

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst"

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace.

~ John 2:15-16

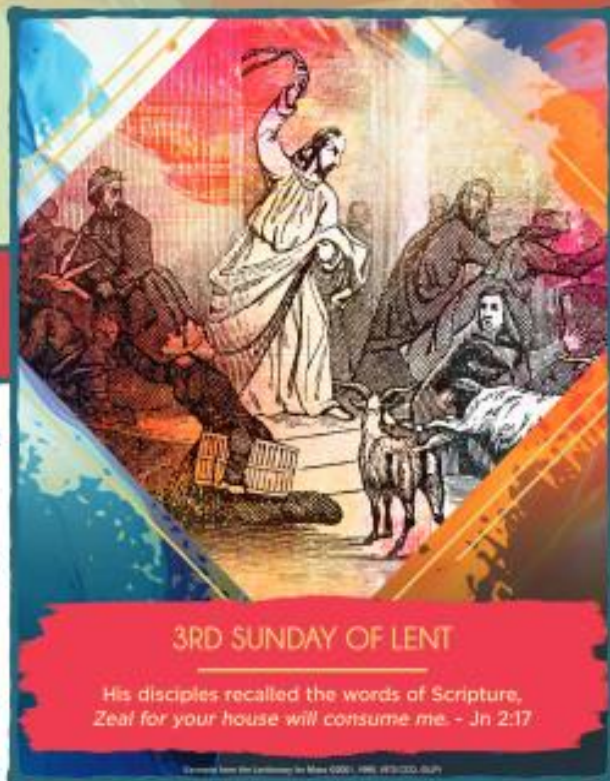
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. — Ex 20:2-3. One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to **"have no other gods besides me."** This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

~ Father John Muir @ LPI



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:17

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Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



UPCOMING EVENTS

*See Inside of Today's Bulletin for information

Friday, March 8 - 5:30-7:00pm: Knights of Columbus **FISH FRY**, \$10 at Door
Parish Hall - Dine In/Take Out

Sunday, March 10 - 3:00pm: Lenten Concert. Refreshments served in the Parish Hall following

Saturday, March 23 - 9:30am: Parish Mission —
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Wednesday, March 13 6:00-7:15pm: Online Bible Study Begins*

Saturday, March 16 - 11:00am-2:00pm: Mary Arc of the Covenant Chapter Luncheon*

Tuesday, March 19 - 5:00pm: Ladies of St. Peter's Catholic Church Ladies Night*

Sunday, March 24 2-5pm - Reconciliation Services ...
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The Ladies of St. Peter's Catholic Church annual Ladies Night In
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2024 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

- **FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 2**
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: +John Bruner
9:00 AM First Saturday Devotions
9:00 AM-NOON Reconciliation Service
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM MASS +Beth Bradford
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: +Paulino Magtoto
- **MONDAY, MARCH 4 - NO MASS**
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 5**
5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM MASS: +Sue DeStefano
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**
4:45 PM Stations of the Cross
5:30 PM MASS: SI - All Parishioners
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 7 - Saints Perpetua & Felicity**
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: +Charlotte Amrhein
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 8**
8:00 AM Fatima Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: +Renee Sandruck
9:00 AM Stations of the Cross
9:30 AM 33 Days Eucharistic Consecration
5:30-7:00 PM Knights of Columbus **FISH FRY**
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 9**
4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM MASS: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM MASS: SI - Tess Austin

HELP WANTED!

Creative Services Specialist for Arkansas Catholic

Specialist needed to design and produce **Arkansas Catholic** and all digital/print products for the department. Qualifications: at least two years' experience in the newspaper/magazine industry. The Creative Services Specialist has an office at St. John Center, the most beautiful workplace in Little Rock. A hybrid schedule is possible. Full-time, 40-hours-a-week position that includes health & dental, retirement plan, paid time off/sick leave. For a complete job description, visit <https://bit.ly/ac-creative-job> or email editor Malea Hargett at mhargett@dolr.org. **A COVER LETTER, RESUME AND WORK SAMPLES ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY**

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY — Hope & Healing

A 12-week online Bible study just for women will begin March 13, 2024, meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 -7:15 p.m. via **Zoom**. This free, healing opportunity will explore the trauma of abortion in our lives.

