"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light"

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. ~ John 3:18-19

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

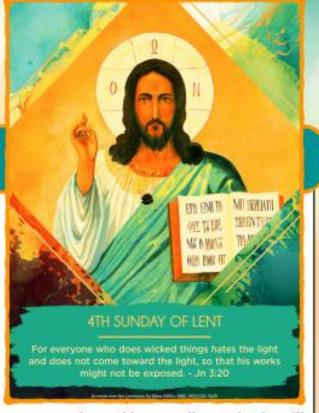
ur national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but

that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

Father John Muir @ LPI





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*See Inside of Today's Bulletin for information

Friday, March 15 - 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 — Created, Captured, Rescued & Response RSVP - in the vestibule

Wednesday, March 13 6:00-7:15pm: 12wk Online Bible Study Begins - Hope & Healing Saturday, March 16 - 11:00am-2:00pm: Mary Ark 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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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:30 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

- · MONDAY, MARCH 11 NO MASS
- TUESDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:30 PM MASS: +Father Greg Hart

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
 4:45 PM Stations of the Cross
 5:30 PM MASS: +Edmund Griggs

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
 8:30 AM MASS: +Mark Rowe

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
 8:00 AM Fatima Rosary & Confessions
 8:30 AM MASS: +Newt & Ruth Foster
 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 16
 August 8 Contra

4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:00 PM MASS: +Ron Schoborg

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
 8:30 AM MASS: SI - Father Ben Riley

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A COVER LETTER, RESUME AND WORK SAMPLES ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY

LOCAL CHURCHES SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

This year instead of one long season consisting of a full summer of softball, we are going to be doing two weekend long Church softball

> tournaments, These tournaments will happen on Friday night and into a majority of the day on Saturday. With this there will be a couple of changes about how we do things. Friday night and some of Saturday morning will consist of round robin games and in the mid to late afternoon, with the result of the round robin games, we will set a tournament from there. We will have a sound system

outside playing music to enjoy with the game and we hope to get some food trucks out on our lawn for you to enjoy in between games. We will also have a devotion time in the middle of the day to go along with it as well. We are really looking forward to this different change of pace and hopefully you all are open-minded to the idea. TOURNAMENT DATES ARE JUNE 14-15 & JULY 26-27, SIGN UP SHEETS TO BE POSTED

SOON. Please put these dates on your calendar and let your people know. We will give you more information on cost and more next month as we get closer.





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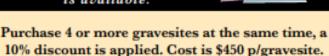


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PARISH MISSION — SATURDAY, MARCH 23

9:30am - Created, Captured, Rescued & Response LUNCH PROVIDED

RCIA CLASS - TUES., MARCH 12

PRE CLASS - WED., MARCH 13

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Sunday We

SPRING FORWARD!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of MARCH 10

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

Mar. 11: Is 65:17-21 / Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b / Jn 4:43-54

Mar. 12: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / Jn 5:1-16

Mar. 13: Is 49:8-15 / Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 / Jn 5:17-30

Mar. 14: Ex 32:7-14 / Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 / Jn 5:31-47

Mar. 15: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Mar. 16: Jer 11:18-20 / Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 / Jn 7:40-53

Mar. 17: 2 Jer 31:31-34 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a) / Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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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Please sign up in the vestibule or call the office for details.

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Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.

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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.

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Handbell Choir: Rehearsal Mon. March 11th - 7pm in Julie's office Hand Chimes/Youth Choir: NO REHEARSAL March 13th Rehearsal for Good Friday Stations: Thurs., March 14 - 5:30pm

in the sanctuary

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

MMG Choir: Rehearsal Thurs. March 14th - 6:30pm in the sanctuary

CONCERT CALL FOR ANGELI CHORUS: Sunday, March 10th @ 2:00pm

THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

is available again for you to bring to your home for a week, and for you & your family to honor our Blessed Mother. Ways to honor her might include praying a daily family rosary and/or other prayers. She is sure to bless your family in return. Please pick up the statue after a weekend Mass and return it by 5 p.m. on Saturday so it will be available for the next family.

A sign-up sheet will be in a notebook in the church vestibule while the box with the statue will be in the church library.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 40 CANS OR 40 BUCKS

Council 8410 is asking each family of the parish to consider CONTRIBUTING TO OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES during this Lenten season. ONE CAN OF FOOD OR ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH DAY OF LENT. Food donations may be brought to the designated area in the church vestibule BEFORE HOLY THURSDAY. Checks may be written to "Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive" and given to any Knight or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your assistance to the less fortunate is deeply appreciated.

