

Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

*But you, O Lord, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.*

... Psalm 22:19

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 (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.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious, and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the **Good Friday Collection**, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy Novena begins on **Good Friday, March 29th** and will close with a holy hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** Divine Mercy pamphlets are in the Narthex.

St. Francis online
www.stfrancisffb.org



SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28

5:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration will begin
Immediately following

Good Friday, March 29

(No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the
Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30

(No 4:00 p.m. Mass)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Mass

Easter Triduum



Anniversary

Tom & Anna Belle Akers – 56 yrs. on 3/30



Decline to Sign Abortion Petition

If you are asked to sign a petition for the Arkansas Abortion Amendment, please don't sign it. Abortion kills children and wounds parents. It is a horrible wrong. A woman who faces an unintended or challenging pregnancy needs love, support and real help to care for herself and to carry her unborn child through pregnancy and into life. We don't need abortion. Please **Decline to Sign.**

SILENCE!

We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grow in silence; see the stars, moon and sun, how they move in silence ... the more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within ... words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

Saint Mother Teresa

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HONORABLE MENTION
ADVERTISEMENT OF THE WEEK**

***In Loving
Memory of
Dc. Frank Zanoﬀ
John Keating***

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 23

4:00 p.m. ✠ Jan Lipsmeyer
by: Gail Zanoﬀ

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners

Tuesday, March 26

5:00 p.m. ✠ Tom Lang
by Mark & Stacy Florish

Wednesday, March 27

5:00 p.m. St. Jude – Clinton

Thursday, March 28 – Holy Thursday

5:30 p.m. ✠ Richard & Jane Stoulig
by: Brad & Mary Murry

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

3:00 p.m. ✠ Tom Lang
by: Ian & Rosemarie Snyder

Saturday, March 30 – Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. ✠ Fr. Oliver Ochizez
by: Long John

Sunday, March 31 – Easter

9:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners

**Weekly Stewardship Report
March 16 & 17**

Offerings	\$1,695.00
Online Giving	422.97
Loose Cash	429.00
Catholic Relief Svc.	50.00
Holy Thursday	30.00
Flowers	30.00

Financial Status

	Collected	Weekly Budget	YTD
General Fund	\$2,565	\$3,846	(+) \$8,044



Activities for the Week

Mass of the Lord's Supper. Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.
Celebration of Lord's Passion.....Friday @ 3 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass.....Saturday @ 8 p.m.
Easter Sunday.....Sunday @ 9 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Once again we hear the story of Jesus' last days according to the Gospel of Mark. Jesus had choices. He could have fled the city, allowed his followers to fight for him or at the very least defended himself against the false accusations brought against him. He struggled to accept what he knew the Father wanted of him. We also face hard choices at times. The people around us offer advice and encourage us to do what they see as the best way to handle the situation. Ultimately, like Jesus, we need to go aside to pray and reflect and seek God's will for us. We may not like the answer. We may be afraid to do what we believe is right. But we are not alone. Jesus has shown us the way and the Spirit will help us if we surrender ourselves to God's will.

Chuckles

A Census worker Walked up to a woman sitting on a porch. After introducing himself, he said, "How many children do you have?" "Four," the woman said. "May I have their names?" "Eenie, Meenie, Minie and George." "Why did you name your fourth child George?" "We didn't want any Moe."



MAXINE SAYS

I try not to limit my madness to March!



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

During the past five weeks, our parish community has prayed, fasted and given alms with a special focus on the poorest members of our global community. Our lives were touched by stories from Burkina Faso, East Timor, Lesotho, Dominican Republic, Pakistan and the United States. Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, our representative to the poorest communities in the world. **Please return your Rice Bowl Easter weekend. There will be baskets in the Narthex for this purpose.**



Thank you for your generosity.



Something To Ponder

Anybody can observe the Sabbath,
but making it holy surely takes
the rest of the week.

..... Willa Cather

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