

***"Walk while you have the light,
so that darkness may not
overcome you"***

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
~ John 12:20-22

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times. ~ **Father John Muir @ LPI**



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EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit crricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



UPCOMING EVENTS

*See Inside of Today's Bulletin for information

Tuesday, March 19 - 5:00pm: Ladies of St. Peter's Catholic Church Ladies Night*
Friday, March 22 - 5:30-7:00pm: Knights of Columbus **FINAL** Fish Fry
Saturday, March 23 - 9:30am: Parish Mission — Created, Captured, Rescued & Response.
 RSVP - in the vestibule
Sunday, March 24 2:00 - 5:00pm: Reconciliation Services ...St. Peter the Fisherman, Man Home
Tuesday, March 26 - Day of Recollection on "Humility in God"
Tuesday, March 26 - Day of Recollection at Coury House on the grounds of Subiaco Abbey
Saturday, April 6 - 8:00am - 2:00pm: - Junktique. Donations will be accepted weekdays*
 March 25-28 and April 1-4 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 15-18: A New Walk on an Old Path: C.S. Lewis 'The Screwtape Letters,' a 3-night retreat*

Save
THE
date

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Ladies of St. Peter's Catholic Church annual Ladies Night In
TUESDAY, MARCH 19 - 5:00PM
 St. Peter's Catholic Church
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Social, Pot Luck Supper, Movie, Dessert, Beverages and lots of drawings. All women of faith are invited to attend. Please bring your favorite dish to pass; appetizer, main dish or dessert and bring a friend.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY
FRIDAY, MARCH 22
PARISH HALL - Dine in/Take-Out
 5:30 - 7:00 pm or until sold out
FINAL FISH FRY
Fried Catfish Meal.....\$10.00
MEAL INCL: • French Fries • Coleslaw • Dessert • Drink

2024 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 16**
 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
5:00 PM St. Patrick's & Fr. Ben's Birthday
- **MONDAY, MARCH 18 - NO MASS**
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 19 - St. Joseph**
 5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions
 5:30 PM MASS: SI - Jimmy Pierce
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**
 4:45 PM Stations of the Cross
 5:30 PM MASS: +Richard Dix
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 21 - NO MASS**
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 22**
 8:00 AM Fatima Rosary & Confessions
 8:30 AM MASS: +Vera Dolan
 9:00 AM Stations of the Cross
 9:30 AM 33 Days Eucharistic Consecration
 5:30-7:00 PM Knights of Columbus **FINAL FISH FRY**
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**
 9:30AM - 3:00 PM Parish Mission
 4:30 PM Rosary & Confessions
 5:00 PM MASS: SI -Tim & Stephanie Huddleston
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY**
 8:00 AM Rosary & Confessions
 8:30 AM MASS: +Gary Webb

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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

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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An acknowledgment will be placed in the church bulletin and a letter will be sent to the person you wish to honor. Easter flowers will remain on the Altar throughout the Easter Season.



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ATTENTION PLEASE

Those of you who remember Father Naz, he is back in New York and recovering from a stroke. If you wish to send him a get well card, the information is below:

Fr. Nazarus Maduba
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College students are invited to apply for Arkansas Catholic's summer internship. The intern would get firsthand experience in journalism and communication. This would include writing articles, taking photographs and completing website and video projects. This position is unpaid, but college credit is possible. Qualified applicants must be Catholic, at least 18 years old and working on a degree and seeking a career in communications. Interns must be able to work at least 10-15 hours a week at St. John Center in Little Rock and have a valid driver's license.

