

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.....	08:30 a.m.
Wednesday.....	04:00 p.m.
First Saturday.....	08:30 a.m.
Saturday Anticipated .....	04:00 p.m.
Sunday .....	08:00 a.m. (Live Streamed)
.....	10:00 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil (with obligation).....	as announced
Holy Day .....	08:30 a.m.

## ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration .....	All hours except 1-3 a.m.
.....	7 days a week

## CONFESSION

Tuesday - Friday .....	08:10 and 09:10 a.m.
Wednesday and Saturday.....	03:15 to 03:45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 5</b>
08:30 am	Mass
09:45 am	LOSH Board Meeting, Classrooms A & B
11:30 am	LOSH Spiritual Committee Meeting, Classroom D
06:00 pm	Boomers Rock Private Event, Lower Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
09:00 am	Christmas Food Distribution, Upper Hall
10:00 am	Funeral Mass for Gelta Flack
11:30 am	Fit 'n Balanced Fitness Class, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Chair Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Mat Yoga, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Shawl Ministry, Classroom D
05:00 pm	K of C Council 10208 General Mtg., Lower Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
09:00 am	Christmas Food Distribution, Upper Hall
09:00 am	Parish Life Committee Mtg., Classroom D
01:00 pm	Spades, Upper Hall
11:00 pm	Hand & Foot, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Sunday Choir Practice, Church Choir Area
04:00 pm	Mass; Immaculate Conception Solemnity
06:00 pm	REY - PreK/8th Grade
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
	<b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin</b>
	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
08:30 am	Mass; Immaculate Conception Solemnity
09:45 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom C
10:00 am	Fit 'n Balanced Fitness Class, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Fit 'n Balanced Fitness Class, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Chair Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Mat Yoga, Upper Hall
03:30 pm	Saturday Choir Practice, Church Choir Area
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
01:00 pm	LOSH Guild 6 Packing Gifts, Classrooms A & B
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
11:00 am	Centering Prayer Group, Classroom D
04:00 pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
08:00 am	Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 am	Mass
11:00 am	K of C Exemplification, Upper Hall
03:00 pm	The Mother Mary Prayer Group, Classroom D
03:00 pm	LOSH Christmas Brunch SET UP, Lower Hall

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (a holyday of obligation) is being celebrated here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 4:00 pm and Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8:30 am. Please make it a priority to participate in one of these Mass-



### 2022 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

There will be a second collection for the Retired Religious this weekend Saturday and Sunday Dec. 3/4. Senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care along with basic necessities. *Lighten the load.* Thank you for your generous donation.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

For the December 24/25 bulletin the deadline for article submission is **Wednesday, December 14**. For the December 31/January 1 bulletin deadline for article submission is **Monday, December 19**.

### ANGEL TREE

All wrapped Angel Tree gifts with the angel attached securely to the outside of the gift are due today, Sunday, December 4.



### FORMED

If you haven't already signed up for Advent Daily Reflections there is still time. This Advent make a point to dive deeper into the joys and mysteries of the Incarnation and enjoy the richness of the Christmas season as never before. Within your FORMED account sign up for daily reflections with your email address at [daily.formed.org](http://daily.formed.org).

### MEETING ROOM RESERVATIONS

As we approach the end of 2022, we ask all event planners to review our Parish Calendar on [hvsacredheart.com](http://hvsacredheart.com) to ensure that your events are listed appropriately. This parish has MANY ongoing/recurring events and we strive to make certain rooms are reserved to accommodate all groups in our parish. Please utilize the Room Reservation Form located in the A & E hallway cubbie or print a copy from the website. Go to the Parish Information tab. The last sub-tab is Forms. Once completed drop at the Parish office or scan/email to [hvsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:hvsacredheart@gmail.com).

### PARISH LIFE & LITURGY MEETINGS

All parishioners are invited to come and discover what is happening in our parish in the areas of Parish Life (Wednesday, December 7 at 9:00am) and liturgy (Friday, December 9 at 9:41am.) Both meetings are to be held in one of our classrooms. Attending one or both of these meetings may lead you to more involvement with these activities/ministries in the future.

