

# 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 (change) ..... 2:45 TO 3:45 p.m.  
Sunday..... 7:15 to 7:45 a.m.  
by appointment

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 12</b>
09:00 a.m.	Mass
09:45 a.m.	Ladies of the S/H—General Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 13</b>
05:00 p.m.	S/H Men's Club—General Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 14—ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
09:00 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Mass
01:00 p.m.	Spades & Table Game—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
06:30 p.m.	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 15</b>
09:45 a.m.	Education Commission Meeting—Classrooms
	Family Assistance Group Meeting—Upper Hall
	Rosary Makers—Classroom C
01:30 p.m.	HSV Community Foundation
	Nominating & Governance Committee—Classroom D
02:00 p.m.	S/H Bowling League—Fiesta Bowl
03:00 p.m.	HSV Community Foundation Meeting—Classrooms A/B
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 16</b>
09:45 a.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting—Classrooms
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group—Classrooms A & B
04:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
05:00 p.m.	First Seating, S/H Men's Club Fish Bake
06:30 p.m.	Second Seating, S/H Men's Club Fish Bake
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
11:00 a.m.	Mass of the Resurrection — Eileen Woods
04:00 p.m.	Mass — Food Collection, Jackson House
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
08:00 a.m.	Mass—Food Collection, Jackson House
08:45 a.m.	REY K-7th Grade—Classrooms

### LADIES OF THE SACRED HEART

The Ladies of the Sacred Heart will meet on Monday, [February 12](#). Our speakers will be Toni and Daleen from the Muses Project, and they will be speaking about their Hurricane Katrina experiences. They are new residents of Hot Springs and will provide a first-hand insight into their survival.

[St. Michael's Guild](#), Guild 5, is our highlighted guild this month. The Guild Captains are Gwen Auel at 922-1901 and Arlene Giedt at 922-9123. Please call either Captain for more information.

### LENTE REGULATIONS



Catholics are obliged to observe the disciplines of fasting and abstinence during Lent as follows. Those [ages 18-59](#) are obliged to Fast and Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; and, abstain from meat for all the Fridays of Lent. Those [14 years of age](#) and onward are bound to abstain from meat on the days mentioned above.

### WELCOME DINNER

A Welcome Dinner for those who joined our parish between July and December, 2017, will be held [February 24, 2018](#) at 5:15 p.m. after Saturday Mass in the Upper Hall. Leaders of the various parish commissions have also been invited. Come and meet fellow parishioners and learn more about our parish. Please RSVP to either Art or Marna Morissette at [501-915-8021](#) no later than February 14.

### MEN'S RETREAT

Consider attending the special Lenten Retreat for men of Sacred Heart scheduled from Monday afternoon, [February 26](#), until noon on Thursday, [March 1](#), at St. John's Center in Little Rock.

Monsignor Scott Friend, our Vicar General and Vocational Seminarian Director, has agreed to be our Retreat Master for this event. The theme of the retreat is: "Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening." There will be a combination of talks from Monsignor Friend, silent time for reflection and prayer, discussion and social times, daily Mass and other sacramental opportunities.

The cost of \$200 will cover lodging for three nights at the newly-renovated Fletcher Hall and meals (provided by members of our own Knights of Columbus) starting with dinner on Monday, February 26, and ending with breakfast, March 1 — a total of eight meals.

Please commit early to be assured of a spot at this first ever [Sacred Heart Retreat](#) at St. John's Center. Sign-up in the narthex or call Ed Doyle at [922-5771](#) or transmit an e-mail to [eddoyle@suddenlink.net](mailto:eddoyle@suddenlink.net).

### FORGIVEN:

#### THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION



Beginning in the [week of February 19](#), the parish will offer a five-week Lenten study focused on our need for God's mercy and forgiveness. This study, "Forgiven", is a video-based program that reminds us, through the biblical stories of the prodigal son and the woman taken in adultery, that, as sinners, we rely on reconciliation with God as we endeavor to reform our lives. In weekly meetings lasting approximately 75 minutes, we will see the action of God's mercy in the Bible and examine sections of both the Old and New Testaments that form the background for the Church's practice of sacramental Confession.

Participants can choose to attend weekly discussion sessions or, to follow the program on an independent study basis. There will be four sessions at Sacred Heart, each with its own facilitator(s): [Mondays](#) at 9:45 a.m. with Paula Doyle, [Tuesdays](#) at 6:00 p.m. with Dave Johnston and Rose Harrigan, [Wednesdays](#) at 9:45 a.m. with Tom Canavan, and [Thursdays](#) at 9:45 a.m. with Mike Kerwin and Don Ritter.

Sign-up sheets for the discussion groups and independent study are in the narthex. The study guide for those participating in the scheduled sessions costs \$6.00, to be paid at the first meeting. Those following the program on an independent study basis should pick-up an instruction sheet on the sign-up table that outlines the steps to access the FORMED website and the "Forgiven" videos and study guide.