To apply, call editor Malea Hargett at (501) 664-0125, text to (501) 554-9595 or email mhargett@dolr.org. DEADLINE is April 19

**FR. REGINALD UDOUJ, OSB,
WILL LEAD A DAY OF
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at Coury House on the grounds of Subiaco Abbey in Subiaco, Ark., Tuesday, March 26, on "Humility in God." Prepare for the holiest days of the Christian life with this day for reflection. Cost is \$30 and includes conferences, lunch, Adoration, opportunity for confession and Mass. Registration is from 8:30-9:00 am. Conferences begin at 9:00 am.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK of MARCH 17

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
 Mar. 18: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Jn 8:1-11
 Mar. 19: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Mar. 20: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 / Jn 8:31-42
 Mar. 21: Gn 17:3-9 / Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Jn 8:51-59
 Mar. 22: Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 / Jn 10:31-42
 Mar. 23: Ez 37:21-28 / Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 / Jn 11:45-56
 Mar. 24: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Ls 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1 — 15:47 or 15:1-39

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.



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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

YES! We Need You!

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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., March 18th - 7pm in Julie's office

Hand Chimes/Youth Choir: NO REHEARSAL THIS WEEK

Stations of the Cross Rehearsal: Thurs., March 21st - 5:30pm

in the sanctuary—MUSICIANS & READERS!

MMG Choir: Rehearsal Thurs., March 21st - 6:30pm in the sanctuary

Silver Bells: See you all Wednesday, April 10!

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.

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.

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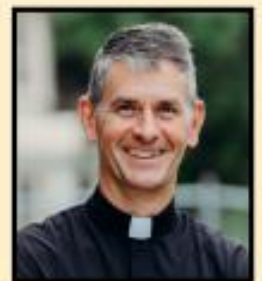
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MOBILIZING FOR MISSION

≥ **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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thru March 1, 8, 15, & 22

MEALS INCLUDE:

Fried Catfish**, Fries, Coleslaw, Dessert & Drink

**Dine-In or
Carry-Out**

\$10.00
per plate

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
or until sold out



Mary Mother of God Catholic

Church Hall

1614 Maplewood Rd • Harrison

****Note: Menu item subject to change based on item availability.
Proceeds benefiting the Knights of Columbus Council #8410
Charity Fund supporting local charitable programs.**

Holy Week

Mass Times

HOLY THURSDAY

(MMG & St. Andrew's)

5:30pm - Mass & Washing of Feet

6:30pm - 33 Days Eucharistic
Consecration

7:00pm - Late Night Adoration
until 12:00am with
our Knights of Columbus
Guarding Every Hour

GOOD FRIDAY

(MMG & St. Andrew's)

3:00pm - Stations of the Cross
Through the Psalms

5:30pm - Good Friday Service

SATURDAY VIGIL (MMG)

6:30pm - RCIA Reception

8:00pm - Mass Baptisms, First
Communions, and
Confirmations

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30AM - Mass at MMG

Easter Egg Hunt at MMG

EASTER SUNDAY

11:00AM - Mass at St. Andrew's

Easter Lunch at St. Andrew's

*A Blessed and Happy
Easter to All!*

PLEASE JOIN US ON GOOD FRIDAY AT 3:00PM

PRAYING THE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THROUGH THE PSALMS



MARY MOTHER OF GOD'S ANNUAL

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31st

Following The 8:30AM Mass • At The Church Pavilion

Donuts, coffee, & juice will be served

A Special Appearance by the Easter Bunny

**Don't forget to bring
your basket!!**

**Drawing for
GYM Baskets!**



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel



St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our safeguard against
the wickedness

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

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 ++ CYM Easter Basket Raffle Tickets for Sale
Mar 17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10AM Scripture Study ++ 2 PM BINGO ++ St. Patrick's Day & Fr. Ben's Birthday Celebration 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 ++ NO REHEARSALS Youth Choir/HandChimes	Mar 21 NO 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 ++ CYM Easter Basket Raffle Tickets for Sale
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 ++ Eucharistic Consecration ++ Adoration until 11pm	Mar 29 GOOD FRIDAY NO 8:30AM MASS ++ 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 ++ CYM Easter Basket RAFFLE	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

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.

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



**Stand Against the Radical
Arkansas Abortion Amendment!**

**Join the
DECLINE TO SIGN Campaign**

Sign up at artl.org



**ARKANSAS
RIGHT TO LIFE**

*Prayer
Witness*

**PEACEFUL PRAYER
AT THE STATE CAPITOL
SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH • 1:00 PM**

Join Us On the Sidewalk Surrounding The Capitol to Pray.
Join Our Prayer Network To Defeat The Arkansas Abortion Amendment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT ARTL.ORG

PRO-LIFE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHED!