### SOCIABLE SIX 2023

Our Sociable Six program is returning in January, February and March 2023. This program is simple and flexible. Three couples will be grouped together and arrange to share a dinner, lunch or brunch at alternate homes monthly. Participants will enjoy getting to know fellow parishioners in an informal setting. It is a great opportunity for parish newcomers. To sign up call **Nancy or Howard Emery 815 861-0820** or email [emeryfam@hotmail.com](mailto:emeryfam@hotmail.com). Please provide your names, address, phone number and email. The final sign up date is December 28. You will receive a letter with the couples in your group the first week of January.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

I am not shy to admit that I have had a difficult time over the years with the dichotomy of two distinct seasons (Advent and Christmas) being celebrated by some at the same time. Advent always begins on the Sunday following the Solemnity of Christ the King and ends on December 24 each year. "Christmas" for some begins whenever retail merchants and individuals want it to begin. That used to be the day after Thanksgiving, but has started now earlier than that, and at times much earlier. Over the years of my priesthood, especially after I became a pastor for the first time, I have tried to promote to parishioners celebrating these two seasons as they are listed on the "Church" calendar with the Christmas season starting on December 25 and ending officially on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The fact that it ends with the celebration of Jesus's Baptism as an adult in the Jordan River says to us that it (the Christmas Season in the Church) is not just about a baby (Jesus) who was born in Bethlehem, but the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of the Most High which is proclaimed to Mary and Joseph through the message of an angel even before Jesus was born. During my priesthood, I have run into more than a little opposition from church groups when I have tried to get them to schedule "Christmas Gatherings" during the Church Christmas Season and therefore focus on Advent and the themes of Advent (waiting, hoping, anticipating and preparing for Jesus' coming in glory) not only at Mass but in other settings at church in the days leading up to the Christmas season. In almost all instances I have been rebuffed and opposed by those who say "we've always done it this way or at this time" (before December 25) when having their "Christmas" celebrations. I have now come to the realization and acceptance that people want to celebrate Christmas in various church and other public and private venues during the Advent Season and in the days and even weeks before December 25. Accepting the fact that most of these gatherings are not focused primarily on Jesus's birth in Bethlehem (though some of the music is) I still feel it is important for ALL OF US to spend time individually and as family "getting ready" for Christ's coming again and allow the space and time to welcome him and his way of love, mercy, generosity & more into our daily lives.

Finally, take advantage of ways here and elsewhere to help people in need. Does this make an otherwise busy time (shopping, Christmas parties etc..) busier? Perhaps so! My suggestion and encouragement is to put Advent activities first on the list of priorities and, if you choose to do so, find time for these other activities after that. When we put the Lord first everyday and in every season, everything else finds its proper place and will hopefully be a blessing to us and to others!



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THANK YOU to all those who responded to Deacon Matt Glover's call to Perpetual Adoration the weekend of our Ninth Anniversary!! One hour, one very particular hour - Midnight, at the close of the work week (the first hour of Saturday) we have the need for an adorer. Might Jesus be calling *you* to sit with Him for this one hour? If only for a few weeks or months, your commitment will certainly bless you, the parish and our world. If this message speaks to you, contact Lorie Vincent our Nighttime Coordinator [337 654-2871](tel:337-654-2871). There is also an opening on Saturdays at 8:00 pm that may be just for you. Additional information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adorations is available from [Kathy Clark](#), Coordinator at [203 816-7737](tel:203-816-7737) or one of the division leaders listed on the home page of the PEA website [www.shjea.com](http://www.shjea.com)

