

# 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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 8</b>
09:00 a.m.	Mass
09:45 a.m.	LOSH—Monthly Meeting, Lower Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 9</b>
08:00 a.m. -	K/C sponsored Blood Drive
02:00 p.m.	Location: Village United Methodist Church
05:00 p.m.	S/H Men's Club Monthly Meeting, Lower Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 10</b>
09:45 a.m.	Education Commission Meeting — Classroom A
01:00 p.m.	Spades/Table Games Upper Hall
03:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
03:30 p.m.	Ping Pong Players — Lower Hall
06:00 p.m.	REY—Senior High School—Classrooms
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 11</b>
09:45 a.m.	Rosary Makers—Classroom C
02:00 p.m.	S/H Bowling League—Fiesta Bowl
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 12</b>
09:45 a.m.	Finance Council Meeting—Classroom D Life in the Spirit Prayer Group—Classrooms A & B
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 13</b>
04:00 p.m.	Mass — Food Collection, Jackson House
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 14 - Parish Breakfast after each Mass</b>
08:00 a.m.	Mass—Food Collection, Jackson House
08:45 a.m.	REY K-7th Grade—Classrooms
10:00 a.m.	Mass—Food Collection, Jackson House



### SACRED HEART MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The next meeting for the club will be on Tuesday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall of the church. At that time, we can join others in the Upper Hall to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for family, Church, our nation, world peace, and our personal intentions. A social gathering will follow in the Lower Hall from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be served before 6:00 p.m. After dinner, we will have a short business meeting. Remember to sign-up with Danny Murphy at the meeting to participate in our "Meals on Wheels" program during the month of February.



The dinner for the evening will be Chicken-Fried Steak with gravy, salad with crackers, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and ice cream for dessert. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person, and will be catered by employees of Chef Johnna at the DeSoto Club.

Contact Bill Patterson at [922-6965](tel:922-6965) or by e-mail at [wpatters133@gmail.com](mailto:wpatters133@gmail.com) by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January, if you plan to attend and eat with us.

### 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.

## BOOKS FOR SALE

The parish has nine books available entitled The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist for \$7.00 a copy and nine workbooks entitled The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist, A Study Guide for \$6.00 a copy. You can purchase either or both. Anyone interested in this very good book on the Eucharist, please contact Deacon Larry Lipsmeyer at 501-922-3283.

*May the splendor of Your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## 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 9, 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

There's an old saying, I believe, that speaks a truth. "If you keep doing what you are doing, you will keep getting what you get." I have come to the unhappy conclusion that such is the case when it comes to the times I make the Sacrament of Reconciliation available to all who recognize the need for us to be reconciled to God and His people, the Church, on a regular basis. I can attest to more than a few people who tell me that they don't come to Confession more often because: "At my age, I don't sin like I used to." I want to analyze such a statement. I will say that sin happens through our thoughts, words and deeds which covers much ground for all of us to ponder if our entire being is continually giving praise to God and doing good in the name of Jesus for others.



I challenge all of us to consider going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often in this new year and be blessed with the graces we receive from God, the opportunity to practice humility (especially as we confess our sins), and the opportunity to do our part to make the Body of Christ whole and healthier than it is. To that end, I have decided to change scheduled times for the Sacrament as follows. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I will offer the Sacrament after the morning Mass until 10:00 a.m. On Wednesdays and Fridays (and Mondays when we have Mass), I will continue to offer the Sacrament from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. On the weekends I will offer the Sacrament on Saturday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 3:30-3:45 p.m., and on Sunday from 7:30-7:45 a.m. and 9:30-9:45 a.m. Finally, the Sacrament will be offered on Tuesdays when we have one of our Sacred Heart Men's meetings — from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. If I need to increase those scheduled times by some minutes, I will gladly do so.

I promise to make your experience of Reconciliation a positive and helpful one. Also if you are at the stage of life when your memory is not so good, I encourage you, if you would like, to have your sins written down before you come and/or be ready to say a general confession that you have sinned and want the blessings of forgiveness and peace that God and the Church are so ready to give.

I hope those who agree to participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation more often (at least monthly or bi-monthly) will come out and go around echoing the words of a song which say: "Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me . . ."

## FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a general membership meeting on Tuesday, January 23, starting with the meal which will include: garden salad, Papa Murphy Pizza, and a fruit salad for dessert. Meet in the Lower Hall at 5:00 p.m.

## PARISH BREAKFAST — THIS SUNDAY



The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to stay for a Parish Breakfast in the Lower Hall after this Sunday morning Masses. The menu includes biscuits, gravy, hash browns, sausage and eggs, and juice, coffee or milk. New parish members are special guests, and breakfast is only \$6.00 a plate. As always, children 12 and under eat free.

## MOVIE NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the next Movie Night scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018. Pizza and drinks will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., with the movie, "The Bells of St. Mary's", with Bing Crosby starting at 6:00 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served before and during the movie. Come one, come all!

## READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

First Reading	1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
Responsorial	Psalm 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20
Gospel	John 1:35-42

## 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.

## 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](http://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? You do not have to be present to win.

Each ticket sells for \$100 and can be purchased from Mary Lou George at 922-8155, Carol Barrett at 922-0071, or JoAnn O'Brien at 922-1730. 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!

We raise funds each year to help support the following charities: Potter's Clay, St. John's School, Our Lady of Fatima School, Project Rachel, Boys and Girls Club (Summer Lunches), Catholic Charities Adoption Services, Abba House, Quachita Children's Center, Mountain Pine Elementary School, St. Scholastica Monastery Retreat Center, and Change Point. Please help us continue our charitable works.

## 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](mailto: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 [501-654-0340](tel:501-654-0340), extension 357, or transmit an e-mail to [helenevans@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](http://vbchsv.org).

## AGING GRACEFULLY SERIES



Please join us for this presentation which will provide you with the tools needed to be a good and effective caregiver as presented by Kathy Packard, Director of Education at Oaklawn Center on Aging. We'll gather on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Society Chapel at 121 Cortez Road in Hot Springs Village at 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend. Call [922-2000](tel:922-2000) for Eric or [922-9747](tel:922-9747) if you have questions.

## GIFT BEARERS

Thank you to those who will serve this weekend: Ed & Paula Doyle and PRE Catechetical Youth members. Please sign-up in the narthex and call Marcie at [922-9366](tel:922-9366) with questions.

Thank you to all who graciously served as a Gift Bearers for 2017. Your participation is appreciated! Let's make 2018 a great sign-up year for Gift Bearers.

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	



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January 06	09:00	S/H PARISHIONERS	Father Bill	January 13	04:00	VERONICA GARWACKI	Stan Garwacki
	04:00	DIANNE BIELINSKI	Jerry Bielinski	January 14	08:00	S/H PARISHIONERS	Father Bill
		PAT AKE	Lew Ake		10:00	TWILA VANLEEUVEN	Rod Vanleeuwen
January 07	08:00	ALAN FEATHER	Family				
		S/H PARISHIONERS					
	10:00	LEO KERTGEN	Ann Kertgen				
January 08	09:00	TWILA VANLEEUVEN	Rod VanLeeuwen				
January 09	09:00	M/M R. MELENSON	Sharon Board				
January 10	09:00	ROBERT KYLE	M/M W. Mulcahy				
January 11	09:00	LEO KASSAUTZKI	Eva Blatner				
January 12	09:00	URSULA MIHALOY	Eva Blatner				* Living