"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 ProLifeUniversity.org**

**DEACON
KEITH
FOURNIER**



DECLINE TO SIGN

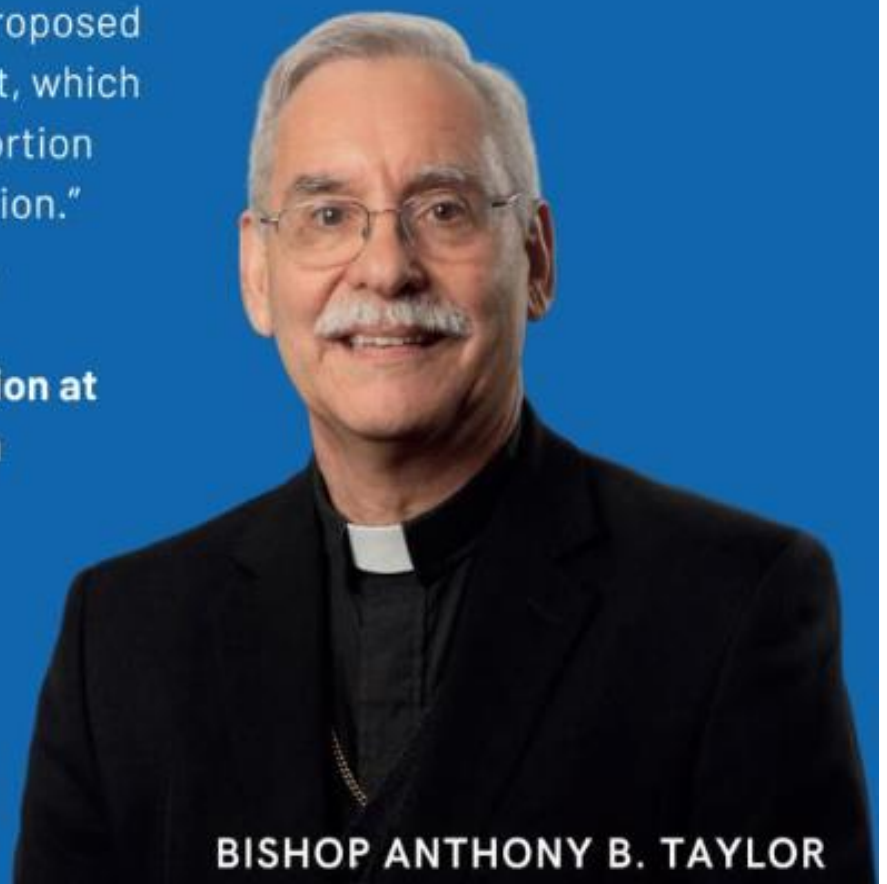
ARKANSAS ABORTION AMENDMENT PETITION

"It is critical that all registered voters decline to sign the petition to allow the Arkansas Abortion Amendment on the November 2024 ballot."

Through July 5, canvassers are collecting signatures for the proposed Arkansas Abortion Amendment, which would allow unrestricted abortion "within 18 weeks of fertilization."

Please decline to sign.

Know the truth about abortion at
dolr.org/declinetosign



BISHOP ANTHONY B. TAYLOR

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a rosary. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the thumb and index finger gripping the top of the beads. The rosary features a chain of small, light-colored beads, with a larger, ornate cross at the bottom. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage. The entire image is framed by a dark blue border at the top and bottom.

Come & See Retreat

with the
Olivetan Benedictine Sisters

Holy Angels Convent
Jonesboro, Arkansas

March 23-24, 2024

For information, contact:

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TENEBRAE

a Lenten service of light and shadow



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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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.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-scammer=d280f09b-a0ecd-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.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.nccbcnec.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.



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.