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

cf. Isaiah 30:19,30

## MEN'S CLUB DECEMBER MEETING

The next meeting for the 2022-2023 year for the Sacred Heart Men's Club will be Tuesday, December 13 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. This is our annual dinner program with wives or your guest. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be at 5:00 pm followed by social time. The refreshment center opens at the chaplet's completion. Dinner will be served before 6:00 pm. Home Plate is providing the meal which includes salad, prime rib, rosemary potatoes, and-squash/zucchini. For dessert, cheesecake. The evening's entertainment is piano arrangements by Thomas Sinclair followed by our best rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas. Please mail checks for \$30/person made out to Sacred Heart of Jesus with Men's Club Dinner on the memo line to **Bob Bowman, 16 Isabella Way, HSV, AR 71909 to be received by December 10. Your check is your reservation.**





## LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

- ♥ Dec. 5 LOSH Board Meeting 9:15am
- ♥ Dec. 12 Christmas Brunch -Get your ticket from your Guild Captain \$20
- ♥ Dec. 17/18 Christmas Cookie Sale before & after all Masses. Additional info to come

The Angel Tree's time is up. Wrapped/bagged gifts must be returned **today**. New this year - sign the form for the angel you take.

### K OF C BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus Council 10208 has completed our 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign and we'd like to thank all parishioners for taking and returning a baby bottle. Your generosity will be appreciated by all groups receiving funds from this campaign. If you still have one of the bottles, **please return it to the church and place it in the basket in the Narthex** (with or without a donation.) There are 47 remaining bottles still not returned.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers this weekend were donated by:



- ♦ M/M Mike Gonda IMO Pete/Betty Gonda
- ♦ M/M Delbert Scheid, 71st Wedding Anniversary

Your parish appreciates your donations of flowers for the altar. Sign-up in the white binder on the counter in the Narthex or call **Judy Gordon**, at **719-930-1121** for more information.



### THANKS FOR GIVING

Parishioners gathered on Thanksgiving Day in the Lower Hall for a delicious meal prepared by Chef Johnna. Thanks to our kitchen crew (pictured above) and to ALL who participated! Whether you set the table, sliced a pie, poured wine, served food, enjoyed the meal, brought a dessert to share, washed a dish or delivered carryout to a friend ... we appreciate you!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ♦ Dec. 4 Parish Breakfast following both Masses
- ♦ Dec. 6 Monthly Council Mtg. 5:00pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Dec. 11 Exemplification, 11:00 am, Upper Hall
- ♦ Dec. 20 O & D Meeting 4:00 pm, Upper Hall
- ♦ Dec. 31 K of C New Year's Eve Dance 5:00 pm

### PARISH BREAKFAST

This Sunday, December 4, the Knights of Columbus would like to extend to everyone an invitation to a Parish breakfast being served after both Sunday Masses. The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, hash browns, juice and coffee. The cost is \$7.00 a plate with all proceeds helping to fund Knights of Columbus charitable activities throughout the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING

The December 6 meeting will take place in the Lower Hall with praying of the Rosary starting at 5:00 pm. There will be a meal served around 5:45 pm at a cost of \$15. The menu will be Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, green beans, baby carrots and a cookie. If you are going to attend the meeting and have a meal, please contact **Mike Gonda 501 226-3102** or email [img573@comcast.net](mailto:img573@comcast.net) no later than noon Friday, December 2.

### SAVE THE DATE

As you begin to plan your 2023 schedule, all men of our parish should reserve Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 2 for our annual Parish Men's Retreat at the St. John's Center in Little Rock. This year's leader will be Fr. Stephen Gadberrry. He is a dynamic speaker who happens to be an Arkansas native with a truly interesting journey to the priesthood. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord. You may contact **Ed Doyle 501 922-5771** with questions.

