

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Tuesday through Friday 09:00 a.m.
First Saturday 09:00 a.m.

Saturday Anticipated 04:00 p.m.
Sunday 08:00 a.m.
..... 10:00 a.m.

Holy Day Vigil (with obligation)..... as announced
Holy Day 09:00 a.m.
..... 06:30 p.m.

ADORATION

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 24 hours a day
..... 07 days a week

CONFESSION

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 to 8:55 a.m.
Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday..... 7:15 to 7:45 a.m.
by appointment

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	NEW YEAR'S DAY CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m.	Mass, Holyday — Mary, Mother of God Church Office Closed
Tuesday	January 02
09:30 a.m.	Board Meeting—Ladies of the Sacred Heart (LOSH)
01:00 p.m.	Shawl Ministry
04:00 p.m.	Officers Meeting—Sacred Heart Men's Club
05:00 p.m.	K/C 10208 General Meeting—Lower Hall
Wednesday	January 03
12:00 p.m.	Hand & Foot Card Game (Singles Only)—Upper Hall
01:00 p.m.	Spades/Table Games & Seasonal Potluck Upper Hall
03:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
06:00 p.m.	REY—Senior High School—Classrooms
Thursday	January 04
09:45 a.m.	Rosary Makers—Classroom C
02:00 p.m.	S/H Bowling League—Off Site
Friday	January 05
09:00 a.m.	K/C Couples Retreat—Subiaco
09:45 a.m.	First Friday Mass & Devotions Life in the Spirit Prayer Group—Classrooms A & B
Saturday	January 06
09:00 a.m.	K/C Couples Retreat—Subiaco
04:00 p.m.	First Saturday Mass & Devotions Mass — Food Collection, Jackson House
Sunday	January 07 Epiphany of the Lord
08:00 a.m.	K/C Couples Retreat—Subiaco
08:45 a.m.	Mass—Food Collection, Jackson House
10:00 a.m.	REY K-7th Grade—Classrooms
04:30 p.m.	Mass—Food Collection, Jackson House Epiphany Crockpot Dinner—Lower Hall

MARY MOTHER OF GOD



The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated with Masses at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. and Monday, January 1, at 10:00 a.m. All are strongly encouraged to participate in one of these Masses.

On January 1 we will celebrate the greatest Cinderella story of all times: how Mary, the Jewish maid of Nazareth, became the mother of Jesus and the very Queen of heaven. But how can we say anything about Mary that has not been said many times before and said much more beautifully in literature, music, painting, sculpture, stain glass, shrines, feasts and sacramentals. The devotion to Mary is one of the great treasures of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

There are many dates open to schedule Mass Intentions for our new year. Stop in, or call, the office staff at 922-2062, extension 10, for more information.

JUST A NOTE

We would like to thank those who advertise on the back of our bulletin as they defray our printing costs. Please thank them the next time you patronize one of our advertisers. If you are interested in placing an ad, please call 800-833-5941.



HAND AND FOOT CLUB

Schedules for January—May are in white envelopes with your name alphabetically listed and can be found in the narthex. Look for a box marked HAND & FOOT. Please pick-up your envelope. Call Ann Krawczynski at [501-915-9629](tel:501-915-9629).

EPIPHANY FEAST CROCKPOT POTLUCK DINNER



Hello Fellow Parishioners! We will be having an Epiphany Feast Crockpot Potluck Dinner on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Please bring your favorite soup, stew or crockpot dish to share.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, so please let us know if you will be attending and if you are bringing a dish so we know how many outlets to have ready. We want everyone's dish to stay nice and warm. There will be a "Secret Santa Bingo" after dinner so please also bring a wrapped gift for the bingo! Join us for fellowship and laughter! If you have questions, call Jen Rivera at [928-358-9069](tel:928-358-9069).

LADIES OF THE SACRED HEART

Just a reminder that our meeting will be held Monday, January 8, and our "something extra" a baby shower item. Please bring items that a new mother could use for her newborn. Our guest speaker will be Christy Etheridge from Good Samaritan, and her topic will address the difference between Home Care, Home Health, and Hospice.

This month we highlight Guild 4, St. Elizabeth Guild. Members donate Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter food baskets to families in need through Mission Outreach. Members also volunteer at Jackson House, St. Vincent's Hospital, and Potter's Clay. They organize the Christmas Cookie Sale, and are involved with the Shawl Ministry. For fun activities, they play Hand and Foot, have a summer barbeque with spouses, and get together at Christmas for dinner with spouses. Call Carol Barrett at [922-0071](tel:922-0071) for more information.