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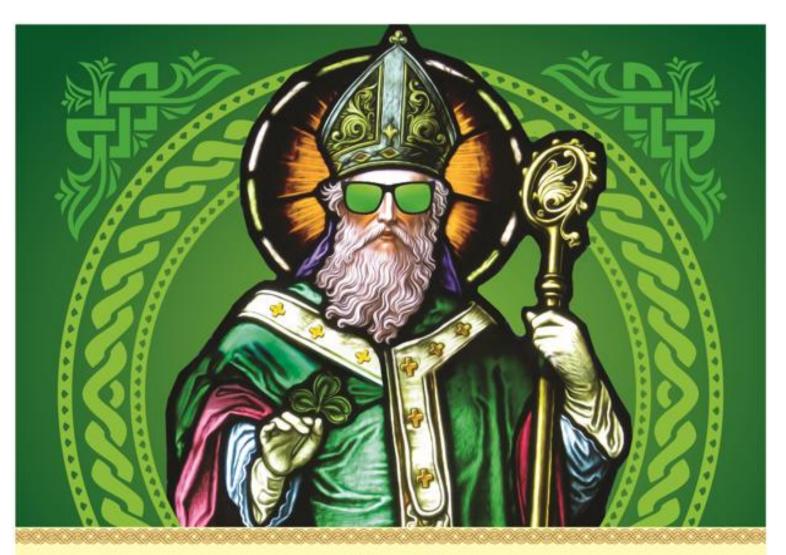
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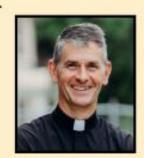
Saturday, March 23, 2024 CHECK IN: 9:30am

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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



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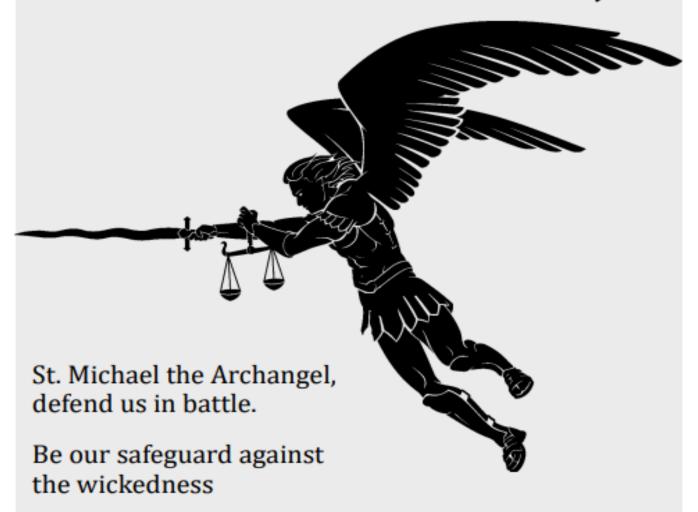
Meeting Fridays at 9.30 AM in Adoration Chapel after the Fatima Rosary.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST ON MARCH 29

For more information, Call or Text Carmen at 305-815-1795

"Those who believe do not leave."

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH, Harrison, AR MARCH 2024

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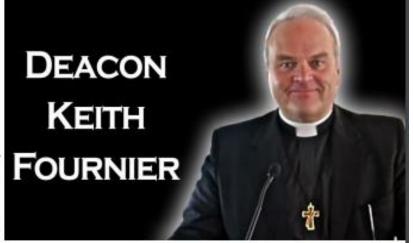
"We need to equip people in every state,"

Deacon Keith said. "We want to equip people
to go into the courts, into the culture, into the
academy, wherever they are."

Information on faculty members and course offerings will be announced in the coming months.

> Deacon Keith Fournier (Editor-in-Chief of Catholic Online).

For more information and advanced registration, go to <u>ProLifeUniversity.org</u>



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



Mary Ark of the Covenant Chapter Luncheon Saturday, March 16, 2024 11:00am to 2:00pm

Cost \$15.00 per person NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

St. Michael"s Catholic Church Hwy 62/412 & Tekakwitha Cherokee Village, AR

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 7:00PM Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church 7006 Jasna Gora Dr, NLR

Come early for Baked Potato Supper at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria

Presented by Steven Shook & IHM Music Ministry Christie Powell - Immaculate Conception Youth Director and Fr. Shaun Wesley



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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. 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, lifethreatening 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

The Truth About **Abortion**en's lives & **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 *glready 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.

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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 missioners — 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.

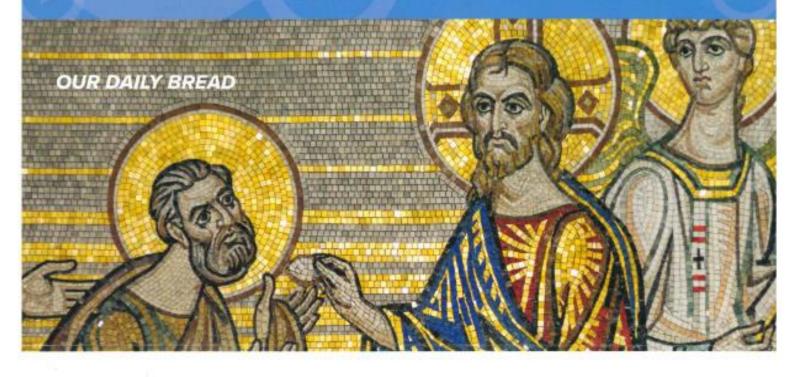
I want to thank you very sincerely for your exceptionally generous response to CASA last year-we made our goal of \$2,000,000! We are a missionary Church, and we are a Church with a mission! Through CASA you participate in the missionary outreach of Jesus' Church right here in Arkansas!

Anthony B. Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock

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INFORMED

THE FORMED NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORS AND PARISH LEADERS



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: Dally 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 Lectio: 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."



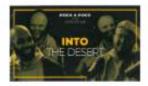
HIGHLIGHTS ON FORMED

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.