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Bereavement Support	Gary Christoff	573-645-6814
Buddy Phone Chain	Gisela Heumann	224-565-0266
Caregiver Support	Evelyn Garrison	501-204-4134
	Maureen Halloran	228-342-0491
Columbarium	Gary Wolfer	501-204-1192
Eucharist: Homebound	Rose Farrell	860-208-9813
Helping Hands	Cathy Wedwick	501-915-8456
	Pat Widlowski	501-922-1395
Perpetual Adoration	Kathy Clark	203-816-7737
Religious Ed Youth	Cathy Kraus	501-922-2062

PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL			PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 		
David Witchger	Grounds, <u>Chair</u>	501-922-9058	Linda Durrett	Education	972-768-1574
Carolyn Bowers	Administration	501-915-8022	Janet Liszka	Education	501-922-0103
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Christine Cash	Liturgy	501-922-1933
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Ann Bowman	Liturgy	501-922-6619
Pat Kalisz	Building Complex/ Equipment	630-926-6637	Bonnie Blue	Parish Life	501-922-1844
Bill Patterson	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-8631	Linda Broome	Parish Life	870-995-2797
Larry Lipsmeyer	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-3283	Barb Potter	Social Justice, <u>Chair</u>	501-762-3103
Larry Stein	Finance	501-226-5105	Karen Feckler	Social Justice	501-209-1499
			David Witchger	Finance Council	501-922-9058

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective immediately, the deadline for submitting bulletin announcements is the **Friday** one week prior to the weekend the bulletin is to be distributed. The deadline time is **12:00 pm**. Please submit announcements to [hvsacredheart@gmail.com](mailto:hvsacredheart@gmail.com)

*Parishioners will be placed on the Sick List when a request has been made. To ensure privacy, remember to ask the person needing prayers if (s)he would like to be included in the listing. Recipients will remain on the Sick List for 60 days unless asked to be removed sooner or a request to stay on has been received.*

**Sick List** - Names in bold italics have been added in the past 14 days. A \* next to last name Indicates non-parishioners.

Lois Bonfiglio  
Leo Cepicky  
Frank Cox  
Rose Drake Campbell  
Theresa Drumwright  
Stephen Earley  
Jackie Fayman  
**Joyce Field**

Patricia Goodson  
Betty Hoepner  
Bill Hurley  
Mickey Jordan  
Lucine Lakebrink  
Marna Morissette  
Kevin Pfenning

Don Prescott  
Joan Rankin Aykens  
Marty Sack\*  
Bobbie Starceвич  
Bobi Stewart  
**Julian Tylka**  
Jack Wallisch  
Kathi Wilkinson Jones\*



### PRAYER WARRIORS

#### PRAYERS NEEDED?

We all need a prayer warrior in times of crisis, a critical or dangerous situation that needs serious attention, including emergencies, surgery, imminent death or the loss of a loved one. Our Parish Prayer Warriors are ready to help. Some ninety Parish Prayer Warriors will offer intercessory prayers to God for you and your loved ones at these and other critical times. Please call: **Mary Costello, 209-0008; Jim Goodson, 204-2494; Lucy Young, 915-8028; Edie Gray, 922-4694 or Chris Stein, 226-5105** to get your prayers started. They will continue for 30 days, unless cancelled by you, and may be continued by request. You, too, may become a member of our Parish Prayer Warriors by calling Mary, Jim, Lucy, Edie or Chris.

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you... Jeremiah 29:12*

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 3	4:00 pm	PAT AKE & SALLY STEFFES	Lew Ake
Dec 4	8:00 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS	Fr. Bill Elser
	10:00 am	T.L. NELSON	Tina Cooper
Dec 5	8:30 am	PETE GONDA	M/M Mike Gonda
Dec 6	8:30 am	DENNIS PINSON	LINDA COX
	10:00 am	GELTA FLACK	FUNERAL MASS
Dec 7	4:00 pm	JO DAVID	All Saints Guild
Dec 8	8:30 am	JOANNE DEJANOVICH	M/M Peter Freidel
		MARY HALL	DeJanovich Family
Dec 9	8:30 am	LORI CEPICKY	Candy Chew
Dec 10	4:00 pm	JOLENE COOK	Lew Ake
Dec 11	8:00 am	REGINA HARPER	Kateri Amrhein
	10:00 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS	Fr. Bill Elser