our list current by notifying the office to add/delete names**





## MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

Let us all share the joy of serving the Lord. Please sign up as soon as possible. If you are new to serving, please contact the church office or fill in your chosen ministry below, drop it in the collection basket, and someone will contact you for a brief training session.  
**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, 870-741-5234**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED? YES! We Need You!

You can be an active participant at Mary Mother of God Church. We want many people to volunteer so no one gets 'stuck' with certain ministries all the time.

**Lector:** Read the Scripture readings during Mass.

**Rosary Leader:** Lead before Mass.

**Extraordinary Minister:** Distribute Body & Blood of Christ during Communion.

**Altar Servers:** All youth who have celebrated their First Holy Communion.

**Usher:** Greet people, guide them to empty seats, hand out bulletins after Mass, check pews after Mass for debris or loose hymnals/missalettes.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for parishioners to sign up for Daily Mass as Rosary Leaders and Lectors. Please sign up in the vestibule or call the office for details.

## MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal:** Mon, Feb 19 - 7:00pm in Julie's office

**Handchimes Choir Rehearsal:** Wed, Feb 21 - 7:30pm in Julie's office

**Praise & Worship Rehearsal:** Thurs, Feb 22 - 5:30pm in the sanctuary

**MMG Choir Rehearsal:** Thurs, Feb 22 - 5:30pm in the sanctuary

**Silver Bells Rehearsal:** Wed, March 13 - 11:00am in Julie's office, followed by soup potluck

**TEMPORARY SUSPENSION – Traveling Statue** Due to the potential for bad weather, we will suspend the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima for the month of January. We would honor a special request if you have one. The next meeting of the Legion of Mary will be Thursday, February 22.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THE LORD WAITS FOR YOU!



"Our Father, our God, we remember all You have done for us because of the great memorial created by Your dear Son, Our Savior Jesus Christ, on the night before He died for us. Give us the grace to praise and adore His holy presence in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, now and always, forever and ever. Amen." To register to adore during daytime hours, please write to [g.carmen.8786@gmail.com](mailto:g.carmen.8786@gmail.com).

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**SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND!**

# 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Beginning Friday, February 23  
using daily readings  
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**Cost** of book is **\$15**

Meeting Fridays at 9.30 AM  
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*"Those who believe do not leave."*



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# Fish Fry

**FRIDAYS**



**Starting February 23**  
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## MEALS INCLUDE:

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# Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

## A Message from Your Bishop

My brothers and sisters in Christ, over the course of the last 15 ½ years as your bishop, I have come to marvel at the evident vitality of the Church here in Arkansas. We are a mission diocese and we are a diocese with a mission-in two similar but distinct ways: 1) generous Catholics from outside Arkansas help us with needs we are not able to meet on our own, and 2) generous Catholics from within Arkansas reach out to help others in our state through our annual CASA appeal, through our One Church campaign and in other ways as well.

It is easy for us to forget how much we are still a mission Church, in terms of distance and population. Although we have 130 Churches scattered throughout the state, we still have 8 counties with no Catholic Church and 36 counties without a resident priest—almost half of the state. But in much of Arkansas we continue to grow, especially in the northwest part of the state. Indeed, our Catholic population has tripled in the last 50 years, from 55,000 to 166,000, and we now constitute almost 6% of the general population—we used to be less than 3%. Our growth is due in part to the sacrifices of many Catholics outside of Arkansas. Historically it was missionary priests who came to us from Germany and Italy, and then later Philadelphia, at a time when it was difficult to be a Catholic in Arkansas. Today we continue to be blessed with 22 missionary priests who now come mainly from Africa, Latin America and Asia. Without the help of these generous missionary priests, many of our Churches would not be able to have Mass every weekend. Thanks to them, we have not had to close any Churches for lack of personnel during my time as your bishop.