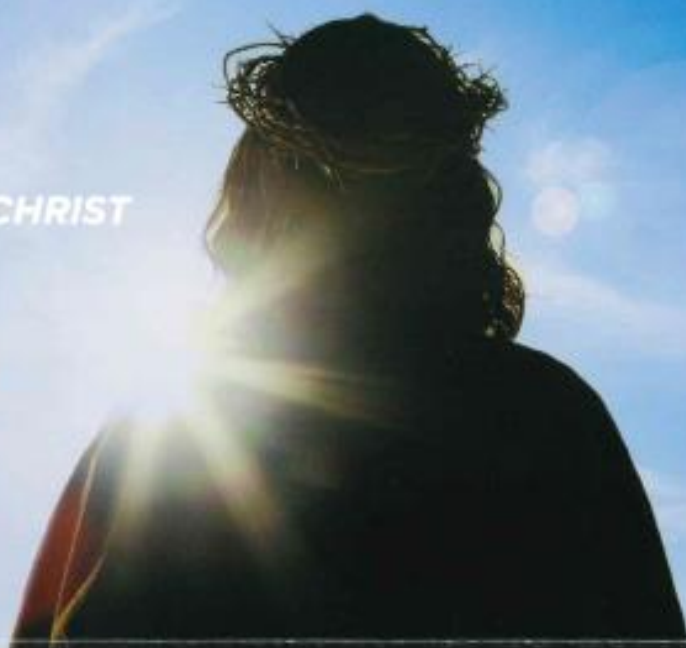
I want to thank you very sincerely for your exceptionally generous response to CASA last year—we made our goal of \$2,000,000! We are a missionary Church, and we are a Church with a mission! Through CASA you participate in the missionary outreach of Jesus' Church right here in Arkansas!

Anthony B. Taylor, Bishop of Little Rock

INFORMED

THE FORMED NEWSLETTER FOR PASTORS AND PARISH LEADERS

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST THIS EASTER



Throughout Lent, we dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving while uniting ourselves more fully to our crucified Lord. Each of us is called to embrace the penitential nature of the Lenten season in a way that is particular to our lives and our relationship with God.

Similarly, with the dawning of Easter at the end of the month, the Church comes together to rejoice in the mystery and gift of the Resurrection. Each member of the Body of Christ is called to celebrate this great victory over death and through this come to a more intimate relationship with the Lord.

With this in mind, FORMED is offering a number of resources and specials that can encourage your parishioners to live out the joy of Easter and deepen their relationship with Christ.



Via Lucis: The Stations of the Resurrection

Via Lucis, also called the Stations of Light, is a devotional practice

mirroring the Stations of the Cross that commemorates the events following the Resurrection of our Lord. With additional commentary offered by Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers, these

episodes encourage participants to walk alongside Christ and the disciples in the Easter season.



Easter in Art

This three-part series with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp walks viewers through sacred art depicting

the harrowing of hell, the Resurrection, and Mary Magdalene encountering Christ in the garden. This series tells the story of Easter through Scripture and the Catholic imagination and is fantastic for group discussion or personal enrichment.



Easter Special | The Annie Moses Show

Modelled after classic variety shows, *The Annie Moses Show*

brings together singers, players, actors, and creators to declare the truth, beauty, and goodness of God. Great for families or individuals, this special can encourage your parishioners to fully celebrate the Easter season with art and song.

This Easter, consider how to bring your parishioners deeper into the joy of the season with this content on FORMED.

HIGHLIGHTS ON FORMED

As we prepare for Holy Week, encourage your parishioners with this refreshing and inspiring content on FORMED:



The Three Temptations

At the beginning of Lent, every Catholic might ask themselves what spiritual practices they should take up during the Lenten season. In this talk, Dr. Brant Pitre looks at the temptations of Jesus in the desert and how these Gospel readings reveal what we are meant to focus on and what temptations we will face throughout Lent. As your parishioners continue their Lenten sacrifices, this talk is a fantastic way to rejuvenate them in their journeys and provide practical insight on the spiritual warfare they might face.