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Please don't be afraid to reach out by calling or texting our **CONFIDENTIAL** direct phone line 501-663-0996, or email: projectrachel@dolr.org for more information. This Bible study is a ministry of Project Rachel in the Diocese of Little Rock. **Registration is required by March 6, 2024.**



Retiro de Sanación

El ministerio de Proyecto Raquel ofrecerá un retiro para mujeres que sufren a causa un aborto provocado. Este retiro se llevará a cabo en español. El retiro comenzará el viernes 8 de marzo de 2024 por la tarde y concluirá el domingo 10 de marzo de 2024 por la Tarde. El retiro será cerca de Russellville, pero la ubicación exacta solo se revela a las participantes. Para inscribirte u obtener más información, llama o envía un texto a la línea confidencial 501-663-0996 o envía un correo electrónico a projectrachel@dolr.org. Aunque sientas miedo o vergüenza, contacta a Proyecto Raquel. No estás sola y este retiro es sin juzgar. La esperanza, la sanación y el perdón son posibles. Todas las comunicaciones son confidenciales. **THIS RETREAT WILL BE IN SPANISH**

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RCIA CLASS — TUES., MARCH 5

PRE CLASS — WED., MARCH 6

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of MARCH 3

Mar. 3: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c) / 1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mar. 4: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4 / Lk 4:24-3

Mar. 5: Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 / Mt 18:21-35

Mar. 6: Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 / Mt 5:17-19

Mar. 7: Jer 7:23-28 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Lk 11:14-23

Mar. 8: Hos 14:2-10 / Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 / Mk 12:28-34

Mar. 9: Hos 6:1-6 / Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab / Lk 18:9-14

Mar. 10: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab) / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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.

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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.



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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. March 4th - 7pm in Julie's office

Hand Chimes Choir: NO REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for Good Friday Stations: Thurs., March 7 - 5:30pm in the sanctuary

MMG Choir: Rehearsal Thurs. March 7th - 6:30pm in the sanctuary

****Rehearsal w/St. Andrew's:** This Sunday, March 3 - 1:30pm. Lunch provided

Silver Bells: Rehearsal Wed. Mar. 13th - 11am. followed by soup lunch!

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION – Traveling Statue Due to the potential for bad weather, we will suspend the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima for the present time. We would honor a special request if you have one. The next meeting of the Legion of Mary will be Thursday, March 7.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS

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EUCHARISTIC 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.

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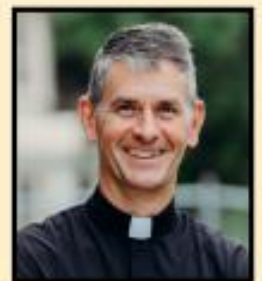
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≥ **FIRST VIDEO: *Created***: Why is there something rather than nothing.
Viewed 10:00am - 11:00am. **A break from 11:00am - 11:15am.**

≥ **SECOND VIDEO: *Captured***: What the Hell Happened?
Viewed 11:15am - 12:15pm. **Lunch Break: 12:15pm - 12:45pm.**
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

≥ **THIRD VIDEO: *Rescued & Response***: Jesus is Not Just Kind!
Viewed 12:45pm - 1:45pm. **A break from 1:45pm - 2:00pm**

≥ **Adoration will be in the Church from 2:00pm - 3:00pm.**



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and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

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Amen.

SPEAKER: SISTER NELLY RIVERA



I am Sister Nelly Susana Rivera, a member of the Poor Clare Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. It is an international religious congregation, therefore, being a missionary and serving the church for the past 30 years had been the most fascinating moments of my life walking in this journey of faith and service. Having discovered my vocation as a religious, I have found that precious pearl where only God is sufficient.

