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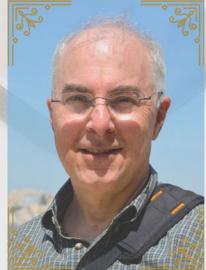
## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 27, 2022

PLEASE JOIN THE LENTEN MISSION AT HOLY SOULS

### BECOMING PEOPLE OF THE *Word*

MARCH 28-30, 2022

6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH



**STEPHEN J. BINZ**

NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOLAR,  
AUTHOR, AND PILGRIMAGE GUIDE

Monday (28th): Learning to Read the Bible as the Word of God  
Tuesday (29th): Obstacles to Understanding the Bible Today  
Wednesday (30th): Experiencing the Word of God for Missionary Discipleship

### Holy Souls Lenten



**Friday, April 1**

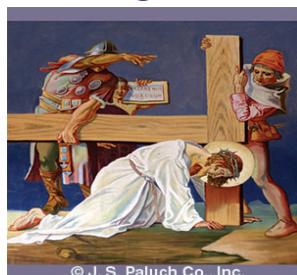
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In Person Dining and To Go Orders are available.

#### **PRICE:**

\$12 for adults, \$6 for kids (8th grade or younger),  
and \$30 max for family (immediate family only  
including 2 adult plates and 3 or more kid plates)

### *Living Stations of the Cross*

presented by  
**Holy Souls School's  
4th Graders**



**Friday, April 1**

7:00 p.m.

Holy Souls Church

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

“THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD,  
AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN;  
HE WAS LOST, AND HAS BEEN FOUND.”

LUKE 15:24

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## BE TRANSFORMED

Who knew that when Moses led the Israelites out of slavery it would mean forty years of wandering in the desert before they were able to enter the Promised Land? Many of us experience periods of wandering in our life. Perhaps we made some poor judgment calls in our younger days, or maybe as adult children we returned home to live because of struggling with substance abuse, or unemployment, or a divorce. Or maybe we fell away from Church for a bit. This is nothing new. The second reading calls us to be new creations in Christ, to put away our old selves, to be transformed; and in the Gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son. Each of these calls for us to move, and grow, and leave old ways behind.

## TESTING THE BOUNDARIES

Some of the first words a two-year-old might say are “Do by self!” It is almost a rite of passage for teenagers to test their parents as much as they can. Every parent who ever lay awake in bed at night waiting to hear the sound of the child pulling the car into the garage or opening the door knows at least as much about praying vigils as any nun in a convent. This is a deep and earnest prayer, and the parents can barely breathe until their child comes home. Usually when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son, we think of the feeling of guilt the son had as he realized how much he had messed things up, or we feel the injustice that the older brother felt, because he wasn’t the rebel child leaving the home.

## WELCOME HOME

What we don’t often remember in the story of the Prodigal Son is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we’ve made, or how many times we have made them.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12  
Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7  
2 Corinthians 5:17–21  
Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

# What Have You Given Back To God?

Deacon John Hall's Homily from the Third Sunday of Lent, March 20, 2022

True or false: The Stations of the Cross at St. Andrew's Cathedral downtown were ordered extra large so that people could see them better. False. They were intended for the cathedral in Chicago and somehow they ended up in LR.

True or false: In the 179 year history of the Diocese of Little Rock, every bishop found Arkansas to be a welcoming home and loved it here. False. Our first Bishop Andrew Byrne, in 1843 first visited here and the wrote to Pope Gregory and said thanks but no thanks.

True or False: Catholics have a reputation of not knowing their bible. True! Let's disprove that – right now.

Our First Reading was taken from the Book of Exodus. It is considered one of the foundational books of the bible as it was the first time that God intervened in human history. We can connect a few of the specifics of the Book of Exodus to historical people, places and events.