KNIGHTS SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVE



The next blood drive supported by the Knights of Columbus and hosted by the Village United Methodist Church at 200 Carmona Road, is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2018. The church is located near the intersection of Carmona Road and DeSoto Boulevard. Contact Connie Shoemaker at [922-4891](tel:922-4891) to schedule an appointment.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Firstly, I want to take time to thank all those who took a service part in our Christmas Masses, especially our music people led by our organist and choir director, Lynne Border. Those who participated in the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass or 10:00 a.m. morning Christmas Mass were treated to the beautiful opera-quality voice of Bill and Kathleen Nosek's granddaughter, Natalie. She was simply wonderful in the two songs she sang solo. I also want to thank those who helped in ALL that went in to our Angel Tree efforts to help needy families. I applaud and thank you for your efforts. Ed and Claudia Kearns coordinated this effort and along with others, make it run seemingly like clockwork. Thanks to all! Lastly on things related to Christmas, I thank all those who donated to the Clergy Welfare Fund that provides the funding to support our diocesan priests in their retirement as well as our sick and infirmed priests. To date, the total amount collected is a tremendous \$16,236!

I also really appreciate those who take the time to bless me at Christmas with beautiful Christmas cards, novena prayers, material gifts, and kind, supportive words of thanks. You are such a special blessing to me.

As I had in mind what the rest of my pastor's column would be about this week, I noticed that right across from where my column would be, are images of the Holy Family and another picture of a baby. My topic was to be, and still is, about the importance of the most innocent and fragile of human beings, babies both inside and outside of their mother's womb. As we contemplate Jesus when He was born to Mary and the earliest times of His life during the Christmas season, we give thanks and praise to God for His life and what He ultimately did for us (through His passion, death and resurrection), we are urged and encouraged to keep the focus on babies, especially those of our time, and protect and support them in ways that we can. To that end, I would encourage not only attendance at the March for Life on January 21, (see announcement to the right of this column), but also to consider giving to "Arkansas Right to Life" which advocates for legal protection of children in their mother's womb. Their address is 1515 South University Ave, Little Rock, AR 72204. I also ask everyone to participate in our parish baby shower by bringing baby items to church (see announcement to the right of this column). These will be given to our local pregnancy support centers to be given out to moms who need help to care for their children. Please don't just look at the babies on this page and smile. Do something for them in your name and in the name of Jesus Christ, the author of all life!



MASS FOR LIFE

The 2018 Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Taylor on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 12:05 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Little Rock. Preceding the Mass, a Rosary for Life will be prayed beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Vigil for Life at the Cathedral will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 20, and will continue with Adoration through the night until 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to participate in these celebrations of the precious gift of all Life. The annual March for Life is scheduled for the same day, January 21, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.

PARISH BABY SHOWER



The babies we "spiritually" adopted back in April are due to be born January 8, 2018. To welcome them into the world, we are planning a Parish Baby Shower. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Please purchase a baby item and bring it to church, unwrapped, beginning Saturday, December 30, through Monday, January 15. A display area will be set up in the narthex and gifts can be left, as of now, under the Christmas tree. The donated items will be delivered to Catholic Adoption Services in Little Rock and local pregnancy centers in Hot Springs and Benton.

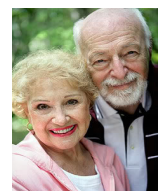
Items needed include: premie and other newborn clothes, newborn, size one and size two Pampers, scent-free and additive-free wipes and diaper bags, Disposable diapers (all sizes), and baby formula. Also needed are crib sheets, blankets, clothing up to 10 months, powders, bath items, bottles, and just about anything else that parents needs for a newborn baby. Please do not wrap gifts.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

First Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial	Psalms 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13
Second Reading	Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES



Couples . . . Want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with romance and excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. This special weekend is scheduled for February 9-11, 2018 as held in Subiaco, Arkansas. Space is limited.

Apply online at www.arkansaswwme.org/appy. For more information, call Ben or Leah Brewer at [501-733-1235](tel:501-733-1235).

POT OF GOLD DINNER AND RAFFLE

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart (LOSH) is sponsoring a fundraiser for the benefit of women and children on, January 26, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. A ticket will entitle you to two dinners of Pot of Chicken Ranch Casserole, family-style salad and dessert. Also included will be an exciting raffle that will present a one-time chance to get a return on your ticket investment of \$100.



During the raffle, the first ticket drawn returns \$100, every tenth ticket drawn returns \$100, the 97th ticket drawn returns \$100, the 98th ticket gives \$200, the 99th ticket gives \$500 and the 100th tickets returns \$2,500! Won't you take a chance?

Each ticket sells for \$100 and can be purchased from any member of the LOSH. Please make checks payable to Ladies of the Sacred Heart. Join us on January 26 for a barrel of fun, good food, good drink, and the building excitement of the raffle!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Helping Hands	Cathy Wedwick Pat Widlowski	915-8456 922-1395
Phone Chain	Ellen Meyer	922-3127
Communion - Homebound	Marge Stehling Jeanne Sanders	922-3837 915-0748
Grief Support	Deacon John Froning	226-5506
Memorial Garden	Buddy Dixon	922-2811



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Paula Doyle, a certified spiritual director since 2001 and Sacred Heart parishioner, is again offering to accompany you on your spiritual journey, now in a private practice from her home. There is no charge for the first visit, and subsequent sessions are subject to a nominal fee. If you are interested or have questions, please call Paula at 922-5771 or transmit to pauladoyle@suddenlink.net.