Please use this number for [non-emergency calls](#) to the HSV Police Department: [501-209-6000](#). For emergencies, please dial 911 as usual.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think of Lent? For some it is "giving up" something, which can be a good thing if our self-sacrifice leads us to God. Many people also think of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent as we hear the call to repentance and reflect on the transforming power of Jesus that is always ready to heal us. While it is probably safe to say that more people go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent than any other season of the Church year, the fact is that many people don't go to this sacrament during Lent or any other time. Recently I tried moving the regular times that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available here at Sacred Heart and have not witnessed any increase in the numbers of people going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I have decided to return to the times I had been having (weekdays, 8:30-8:55 a.m., Saturday, 3:00-3:45 p.m. AND at 4:30 p.m. on the first and second Tuesdays of the month); and, will hope to be busier during those times in the future especially AFTER, I pray, many of you participate in our five-week Lenten program, FORGIVEN: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION. While I encourage you to participate in this video program with your fellow parishioners either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings at 9:45 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting the week of February 19, you can do this program at home if you have access to the internet and can watch the weekly videos wherever you are. The trailer for this series speaks a truth that some Catholics view the Sacrament of Reconciliation as "HUMILIATING" and therefore don't avail themselves to the sacrament much, if at all. Actually it is sin, which makes us less than what God wants us to be, that is humiliating, while the Sacrament of Reconciliation is humbling. If this doesn't initially sound good, remember what Jesus said on more than a few occasions: "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself, shall be exalted." (Matthew 23:12f, Luke 14:11). I pray that after you participate in this program you will be prepared and ready for The Lord to "lift you up" with the grace that flows from His mercy.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick-up your family's Rice Bowl from the narthex on Ash Wednesday, [February 14](#).

## ASH WEDNESDAY

This Ash Wednesday, February 14, we will offer Mass and the imposition of ashes three times at [9:00 a.m.](#), [12:00 p.m.](#) and [6:30 p.m.](#) Thanks to all the liturgical ministers who are serving at these Masses.

*The Ladies of the Sacred Heart would like to thank our wonderful parish for supporting our first annual [Pot of Gold](#) fundraiser. It was a HUGE success, and lots of fun. An amazing [\\$5,056](#) will allow us even more toward our charities. Also, a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make this so successful.*

## HELP WANTED

[STUCK](#) at home with no one to talk to? [TIRED](#) of feeling useless, sad and lonely? [OVERWHELMED](#) by the unrelenting demands of caring for a loved one? [UNSURE](#) of what steps to take next to get help?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE** to all parishioners for regular visits and calls if you, a friend or loved one, would like to talk with someone now and then, or need transportation to Mass or medical appointments — or errands?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE** to provide respite to family caregivers by sitting with your loved one for a few minutes or a few hours to give you a break?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT HELPING HANDS COORDINATORS ARE AVAILABLE** to assist you in gathering the necessary information and assessing your options for ongoing skilled care when circumstances change because of declining health?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT IT IS DIFFICULT AND HUMBLING FOR ALL OF US** when we reach the point at which we must admit that we can't go it alone and do everything by ourselves any more?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT HELPING HANDS VOLUNTEERS** are standing by, eager to help and waiting for the opportunity to be answer to someone's prayer? **DID YOU KNOW THAT HELPING HANDS** can't help you if we don't know who you are? **DID YOU KNOW THAT HELPING HANDS** can't help you if you don't ask?

**PLEASE CALL TODAY. PLEASE HONOR US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOU:** Cathy Wedwick at 915-8456 or Pat Widlowski at 922-1395.

[Parishioners](#): Please consider taking a bulletin to those who can't get to church. Encourage them to call Helping Hands for assistance. Consider being a Helping Hands volunteer; we always need drivers.

## MOVIE NIGHT

The Sacred Heart Men's Club will be the sponsor for parish Movie Night on Thursday, [February 22](#). Please join us as brats will be served. We might even have some popcorn! Join us at [6:00 p.m.](#) to view "The Case for Christ."

## THIS WEEKEND'S INSERT

This weekend's insert includes a parish [Charitable Outreach Report](#) which shows, in part, that parishioners donated 13% additional monies in comparison to the previous year. Thank you all!

## SOCIABLE SIX

Sign-up for our spring Sociable Six program. It is a great way to promote fellowship and get to know all those fellow parishioners you see at Mass every week. Three couples will be grouped together and then arrange among themselves to share a simple dinner or lunch at alternate homes — once each month for [March, April and May](#). To sign-up, call Dotti or Dennis Kessen at [501-226-5090](#) or transmit an e-mail message to [Dotti Kessen](#) at [kessendotti@gmail.com](#). **Final sign-up date for spring session is February 20.**



## ANNUAL FISH BAKE

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Club Annual charities Fish Bake will be held on Friday, February 16, 2018. Everyone is invited. There will be two seatings: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The doors will open 20 minutes prior to each seating.

The menu is Baked Domestic Tilapia, Tater Tots, specialty green beans, cole slaw, rye bread and coffee. We all need to eat fish on Friday during Lent; so, come join us at Sacred Heart in the Lower Hall for a great meal, and support our fundraising activity. Additional beverages will be available from the Refreshment Center. Donations are joyfully accepted. In addition, Father Bill's famous homemade ice cream will be available for a donation.