The reading focuses on Moses his life and how he answered God's call. Moses was born in? Egypt. His parents were? Hebrews. When Moses was born there was an order from Pharaoh to kill all the male newborns. Moses life was spared because his birth mother hid him for three months. When she could no longer hide him she put him in a basket in the reeds on the banks of the Nile. Who found the basket? Pharaoh's daughter found the basket and told Pharaoh's daughter ordered her servant to find a Hebrew woman to nurse this child. Who was selected? Moses own mother. Moses grew up in the House of the Pharaoh. When Moses was an adult, one day he saw? An Egyptian striking a Hebrew. In the process of defending the Hebrew victim, he killed the Egyptian. Pharaoh heard of the incident and wanted Moses killed. So Moses fled to Midian. While in Midian, he met Zipporah and helped her water her flock. After Zipporah returned home, she told her father, Reuel/Jethro, what happened. So Zipporah's father invited Moses to eat with them. Moses and Zipporah married. They had a son named Gershom. A long time passed during which the king of Egypt died.

## FR. JOHN & DEACON JOHN'S HOMILIES

Fr. John and Deacon John's homilies are also published on our website. Go to [www.holysouls.org](http://www.holysouls.org) - Parish News - Homilies.

God saw the Israelites, and God knew it was time to act. And that's where our First Reading begins. The Burning Bush.

Life was good for Moses. He had been truly blessed. His life was spared at birth. He grew up in a well-to-do lifestyle -- the total opposite of his enslaved Hebrew kinfolk. Moses was well educated and wealthy, because he grew up in the royal house of Pharaoh. He was spared the life of slavery, and he was now living a comfortable life in Midian with his wife and her family.

But had Moses given anything back? No. And it was not because he owed God — but because he was grateful for what he had been given. God's appearance in the burning bush got the attention of Moses -- and he didn't ignore God or run away. He listened to God, and after some reluctance, he accepted God's call to be a leader of the Hebrew people.

Every one of us has experienced a burning Bush in our lives because if we hadn't . . . we wouldn't be here this morning. But like the olive tree in the gospel parable: Have we given back? The gardener in the parable reminds us that we stand on fertile ground and it's time to produce some fruit – give back. On Ash Wednesday we heard the words: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Remember the rich man who asked Jesus: What must I do to inherit eternal life? Keeping the Ten Commandments isn't enough. Go and sell what you have, give it to the poor and come follow me. Not because we owe God anything, not because I'm trying to earn my way into heaven. We simply give back out of gratitude for the blessings received and because we love and care for one another. We pray that our Lord helps us to be like Moses. To recognize God's voice, to see God's presence, to answer God's call, and to stand with God on holy ground.

***This is holy Ground  
we are standing on holy ground.  
For the Lord is here  
And where he is, is holy***

## Responding to the Word This Week

In Jesus' parable, both sons have problems with their father.

**Which son am I most like?  
Jesus, be with me . . .**

\*To reflect on this Sunday's readings online, go to [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/032722.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/032722.cfm)

## COLLECTIONS/STEWARSHIP UPDATE

<b>Mass attendance, March 5 &amp; 6</b>	725
<b>Mass attendance, March 12 &amp; 13</b>	706
<b>Mass attendance, March 19 &amp; 20</b>	570

### Diocesan Collections –

Ash Wednesday (Arkansas Missions) \$ 3,225

### Weekend Collections –

March 5 & 6	\$ 28,448
March 12 & 13	\$ 30,078
March 19 & 20	\$ 26,836
<b>Total March Collections</b>	<u>\$ 85,362</u>
<b>Total March Budgeted Collections</b>	<u>\$ 120,000</u>

Actual Collections (7/1/21 - 2/28/22) \$ 1,060,696

Budgeted (7/1/21 - 2/28/22) \$ 1,000,000

Amount in excess of Budget \$ 60,696

Maintenance Fund \$ 1,708

*Thank you for supporting our church.*



### Senior CYM Meeting (For youth in 9th to 12th Grades)

Wednesday, March 30th  
6:00 p.m. - Benedict House

### Junior CYM Meeting (For youth in 7th & 8th Grades)

Thursday, April 7  
6:30 p.m. - Benedict House

For more information,  
contact Andrew Baka, Youth Minister,  
at 501-663-8632 or abaka@holysouls.org.