I am a teacher by profession, but I have also had the opportunity to mission and serve in other countries, such as Italy, Indonesia, Spain, and the beautiful mission of starting a new community in the country of Vietnam, where I prepared for 2 years to learn the language of Vietnamese. God has indicated to me where he wants me to fulfill his will. It has not been easy, but he has always given me his grace to fulfill it. "He is the Rock; His work is perfect; for all His ways are just. He is a God of faithfulness and without injustice; righteous and upright is He." Deuteronomy 32:4

I am currently living in Poplar Bluff Missouri, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. I help in the liturgy in the parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus where we belong and serve. I am a substitute teacher at the parish school, which has the same name. I also visit the sick in their homes, the elderly, and I help the indigent who frequently come to our convent to be fed.

Jesus in the Eucharist has been my greatest motivation to continue serving Him with great love and dedication. Everything I do, He is the source in my spiritual life. Also, the company of my Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. The faithful one who always said yes to GOD with her great "FIAT." She has accompanied me through all years of service to God's people



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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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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.¹ 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

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

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/Women's%20Health%20Infographic.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1t-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.¹

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.²

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 for more information.

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¹ Buskmiller, 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.
² 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-12-2022-2022-08-02>. [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.

MARCH 2024

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: Carrie Culhane

Lector: Carrie / Abby

E/M: Renae Whiteside
Dee Burr (not 3/23)
Val Stechly

USHERS: Chad Coffman
Wes Bradford (not 3/2)
Steve Ballenger
Tim Reeves
Chuck/Terry

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Bob Lowery

Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Stacy Burge
Bobby Lowery
Mary Billups
Greg Jasper

USHERS: Gerry Gokenbach
Alvin Hanson
Regina Hanson
David Krueger
James Luna

ALTAR SERVERS: MARCH 2024

NO INCENSE DURING LENT

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

FEB. 25 Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

MAR. 2 Book/Cross: Logan Eddings
Candle: Kori Eddings
Candle: Laurel Eddings

MAR. 3 Book/Cross: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon
Candle: Lily Pinson

MAR. 9 Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
Candle: Zeke Humphreys
Candle: Adam Coffman

MAR. 10 Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper
Candle: Michael Adamos
Candle: Liam Lampe

MAR. 16 Book/Cross: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder
Candle: Adam Coffman

MAR. 17 Book/Cross: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden
Candle: Lily Pinson

MAR. 23 Book/Cross: Kori Eddings
PALM SUNDAY Candle: Logan Eddings
VIGIL Candle: Kate Sidfrid

MAR. 24 Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
PALM SUNDAY Candle: Jacob Simon
Candle: June Simon

ARRIVAL 4:30pm for REHEARSAL

MAR. 28 5:30pm HOLY THURSDAY	PROCESSION - Red	LITURGY - Black Vestment	MAR. 29 5:30pm GOOD FRIDAY	NO VESTMENTS	SERVICE - Black Vestment
	Lily P. / Logan E. Kori E. / Michael A. Zeke H. / Julia M.	Thurifer: Matthew Bradford Book/Cross: Isaac Jasper Candle: Landon Snyder Candle: Erin Culhane		June S. / Jacob S. Anna C. / Abby C.K. Kaelyn S. / Zeke H.	Book/Cross: Landon Snyder Candle: Erin Culhane Candle: Lily Pinson Accolyte: Isaac Jasper

ARRIVAL 6:30pm for REHEARSAL

MAR. 30 Thurifer: Isaac Jasper
8:00 PM Book/Cross: Matthew Bradford
EASTER VIGIL Candle: Erin Culhane
Candle: Landon Snyder

MAR. 31 Thurifer: Lily Pinson
8:30am Book/Cross: Michael Adamos
EASTER SUNDAY Candle: Julia McFadden
Candle: Daniel McFadden