Other outside help has come to us through the Catholic Extension Society, which over the last 25 years has given us \$4.6 million in grant money for Church construction and help with the salaries of many of our sisters engaged in Hispanic ministry. I encourage you to take a moment to thank our missionary priests and our Religious Order priests and sisters. We owe them a lot! But that's only half of the story. The other half are the sacrifices of many Catholics from within Arkansas. That's you! So I want to take this opportunity to thank all 97 priests of our diocese — the 82 Diocese of Little Rock priests in active ministry and our 15 senior priests. And of course, our Benedictine and other religious order priests. I also want to thank our 25 seminarians who give us so much hope for the future, our 107 permanent deacons in active ministry, the 60 men in formation for the diaconate and almost 150 men and women religious, many of whom are elderly. But you know, the mission of the Church is for all of us, not just the clergy and religious. So, I am grateful for our Knights of Columbus who do so much to support the work of the Church across our diocese, and the Serra Club, the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulcher, the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, and of course our catechists and RCIA coordinators, and so on...you too are missionaries — home missionaries — and I am so grateful for all your sacrifices and dedicated work spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in your parishes and local communities.

And of course, it costs a lot of money to fund the operation of the diocese and the activities of the Church in Arkansas, which go well beyond just our diocesan offices—hence our annual Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal-CASA. You would be amazed at all that is being done on the diocesan level, about which you can read in the latest issue of our weekly Arkansas Catholic newspaper. The Bible calls us to return 10% of our income to the Lord, most of which you should give to your local parish and other charities, but I do ask you to give 1% of your income to our annual CASA appeal. By supporting the work of the diocese, you participate in the missionary outreach of the Church beyond your local parish.

I want to thank you very sincerely for your exceptionally generous response to CASA last year—we made our goal of \$2,000,000! We are a missionary Church, and we are a Church with a mission! Through CASA you participate in the missionary outreach of Jesus' Church right here in Arkansas!

*Anthony B. Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock*





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Office of the Bishop

February 12, 2024

To the People of the Diocese of Little Rock,


A petition is currently being circulated in Arkansas to place an amendment on our November 2024 voting ballots that would change our state constitution to allow abortions until 18 weeks after conception. As Bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, I urge all Catholics and all people of good will not to sign this petition.

During this campaign to enshrine abortion in our constitution, we expect that our media will be flooded with emotional propaganda. We should all know the truth about abortion and women's healthcare.<sup>1</sup> Abortion, the direct and intentional killing of a child in the womb, is never morally permissible. Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication. It is not the same as treatment for miscarriage, because in miscarriage the baby has already died. Banning abortion does not prevent women from receiving true healthcare that they need. In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that indirectly and unintentionally lead to the death of an unborn child— but this is not abortion.

This radical amendment would also strip our government from protecting women and their unborn children by gutting the state's regulatory laws like requiring parental consent before a minor has an abortion, informed consent and ultrasound requirements, or abortion facility inspection. Arkansas would be unable to protect unborn children who can already feel pain from dismemberment abortion.

The citizens of Arkansas share in the responsibility to legally protect every human life from conception to natural death. It is critical that all registered voters decline to sign the petition to allow the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on the November 2024 ballot. Rather than abortion, women should be provided love, compassion, and support through pregnancy and into each child's early years. Together we can protect the lives of thousands of innocent babies.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock

<sup>1</sup> USCCB infographic, 2022. *The Truth about Abortion and Women's Health*

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Women's%20Health%20Infographic.pdf?hcs=usg/ot-scanner=d280f09b-af0cd-954b-9122-71c074c6c2c6>



# The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

## Abortion does not save women's lives.

**Abortion** is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

**Abortion is never medically necessary.** It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

## Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

### Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a living child with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

## Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.<sup>1</sup>

**Ectopic pregnancies** result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

**When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion.** Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

## Bottom line: **Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>**

*If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) for more information.*

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<sup>1</sup> Buskirk, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.  
<sup>2</sup> For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <https://www.nccbc.org/nccbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-17-2022-excerpt>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," [https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-vs-Fact\\_v5.pdf](https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-vs-Fact_v5.pdf).



## FEBRUARY 2024

### 5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Renae Whiteside  
Elisabeth Scouten

Ushers: Chuck Draper  
Terry Draper  
Chad Coffman  
Everett Burr

### 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper

Lector: John Duncan

E/M: Greg Jasper  
Bob Lowery  
Mike Galligan

Ushers: Jerry Hogue  
James Virnig  
Steve O'Laughlin  
Nick Rykert

## ALTAR SERVERS: FEBRUARY 2024

**Jan. 27** Book/Cross: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Erin Culhane  
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