Bread of Life

As we approach Holy Week and the Last Supper, teach your parish about how the Eucharist is present throughout Scripture with this special offering on FORMED. In this five-part series, Dr. Tim Gray leads viewers to discover how the profound mystery of the Eucharist is present and prefigured throughout Christ's ministry, and how we are invited into this mystery at the sacrifice of the Mass each day.



St. Joseph (Four-Part Series)

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss St. Joseph's titles as Guardian of the Redeemer and Patron of the Universal Church and compare Joseph of the Old Testament with Joseph of the New Testament to increase devotion and knowledge of this humble head of the Holy Family.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

This March, invite your parishioners to grow in faith and pursue a life steeped in worship with these great resources on FORMED:

March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph

St. Joseph | Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney

In this episode of *Catholic All Year at Home*, find fun and festive ways to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph with the whole family. Viewers can learn how to make pasta alla tavola, homemade breadcrumb "sawdust," finger food appetizers, and St. Joseph cream puffs.



March 24: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Understanding Palm Sunday | FORMED Live

Bring your parishioners deeper into the story of Palm Sunday with this episode of *FORMED Live*. Entering into the biblical narrative, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Jesus' triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, the significance of the donkey and palm branches, the singing of Hosanna, and how this event shaped and led to the redemption of the world.

March 28: Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday | Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney

Holy Thursday can become a contradiction in itself—with the joy of the institution of the Eucharist and the sacramental priesthood also comes the sorrow of entering into the Lord's Passion. With this in mind, this episode of *Catholic All Year at Home* navigates how a family can bring all aspects of Holy Thursday into the home and hearts of each person.



CONTENT SPOTLIGHT

Encountering Christ in the Most Holy Rosary

As we approach Holy Week, the Lord invites each of us to encounter him anew in the mysteries of his life. Through the Most Holy Rosary, we can rediscover the story of our salvation and Christ's love for us.

Despite the beauty of this powerful invitation, the Rosary can feel daunting or even confusing for many. While we can discover these mysteries throughout Scripture, it is sometimes difficult to bring them to prayer with little context or background knowledge.

In response to this, FORMED is offering a series dedicated to unveiling the mysteries of the Rosary. Featuring Dr. Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute, *A Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary* is a wonderful opportunity to bring into Lent as we prepare for Holy Week and profoundly encounter the Lord.

More than just an overview on the Rosary, this series is dedicated to enriching viewers' understanding of each mystery of the Rosary, aiding them in their prayer lives as a powerful accompaniment to their faith journeys.

Diving into the mysteries of the Agony in the Garden, the Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, and the Crucifixion, each episode provides a rich commentary that carries viewers deeper into the heart of Christ through his life.

As your parish continues to grow in love for Christ, this series offers an opportunity to unite parishioners in prayer and study. Providing a foundation for discussion and communal prayer, each episode can be used in group sessions or individually. Whether it is a weekly event or a singular gathering, this Bible study can encourage prayer and community within your parish and beyond.

This year, invite your parishioners deeper into the mysteries of Christ's Passion with *A Bible Study on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary* on FORMED.



In Case You Missed It ...



Daily Bread

Looking for a last-minute Lenten addition? Encourage your parishioners to step back into Scripture with FORMED's Lenten series, *Daily Bread*. Taking highlights from the *Lectio: Eucharist* show, these brief but edifying episodes bring viewers into the mystery of this sacrament throughout Scripture and reveal how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. With a new episode each day, *Daily Bread* can accompany all on their Lenten journeys as they rediscover the gift of Eucharist.

MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!

In The Diocese of Little Rock



WHO must do safe environment training and background checks:

1) Employees

2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/Minors

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks

3) Eucharistic Ministers who serve the homebound

WHAT training programs:

- “CMG Connect”** online training for **adults**
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)
(Or directly at: <http://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)
- “Circle of Grace”** in-classroom training for children/youth

We will no longer use VIRTUS’s “protecting God’s Children” or “Touching Safety”. Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have information on both new programs.”