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

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH, Harrison, AR

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Scripture Study 10AM-NOON	Feb 26 NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	Feb 27 Scripture Study 3PM - 5PM ++ 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM RCIA Dinner 6:30 PM RCIA Class	Feb 28 NO EVENING PRAYER ++ 4:45 PM Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner ++ 6:30 PM STUDENT MASS	Feb 29 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ Council Mtg 6PM ++ P&W NO REHEARSAL ++ 6:30PM - Sanctuary MMG Choir Rehearsal	Mar 1 First Friday 8:00 AM Patriotic Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross ++ 9:30 AM - 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY ++ 5:30 PM FISH FRY Knights of Columbus	Mar 2 First Saturday 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 9AM-Noon Lenten Reconciliation Service ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
Mar 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2nd Collection: Maint. Fund ++ 9:30 AM Sweet Sunday 10AM Scripture Study ++ 1:30PM REHEARSALS & LUNCH W/St. Andrew's ++ 2 PM BINGO	Mar 4 NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	Mar 5 Scripture Study 3PM - 5PM ++ 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM RCIA Dinner 6:30 PM RCIA Class ++ Knights of Columbus 6PM Fellowship Meal 7PM Meeting	Mar 6 NO EVENING PRAYER ++ 4:45 PM Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ NO REHEARSALS Youth Choir/HandChimes	Mar 7 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary ++ 5:30PM - Sanctuary Rehearsal for Stations ++ 6:30PM - Sanctuary MMG Choir Rehearsal	Mar 8 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross ++ 9:30 AM - 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY ++ 5:30 PM FISH FRY Knights of Columbus	Mar 9 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
Mar 10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Catholic Relief Svcs. ++ 10AM Scripture Study ++ 3PM LENTEN CONCERT In Sanctuary Reception to Follow In Parish Hall	Mar 11 NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	Mar 12 Scripture Study 3PM - 5PM ++ 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM RCIA Dinner 6:30 PM RCIA Class	Mar 13 11 AM Silver Bells Rehearsal & Soup Lunch ++ NO EVENING PRAYER ++ 4:45 PM Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ NO REHEARSALS	Mar 14 8 AM Rosary 8:30AM MASS ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets-ParishHall ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary ++ 5:30PM - Sanctuary Rehearsal for Stations ++ 6:30PM - Sanctuary MMG Choir Rehearsal	Mar 15 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross ++ 9:30 AM - 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY ++ 5:30 PM FISH FRY Knights of Columbus	Mar 16 9:00 AM Council Meeting In Parish Hall ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
Mar 17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10AM Scripture Study ++ 2 PM BINGO ++ St. Patrick's Day Party 5:00 PM	Mar 18 NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	Mar 19 Scripture Study 3PM - 5PM ++ 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	Mar 20 NO EVENING PRAYER ++ 4:45 PM Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes ++ Youth Choir/HandChimes NO REHEARSALS	Mar 21 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary ++ P&W NO REHEARSAL ++ 6:00PM - Sanctuary MMG Choir Rehearsal	Mar 22 8 AM Fatima Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross ++ 9:30 AM - 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY ++ 5:30 PM FISH FRY Knights of Columbus	Mar 23 930AM - 3PM PARISH MISSION In Parish Hall ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5:00 PM
Mar 24 PALM SUNDAY 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10AM Scripture Study ++ Rice Bowl Drop-Off ++ Scripture Study 10AM-NOON	Mar 25 NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir NO REHEARSAL	Mar 26 Scripture Study 3PM - 5PM ++ 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	Mar 27 NO EVENING PRAYER ++ 4:45 PM Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PRE Classes ++ 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal WITH HANDBELLS	Mar 28 Holy Thursday NO 8:30AM MASS ++ NO Legion of Mary ++ 4:30 PM Altar Server Training ++ 5:30 PM Mass Seminarian Collection ++ Adoration until 11pm	Mar 29 GOOD FRIDAY NO 8:30AM MASS ++ 10:00 AM Eucharistic Consecration ++ 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross ++ 5:30 PM Good Friday Service Holy Land Collection	Mar 30 Holy Saturday NO ADORATION ++ RCIA Reconciliation TBA ++ 7:00 PM Altar Server Training ++ 8:00 PM Mass 8pm VIGIL
Mar 31 EASTER SUNDAY 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Easter Egg Hunt	Apr 1 NO MASS ++ Hand Bell Choir 7PM - Rehearsal Julie's Office	Apr 2 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	Apr 3 4:30 PM Evening Prayer & Confessions ++ 5:15 PM Benediction 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PRE Dinner 6:30 PM PRE Classes	Apr 4 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 3:30 PM Legion of Mary	Apr 5 First Friday 8:00 AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	Apr 6 First Saturday 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM First Saturday Devotions ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass