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## Grief Support Group

MaryAnn Stafford and Laura Humphries want to help those who have recently or not so recently lost a loved one and are mourning their death. We strive to give information to help integrate the loss into your life. Many times when we grieve we feel like we are going crazy. We feel lost and alone and like we will never get better. These feelings are normal and we want to help you work through them. Understanding what you are going through is made somewhat easier if you share your loss with others who have experienced similar loss. We will offer a Grief Support Group in the Parish Hall led by Dr. Mary Ann Stafford and Laura Humphries, C.T. The group will meet for 10 sessions, beginning on Wednesday, April 6th, at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. If you or someone you know is in need of support, please email [lhumphries@holysouls.org](mailto:lhumphries@holysouls.org) or [2dings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2dings@sbcglobal.net) (Mary Ann Stafford) or call the church office and register for the group. If you have any questions, please contact Laura in the church office.



## CONFESIONS AT HOLY SOULS

Wednesdays - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

and

Saturdays - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Two priests will be available for Confessions  
on Saturdays.

## Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. The book is being provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office or contact Lee Plesofsky - contact information is 901-833-2889 or [leehplesofsky@gmail.com](mailto:leehplesofsky@gmail.com)

## Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

It is our honor and privilege that we will soon bring the Eucharist to the Catholic patients at UAMS. If you are one of the Eucharistic Ministers that participated in this incredible ministry prior to Covid starting and would like to continue, please let Laura know. If you would like to discuss joining this ministry or bringing the Eucharist to the homebound, please contact Laura in the church office. *"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."* (Bl. Teresa of Calcutta) Come share Jesus' love and make a difference in someone's life.

# Grateful Stewards of God's Gifts . . .

Laura Humphries,  
Parish Life & Stewardship Director

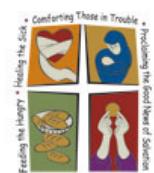
"The Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" Mt 21:43.

Jesus implies in this statement that the chief priests and elders are like the tenants of the vineyard, killing all those sent to collect the landlord's produce. It's easy to think he was only addressing them since they would conspire to kill him, the Son of God. But one of my teachers used to say that every Gospel story is true, and every Gospel story is about you. So we must ask: how is this statement addressed to us in our time? What is the fruit of the Kingdom of God, and how might I be failing to produce it? Since God is love, the fruit must also be love. Producing this fruit is the simple, yet sometimes wrenchingly difficult practice of loving more today than I did yesterday. It's being kind to those I don't like, being patient with those who annoy me, and forgiving myself for the fact that it's hard.

An excerpt from *Living with Christ*

I read this excerpt one morning when I was with some people who were trying my patience. After reading it, I looked up and said, "Okay God, I hear you." It is amazing to me sometimes how God speaks to us when we take the time to listen. If the author above is correct, this story was addressed to me because I was supposed to be loving and remembering that God was inside these people. Somehow I had to find him so that the time we were together would produce fruit and be beneficial to us all. Sometimes God has to hit us over the head for us to see the truth; at least, he has to hit me over the head every now and then.

## Encounter Jesus, Serve Others



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"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (James 1:27, NAB) Did you know a portion of your CASA gift goes to support the work of Catholic Charities here in Arkansas as well as many other outreaches throughout our diocese? Why not practice your Catholic faith by becoming a monthly supporter of CASA and help reach your world with the love of Christ? Return your CASA gift/pledge in the envelopes provided.



## HUNGERING TO LEARN

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

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**Amelia Michelle Clement**

daughter of

David & Colleen (Murray) Clement



Join our  
**Young Catholic  
Adults Group**

## Around the Diocese . . .

### 2022 Mass for Hope and Healing

**What:** To pray for healing for survivors of child sexual abuse, and to commemorate April as the National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**When:** Sunday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 S. Louisiana St.

**Who:** Anyone who is interested in praying for victims, their families and friends.

*Bishop Anthony B. Taylor, Celebrant*

### JUNKTIQUE SALE IS BACK!

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022  
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**Catholic High School, 6300 Father Tribou St., Little Rock**  
Clean out your closets and garages and get ready for the Junktique sale at Catholic High on Saturday, April 2. The Junktique Sale is an annual fundraising event that has been described as a flea market, a garage sale, and a treasure hunt all rolled into one. Watch for more details on social media for how to donate, volunteer, and shop! Or for more information, contact Shannon Fratesi at [sfratesi@lrchs.org](mailto:sfratesi@lrchs.org).

