

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth

... *Psalm 34:2*

If you are ill or hospitalized and would like to be put on the prayer list and/or have Communion brought to you, please call the Parish Office (501-884-3349).

We don't want to forget you.

If you wish to reach Father Hart from Tuesday afternoon through Friday for non-emergency purposes, please email him at frhart1976@gmail.com or for sick call or Last Rites call 501-884-3346. Teachers are needed to facilitate religious education - Adult Education (Bible Study, book study, etc)

Lenten Soup Supper

Please join your church family **on Friday, April 4, for the Lenten Friday Soup Supper**, immediately following the Stations of the Cross, **around 5pm**. There will be a variety of meatless soups, salad, bread and drinks. There is **no cost**, but you can make a donation to benefit the local food pantry. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.



Lenten Resources

The Diocese of Little Rock offers a variety of Lenten resources in English and Spanish to assist you this Lent. Visit us online for suggestions for all ages on how to pray, fast and give alms <https://www.dolr.org/lent>. Many give up something for Lent. We invite you to consider taking up a practice you wouldn't do otherwise. Check out "10 Ways to Deepen Your Experience of Lent" for ideas. <https://www.dolr.org/lent/ideas>.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration in April will be Saturday, April 5th, from 9a.m.-3p.m. Please come and spend some quality time with Jesus. Stay as long as you'd like! You could even consider becoming a regular adorer. **For more details, call Terri Pesnell, 479-601-3779.**

Servers Needed

We need a couple more servers who are able to do so. Please talk to Fr. Hart or call the office @ 501-884-3349 if you are interested. Thank you.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 4:00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Anna Belle Akers – 57 yrs. on 3/30

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls Helping Children in Lesotho ...

This week we focus our prayers, fasting and almsgiving on Lesotho, where many children lack access to quality education. Only 73% of primary school-age children in Lesotho are enrolled in school. Give to your Rice Bowl this week to support communities working with CRS to provide education opportunities for children.



Fellowship Sunday

On Sunday, **April 6th** Coffee and Donuts will be served by **Jeff & Shelley Moix** in the Parish Hall **following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** Please plan to join them for refreshments and fellowship.



The Winds of March



Second Collection

This week we take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection **makes grants to six Catholic agencies** that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. **Please be generous.**

New Parish Directory Time

Yes ... it's time ... **our last directory was done in 2017.** Mark your calendars – **pictures will be taken May 8, 9 & 10.** You will be contacted to set up a time for your setting by our parishioner & Sunday altar server, **Don Sabbe.**
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 29
4:00 p.m. Dolly Keating

by: John Keating

Sunday, March 30
9:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners

Tuesday, April 1
5:00 p.m. Lois Dille
by: Gail Zanooff

Wednesday, April 2
5:00 p.m. St. Jude Thaddeus – Clinton

Thursday, April 3
8:30 a.m. Mike Fields
by: Marvin & Joanie Mear

Friday, April 4
8:30 a.m. Charles Stewart
by: Dan & Judy Bennett

Saturday, April 5
4:00 p.m. Christine Hallock
by: Marvin & Joanie Mear

Sunday, April 6
9:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners

Lenten Bible Study

Never too late to join Terri and her group for our Bible Study... "The Beatitudes and St Francis of Assisi" on Friday mornings @ 9:30 a.m. which continues through Lent until April 11. For more information call Terri Pesnell, 479-601-3779.



A Word from Pope Francis

There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son. {The son writes a letter}: "Father, I have repented, I want to come back home. If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window." And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

Stewardship Report March 22 & 23	
Offerings	\$4,080.00
Online Giving	223.98
Building & Grounds	5.00
Loose Cash	327.05
Easter Flowers	35.00

Financial Status			
	Collected	Weekly Budget	YTD
General Fund	\$4,631	\$3,846	(+)\$8,928

Activities for the Week

Bible Study.....Friday @ 9:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross.....Friday @ 4:00 p.m.
Soup Supper.....Friday @ 5:00 p.m.
Adoration.....Saturday 9a.m.-3p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Once again we hear the parable of the Prodigal Son. Most of the time our attention is drawn to the Prodigal and the assurance the story gives us, that if we just repent all will be well. However, we are also the good son resenting the father's joy and care for our wayward sibling. We try to do God's will and are often dumbfounded or even resentful when we see people who "game the system" or seem to be selfish and lazy get help and appear to avoid the hard choices we must make. We tend to forget that we are also like the Prodigal Son at times and have received God's generous forgiveness. The next time you find yourself resenting the good fortune of others ... especially those who seem to you to be "unworthy" – try to thank God for all the blessings he has given you and praise him for loving all of us far more than we deserve.

CHUCKLES


A truck driver saw a sign ahead of him that said "Low bridge ahead." Before he knew it, the bridge was right in front of him, and he got stuck. Cars were backed up for miles.

Finally a police car arrived. The officer got out of his car, walked around to the truck driver, put his hands on his hips and said, "Got stuck, huh?" "No", the truck driver replied. "I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas."





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