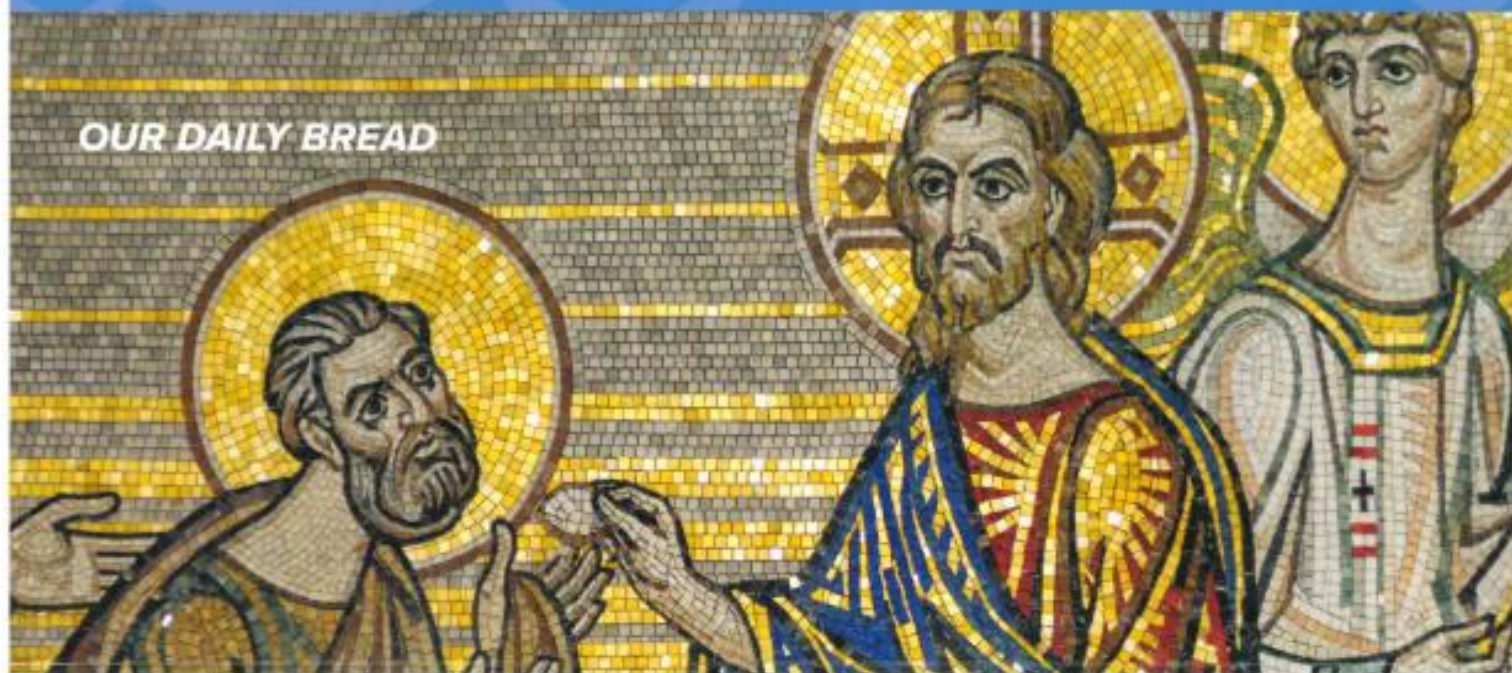
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**** ITEMS IN RED ARE REVISIONS ****

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.