### Catholic High Rocket 5K Run/3K Walk/Kids' Rocket Dash

Saturday, April 9 - 8:00 a.m.

Grab your family and come join the fun at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocket 5K Race on Saturday, April 9. There is a race for every pace. You can run the 5K, walk the 3K, have the kids participate in the Kids' Rocket Dash (10 and under), and even bring your dog to walk the 3K with Titus, the school pet.

Register online at [www.Rocket5K.com](http://www.Rocket5K.com). The 5K and 3K registration fee is \$25 until March 17, \$30 after March 17, or \$35 on race day. The Kids' Rocket Dash fee is \$15.

### Petitions of the Ministry of Praise

April, 2022

Pope Francis' Intentions:



We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



In order to keep our bulletin prayer list up-to-date for the sick, names will remain on the list for four weeks. **Then their name will be written in the Book of Intercession where they will be remembered during every Mass.** To continue for another four weeks, please call the church office.

**OUR PARISHIONERS** -- Rob Mondy; Benjamin Stuart; Glennabell McCumpsey; Frank Kremers; Andy Gentry; Doug Pilcher; Kelly Ochoa; and Alice Stuff.

**OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS** -- Lucille Marconi; Frances Heffington; Phil Marks; Chris Ashcraft, Mike Limbird, Susan Jones, Liz George; Fagan Green; Phyllis Marks; Alissa Hastings; and Fr. Ruben Quintero.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** -- Brad McLaurin, husband of Marie McLaurin, and father of Katie McLaurin.

**OUR SEMINARIANS** – especially Colton Ketter and Minh Phong Nguyen.

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### RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Susej Thompson at 501-663-8632 or [sthompson@holysouls.org](mailto:sthompson@holysouls.org).

### RETURNING CATHOLICS

If you are interested in returning to the Catholic Church, please contact Susej Thompson at 663-8632 or [sthompson@holysouls.org](mailto:sthompson@holysouls.org).

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30pm and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00pm or call the church office for an appointment.

### CHURCH VISITS

The Church is open for private prayer time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 7:30am-3pm and on Wednesday from 7:30am -5:15pm. Please enter through the door on Harrison St. side by piano or the handicapped door in the front of church.

### BAPTISM

Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis. Please call the church office for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the church office a minimum of six months in advance.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



To read the daily reading online, go to [www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml)

## Monday, March 28

No Mass

## Tuesday, March 29

7:00 a.m. Mass

## Wednesday, March 30

5:30 p.m. Mass

## Thursday, March 31

7:00 a.m. Mass

## Friday, April 1

No 7:00 a.m. Mass

## Saturday, April 2

8:00 a.m. 1st Saturday

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

## Sunday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

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

Child of Phillip & Mary Ellen Doncer by Mike & Gretchen Gowen

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

Stephen Jackson by Doloris Wiedower

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Wayne Moak by Terry Snider

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA - Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Special Intention for Lois Harrison by Glen Wilson

Joe Kirchner by Pat Kirchner

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Souls of all USA Servicemen and women by The Vidacovich Family

Intentions of Parishioners

Ed Swain by Doloris Wiedower

*Mass Intentions may be offered for the Repose of the Soul of a deceased loved one or for healing, a special occasion, or a special intention for yourself, a family member, or friend. Please contact Stacey in the Church Office for more information.*



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# WHY ADVERTISE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH BULLETIN?

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If you own a business or know of a local business that might like to support your local Catholic parish by advertising in its parish bulletin, please contact J.S. Paluch. Grow your business by advertising in the church bulletin and create strong connections with your target audience. Benefits include:

**GREAT COVERAGE - 97%** of all households attending church take at least one church bulletin home every Sunday.

**GREAT VALUE - 70%** of all households are aware of and look at the advertising in the church bulletin and 68% of households surveyed when making a choice between businesses are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the church bulletin.

**GREAT LOYALTY - 41%** of households do business with a company specifically because they are advertising in the church bulletin.

**GREAT PRODUCT - 62%** of households keep the church bulletin the entire week as reference.

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