**Jan. 28** Thurifer: Isaac Jasper  
Book/Cross: Julia McFadden  
Candle: Daniel McFadden  
Candle: Lily Pinson

**FEB. 3** Book/Cross: Erin Culhane  
Candle: Landon Snyder  
Candle: Adam Coffman

**FEB. 4** Thurifer: Jacob Simon  
Book/Cross: June Simon  
Candle: Michael Adamos  
Candle: Liam Lampe

**FEB. 10** Book/Cross: Kori Eddings  
Candle: Logan Eddings  
Candle: Laurel Eddings

**FEB. 11** Thurifer: Isaac Jasper  
Book/Cross: Lily Pinson  
Candle: Julia McFadden  
Candle: Daniel McFadden

**FEB. 17** Book/Cross: Landon Snyder  
Candle: Zeke Humphreys  
Candle: Adam Coffman

**FEB. 18** ~~Thurifer: Jacob Simon~~  
Book/Cross: Michael Adamos  
Candle: June Simon  
Candle: Liam Lampe

**FEB. 24** Book/Cross: Landon Snyder  
Candle: Erin Culhane  
Candle: Kate Sidfrid

**FEB. 25** ~~Thurifer: Lily Pinson~~  
Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper  
Candle: Julia McFadden  
Candle: Daniel McFadden

***If you are unable to serve, please find your replacement. Thank you.***

NO INCENSE DURING LENT

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**1/27/2024**



MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH, Harrison, AR

**FEBRUARY 2024**

Sunday <i>Jan 28</i>	Monday <i>Jan 29</i>	Tuesday <i>Jan 30</i>	Wednesday <i>Jan 31</i>	Thursday <i>Feb 1</i>	Friday <i>Feb 2 First Friday</i>	Saturday <i>Feb 3 First Saturday</i>
8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions	NO MASS ++ Hand Bells NO REHEARSAL	5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM RCIA Dinner 6:30 PM RCIA Class	4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Class & First Reconciliation ++ Youth Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM - Julie's Office	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ P&W Rehearsal 5:30PM - Sanctuary ++ MMG Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM - Sanctuary	8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary	8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM First Saturday Devotions 9AM - 10AM Confessions ++ 9AM - Noon Parish Work Day ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>Feb 4</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Maintenance Fund ++ 9:30 AM Sweet Sunday ++ 2 PM BINGO	<b>Feb 5</b> NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	<b>Feb 6</b> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM RCIA Dinner 6:30 PM RCIA Class ++ Knights of Columbus 6PM Fellowship Meal 7PM Meeting	<b>Feb 7</b> 11 AM Silver Bells Rehearsal & Potluck ++ 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ Youth Choir/HandChimes 7:30PM - Julie's Office	<b>Feb 8</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets-ParishHall ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ P&W Rehearsal 5:30PM - Sanctuary ++ MMG Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM - Sanctuary	<b>Feb 9</b> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM Fatima Rosary ++ PASTA PALOOZA <b>St. Andrew's</b> 4PM - 6PM ++ Council Mtg 6PM	<b>Feb 10</b> 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ <b>6PM Fr. Ben's Virtual Pilgrimage</b>
<b>Feb 11</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5PM SUPER BOWL CHILI COOK OFF	<b>Feb 12</b> NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	<b>Feb 13</b> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM FAT TUESDAY SPAGHETTI DINNER ++ 6:30 PM RCIA Class	<b>Feb 14</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> FISH FRY 5PM - 7PM ++ <b>NO EVENING PRAYER</b> ++ <b>4:45 PM</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5:30 PM Mass</b> ++ NO PRE NO REHEARSALS	<b>Feb 15</b> <b>NO 8 AM Rosary</b> <b>NO 8:30AM MASS</b> ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ P&W Rehearsal 5:30PM - Julie's Office ++ MMG Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM - Sanctuary	<b>Feb 16</b> <b>NO 8 AM Rosary</b> <b>NO 8:30AM MASS</b> <b>NO FATIMA ROSARY</b> ++ <b>4:45 PM</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5:30 PM Mass</b>	<b>Feb 17</b> 9 AM - 4 PM Ladies' Retreat In Parish Hall ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>Feb 18</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Scripture Study Begins 10AM-NOON ++ 2 PM BINGO ++ Second Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe	<b>Feb 19</b> NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	<b>Feb 20</b> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ Scripture Study Begins 3PM - 5PM ++ 6 PM RCIA Dinner 6:30 PM RCIA Class	<b>Feb 21</b> <b>NO EVENING PRAYER</b> ++ <b>4:45 PM</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5:30 PM Mass</b> ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ Youth Choir/HandChimes 7:30PM - Julie's Office	<b>Feb 22</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ P&W Rehearsal 5:30PM - Sanctuary ++ MMG Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM - Sanctuary	<b>Feb 23</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> ++ <b>33 DAYS</b> <b>TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY</b> BEGINS ++ <b>FRIDAY FISH FRY's</b> <b>BEGIN</b>	<b>Feb 24</b> 9 AM - 4 PM Confirmation Retreat In Parish Hall ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM <b>Praise &amp; Worship Mass</b>
<b>Feb 25</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Scripture Study 10AM-NOON	<b>Feb 26</b> NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	<b>Feb 27</b> 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM RCIA Dinner 6:30 PM RCIA Class	<b>Feb 28</b> <b>NO EVENING PRAYER</b> ++ <b>4:45 PM</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>5:30 PM Mass</b> ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner ++ 6:30 PM STUDENT MASS	<b>Feb 29</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Council Mtg 6PM ++ P&W NO REHEARSAL ++ MMG Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM - Sanctuary	<b>Mar 1</b> <b>First Friday</b> 8 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> ++ <b>FRIDAY FISH FRY</b>	<b>Mar 2</b> <b>First Saturday</b> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ <b>9AM-Noon</b> <b>Lenten</b> <b>Reconciliation Service</b> ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
<b>PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.</b>						

