

STEWARDSHIP – Peter, James, and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn March 17-24 for Timothy Walke.

AID IN EASTERN EUROPE – This collection is used to support social service programs and Catholic communications projects. Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

SPRING SMORGASBORD – Our smorgasbord is only about 2 weeks away! Please think seriously about signing up to help work. There are papers in back of church for you to pick up and help us advertise. Your help is very much appreciated!

MEMORIALS – St. Maurice Parish received \$1,270 in memory of Gary Stier. We are grateful for this gift, which is a beautiful tribute of his life. May Gary continue to bless this parish by interceding for us before God.

REST IN PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to the family of Cathy Wittkamper, who died last week. May Cathy now behold her God in her heavenly home!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Because of Spring Break, there will be no classes for Preschool through Grade 5 this week, Wednesday, March 20, and March 27. Enjoy your time off!

No classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, March 17. Classes resume March 31.

PENANCE SERVICE – Next Sunday, March 24, 1:30 PM, the Lenten Penance Service will be held at St. Maurice with four priests present to hear individual confessions. Consider taking this opportunity to approach a merciful and forgiving God as you prepare for the feast of Easter.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – On St. Patrick's Day, an Irishman was asked, "Why are Irish jokes so simple?"

"So the English can understand them," he replied. (The Joyful Noiseletter)

SECOND WEEK OF LENT HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 8:30 AM

Board of Education Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 7:00–8:30 PM

Meeting at St. Louis, Batesville

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 7:00–8:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Maurice

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 4:30 PM

Faith Formation Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 AM–12:00 Noon – Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament at St. Maurice

6:00 PM – Way of the Cross at St. Maurice

4:30-7:30 PM – Fish Fry at St. Maurice

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 9:00 AM–NOON

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at St. John

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

1:30 PM – Lenten Penance Service at St. Maurice

3:00 PM – **Coffee Talk: Ministry of Caregiving**

CLOSING OF DEANERY RESOURCE CENTER

Fr. Mike Keucher, Dean of the Batesville Deanery writes, "The Batesville Deanery Resource Center has served the parishes in this Deanery for many years, providing a host of catechetical resources along with various programming. We are thankful for the many years of service of the dedicated staff who have served the center over the years.

After much discussion and prayer, the priests and parish life coordinators have decided to discontinue the Deanery Center effective June 30, 2019. Much has changed in recent decades. Technology, new parish partnerships, and other advancements have enabled parishes themselves to offer resources and services in a more economical way, and in a way that was not possible in the earlier days of the center.

Some programming currently offered by the Deanery Center will continue as shared ministries, hosted by various parishes. Existing cohorts will continue to work together. As we near June 30, parish leaders will have the chance to visit the center on scheduled days and take items which they believe will benefit their parish programs.

This will be a time of transition. As we say goodbye to the center that has served us so well, we ask for your prayers for the staff during this time of transition. We all remain very grateful for the work and commitment they have offered in service to this ministry."