POST-ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP

Do you feel along, hurting or unforgiven from a past abortion? The Respect Life Office, through Project Rachel, is starting a support group for men and women, beginning February 19, 2018. The spiritual journey lasts nine weeks, with small groups for four to six. Groups will be formed in Little Rock, Fayetteville, and the Hot Springs area — and other areas in Arkansas depending on the geographic locations of the participants. All names and meeting places are held confidentially. For details, call the diocese at [501-664-0340](tel:501-664-0340), extension 357, or transmit an e-mail to helenevans@sbcglobal.net.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please continue to pray for strength and courage for all our military men and women and their family members. Remember them in your prayers each day, as we thank them for their sacrifice.

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

Gospel Music Entertainers, The Collingsworth Family, will be performing at the Village Bible Church at 100 Ponderosa Way on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. There is no admission charge, but an offering will be accepted to support the concert. Call the Church Office at [922-0404](tel:922-0404) for more information or check out their website at vbchsv.org.

SEASONAL POTLUCK



The Wednesday Spades group and our Singles will be having a Christmas Season potluck, a gift exchange (\$10.00 gift wrapped), and will play cards on Wednesday, January 3 starting at 12:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall. Our regulars and anyone else who enjoys cards, can join us for this fun-filled gathering. Sandwiches and snack food (including desserts) will be welcomed — for those who wish to bring something to eat. Bringing food is NOT required for you to join us for this annual event.

GIFT BEARERS

Thank you to those who will serve this weekend: in celebration of their marriage anniversaries: Ron & Pat Cuba (57 years) and Jim & Mary Staudt (60 years). Congratulations! Please sign-up in the narthex and call Marcie at [922-9366](tel:922-9366) with questions. *A new year is unfolding like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.*

PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL			PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
David Witchger	<u>Chair</u> & Grounds	922-9058	Tom Canavan,	<u>Chair</u> & Education	501 204-9546
Ed Crahan	Building	915-0788	Sharon Board	Education	922-6995
Carolyn Bowers	Administration	915-8022	Karen Feckler	Liturgy	501 209-1499
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	922-2702	Reneè Steinpreis	Liturgy	922-4480
Larry Stein	Finance	226-5105	Jennifer Rivera	Parish Life Chair	928 358-9069
				Parish Life	
			Rebecca Huber, VC	Social Justice/Outreach	922-0966
			Bill Gribbon	Social Justice/Outreach	984-3429
			Finance Council	David Witchger	922-9058

Requests to have names of parishioners placed on the Prayer List will be honored within 10—14 days. To ensure privacy, remember to ask the person needing prayers if (s)he would like to be included with the listing. Requests to have names removed from the Prayer List will also be honored within 10—14 days after the request.

PRAYER LIST — Names in ***bold italics*** have been added within the past 14 days

Mary Albert	Patricia Goodson	Lucine Lakebrink	Marge Payne	Marge Thornton
Pat Becker	Mary Ann Hill	Don LaVelle	Judie Pearson	Tom Thornton
Bob Berna	Betty Hoepner	Tom Liszka	Larry Poldrack	Barb Wallisch
Pat Billings	Ken Huber	Marcie Margel	Ida Porterfield	Marylin Wietlispach
Madonna Brown	Joyce Iselin	Pat Massanelli	Diane Prescott	Gene Wigley
Darlene Butler	Damian Janush	Bob McClelland	John Rachwal	Junior Wilken
Diane Castor	Georgia Janush	Shirley Meltz	Shirley Reid	Wilma Willmer
Curt Costello	Pat Jester	Roberta Metz	Barbara Roberts	James Wleklinski, Sr.
Jeannie Culpepper	Billy Jones	Betty Mierzwiak	Edward Roberts	
Theresa Drumwright	Wayne Kapple	Bob Mierzwiak	Dave Rochna	
Pat Dunne	Dianne Kleinke	Barb Mika	Wanda Schmitz	
Azalia Efferson	Scott Krantz	Gerry Millhouse	Marlene Smigel	
Joyce Fleming	Richard Kroetz	Walter Mitchell	Dorothy Sobczak	
Marshall Garrison	Al Kuhn	Barbara Myers	Jim Staudt	
Mary Teresa Gil	Marianne Kuhn	Mary Parks	John Sutey	



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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December	30	04:00	GLENN WASACK, SR.	DeJanovich Family	January	06	09:00	S/H PARISHIONERS	Father Bill
December	31	08:00	S/H PARISHIONERS	Father Bill			04:00	DIANNE BIELINSKI	Jerry Bielinski
		10:00	M/M JERRY NIELSEN	Family	January	07	08:00	ALAN FEATHER	Family
		04:00	BILL BURKE	Friends				S/H PARISHIONERS	
January	01	10:00	LOUIS COSTELLO	Friends			10:00	LEO KERTGEN	Ann Kertgen
January	02	09:00	DEJANOVICH FAMILY*						
January	03	09:00	GERARD PARRILLI	M/M Bill Nosek					
January	04	09:00	JOHN SPARKS	Friends					
January	05	09:00	LEEROY SONGE	Mona Songe					* Living