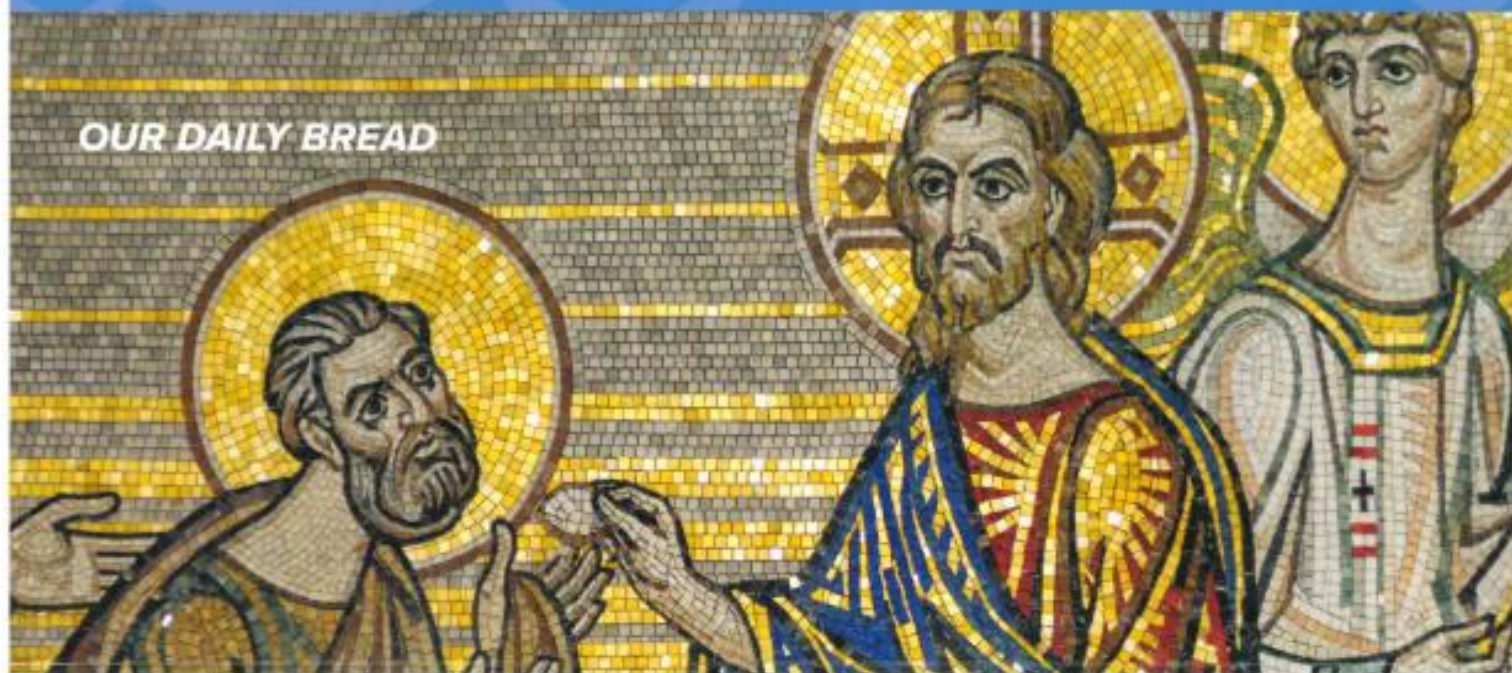
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# INFORMED