Tickets are \$12 per person. Children under 12 years of age eat for \$6 — under the age of six years, no cost. Tickets will be sold before and after the Masses this weekend and next. Carryouts are available, and tables of eight can be reserved. For other information and tickets, contact Rick Martinek on his cell, 214-215-0133.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join your fellow parishioners for Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 4:30 p.m. A variety of different versions of the Stations will be used.

## 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

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**Please don't forget  
to send in your CASA pledge**

## MEN'S CLUB MEETING



The next meeting for the Sacred Heart Men's Club will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall. Because the program which should be of interest to all parishioners, the entire parish, both men and women, are invited to attend. At 5:00 p.m. you can join others in the Upper Hall to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for family, Church, our nation, world peace, and your personal intentions. The Social gathering will take place in the Lower Hall from 5:00—5:45 p.m. Dinner will be served around 6:00 p.m. After dinner, the Villagers running for a position on the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association Board of Directors will present their views on the status of the Village and their reasons and qualifications for running for the Board. A question-and-answer period will follow. The candidates will also be available during the social period before dinner. After dinner and the candidates' presentations, there will be a short business meeting. If you have not already done so, sign-up at the meeting with Rick Martinek to help at the Fish Bake which will be held on Friday, February 16.

The menu for the evening includes: salad with crackers, Beef Tips in gravy with Buttered Noodles, green beans, rolls and ice cream. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person and will be catered by employees of Chef Johnna at the DeSoto Club. Dinner reservations are due this Sunday by 3:00 p.m. by calling Bill Patterson at 922-6965.

## GIFT BEARERS

Thank you to anniversary couple, Russ and Sheila Harrison, for serving as gift bearers in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! Please sign-up in the narthex, and call Marcie at 922-9366 with questions.

## PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



LifeTouch will begin taking portraits on Thursday, March 8, at Sacred Heart. Sign-up online through the parish website or with Lynne Border. You can include your pet in your session if you'd like. For questions or help scheduling, call Lynne Border at 501-922-2062, extension 13.

There will be no high-pressure selling, and you will receive a free portrait AND church pictorial directory for getting your portrait taken. A special sign-up has been scheduled after all Masses in the narthex the weekends of February 17/18 and February 24/25. Please don't miss getting your portrait in the new directory!

PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL			PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
David Witchger	<u>Chair</u> & Grounds	922-9058	Evelyn Garrison	Education	501 204-4134
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	Mary Ann Farner	Liturgy	915-9873
Murray Claassen		501 908-4346	Jennifer Rivera	Parish Life	928 358-9069
Larry Stein	Finance	226-5105	Sherrie Nichols	Parish Life	617 733-1395
			Rebecca Huber, <u>Chair</u>	Social Justice/Outreach	922-0966
			Dick Hill	Social Justice/Outreach	922-3945
			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	Ken Huber	Bob McClelland	Shirley Reid
Pat Becker	Joyce Iselin	Shirley Meltz	Joel Rivera
Pat Billings	Damian Janush	Roberta Metz	Barbara Roberts
Madonna Brown	Georgia Janush	Betty Mierzwiak	Edward Roberts
Darlene Butler	Pat Jester	Bob Mierzwiak	Dave Rochna
Diane Castor	Billy Jones	Barb Mika	Marlene Smigel
<b><i>Patrick Collins</i></b>	Wayne Kapple	Gerry Millhouse	Dorothy Sobczak
Curt Costello	Dianne Kleinke	Walter Mitchell	Jim Staudt
Jeannie Culpepper	Scott Krantz	Barbara Myers	John Sutey
Theresa Drumwright	Richard Kroetz	Mary Parks	Marge Thornton
Azelia Efferson	Al Kuhn	Marge Payne	Tom Thornton
Joyce Fleming	Marianne Kuhn	Judie Pearson	Marylin Wietlispach
Marshall Garrison	Lucine Lakebrink	Larry Poldrack	Junior Wilken
Patricia Goodson	Don LaVelle	Ida Porterfield	Wilma Willmer
Mary Ann Hill	Tom Liszka	Diane Prescott	James Wleklinski, Sr.
Betty Hoepner	Marcie Margel	John Rachwal	



### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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February 10	04:00	JOE SITKOWSKI	M/M Bob Berna	February 17	04:00	WALTER NIENALTOWSKI	Stan Garwacki
		CHARLES WILGING	Family	February 18	08:00	FRANK DOBES	Jeanne Dobes
February 11	08:00	S/H PARISHIONERS	Father Bill		10:00	FRANK HEVERLY	M/M Nosek
	10:00	MARGUERITE ERNST	Allen Family				
		MICHAEL/MIRA KEYES *	Friends				
February 12	09:00	FRANK HEVERLY	Thomas DeNomie				
February 13	09:00	RAYMOND BLATTNER	Eva Blattner				
February 14	09:00	S/H PARISHIONERS	Father Bill				
	12:00	SABINA NIENALTOWSKI	Stan Garwacki				
	06:30	DON LUCCHESI	Family				
February 15	09:00	GENE WIDLEY	M/M Mike Zeller				
February 16	09:00	JOHN J. CANHAM	In Thanksgiving				

\* Living