THE FORMED NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORS AND PARISH LEADERS

## OUR DAILY BREAD



This February, the Church prepares for the Lenten season and the coming of Easter. As your parish readies itself for this time of greater purification, consider also how the Lord is inviting each one of us into deeper intimacy with him.

While Moses led the people through the desert for 40 years, the Lord nourished them with bread from heaven. During the season of Lent, we too must enter the desert, detaching ourselves from sinful and worldly things through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Yet the Lord does not abandon us; rather, he gives us a new bread from heaven to sustain us on the journey.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus said to the people, "My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world" (John 6:32-33, RSVCE). As an act of the greatest love, Christ has given himself to us as the living bread from heaven. In receiving this paschal meal, we become sharers in the inmost life of the Holy Trinity, participating most intimately with this perfect communion of love. When the people heard Jesus' words, they responded: "Lord, give us this bread always" (John 6:34). So too are we called to respond to Christ's invitation of communion, asking for this heavenly bread.

As we enter Lent, FORMED is excited to offer a reflective series on this gift of the Eucharist: *Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture*. In this series, viewers can reflect on how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith.

With insightful commentary from Dr. Brant Pitre, each episode walks through Scripture to understand how great and magnificent this gift truly is. Taking many of the highlights from the *Lectia: Eucharist* series, *Daily Bread* captures how we are invited into this great mystery in the season of Lent and during all seasons of life, so that we too may respond like the people from John's Gospel, asking the Lord to "give us this bread always."





# HIGHLIGHTS ON FORMED

This Lent, enter more deeply into the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with these episodes on FORMED:



## ***Prayer: A Surge of the Heart***

With the busyness and demands of daily life, it can be difficult to set time aside for prayer. This short film, offered by Bishop Mark Davies, Fr. Marcus Holden, Sr. Mary Trinity, and others, invites viewers to deepen their life of prayer by seeking out the true meaning of prayer, how to pray, and how to face its common challenges. With this presentation, inspire deeper conversions in the hearts of those longing to grow in their love of God.



## ***Poco a Poco | Episode 149 | Into the Desert***

In the season of Lent, we are called to make sacrifices as an opportunity to surrender ourselves more fully to the Lord. This episode of *Poco a Poco*, viewers can learn about how God transforms what we offer to him into something holy. Through this, the Lord invites us to relinquish control and give everything to him.



## ***Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace and Almsgiving***

Has anyone in your parish ever struggled to understand the importance of almsgiving? In this presentation by Dr. Michael Barber, your parishioners can discover the transformative power of the grace we receive through almsgiving. As we take time during Lent to offer more in almsgiving, this is a great opportunity to uncover the significance of these gifts.

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

This February, invite your parishioners to live out the seasons of the Church with these great resources on FORMED:



## **February 13: Fat Tuesday**

### ***Fat Tuesday | Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney***

Encourage your families to make the transition into Lent with the festivities of Mardi Gras. In this episode of *Catholic All Year at Home*, viewers can learn how to make shrimp etouffee, hurricane mocktails, Boeuf Gras sundaes, and Mardi Gras king cake as they prepare for the more penitential season of Lent.



## **February 14: Ash Wednesday**

### ***Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent***

As we begin the journey of Lent, Ash Wednesday is an integral moment for Catholics to reflect on their relationship with the Lord and plan for a holy and grace-filled season. Help your parishioners prepare their hearts as they enter the season of Lent with this episode of FORMED Now.



## **February 22: Feast of the Chair of St. Peter**

### ***Keys to the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy***

On February 22, the Church celebrates the gift of the papacy and St. Peter's role as our first pope. In this documentary film, viewers can discover more about the spiritual significance of the papacy and how God has directed the Church through her popes. Presented by expert theologians and priests, this is a great way to give Catholics a deeper understanding and appreciation for the chair of St. Peter.