

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon B.J. Bowen 501-831-1742

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. (except Dec. 25)
.....	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 to 08:25 a.m.
Wednesday and Saturday.....	03:15 to 03:45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	December 26 Parish Office Closed for Christmas
08:30 am	Mass
Tuesday	December 27 Fitness Classes canceled; resume Jan. 3
03:00 pm	Ouachita Speaker Series Board Meeting, Classroom D
Wednesday	December 28
01:00 pm	Spades, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Sunday Choir Practice , Church Choir Area
04:00 pm	Mass
06:00 pm	No REY classes
Thursday	December 29 Fitness Classes Canceled; resume Tuesday, January 3
03:30 pm	Saturday Choir Practice (Church choir area)
Friday	December 30
Saturday	December 31
04:00 pm	Mass
05:00 pm	Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance, Lower Hall
Sunday	January 1
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass

WOMEN OF HOPE RETREAT

Women of Hope, a day retreat, will be held on February 4, 2023, at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. This retreat is an opportunity for women to set aside the outside world for a day and commit to a deep personal experience with Christ. The retreat begins with Mass and includes reconciliation, inspiring talks from national speaker Sonja Corbitt and praise and worship with national recording artist Sarah Kroger. Lunch will be provided. There is a BONUS event on Friday evening to allow all registrants to prepare their hearts for the next day. This event includes adoration and praise and worship with Sarah Kroger, reconciliation and personal reflection time. Visit the website at WomenofHopeAR.org for more information.



SACRED HEART FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A copy of last year's financial statement which includes July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 is posted on the bulletin board at the end of the hallway at the entrance to the Narthex for your review. With questions regarding this statement please contact Larry Stein at 501 204-9074.

MEN'S CLUB 50/50 SUPERBOWL SQUARES

This 50/50 will work like any typical Super Bowl squares. Donation per square is \$20 and the payout is as follows: 1st quarter \$200, 2nd quarter \$250, 3rd quarter \$200 and final score \$350. This year you may purchase 12 squares per person as we plan to fill 3 boards. Family members, neighbors, etc. are welcome to participate. If any squares remain the final week of January, then additional squares will be available to purchase. **This is a Men's Club fundraiser enabling us to make financial donations to select charities or any in house projects deemed worthy.** Checks should be to Sacred Heart Church with 50/50 squares on the memo line. Checks can be dropped into my folder in the Mail Room or mailed to: **Mike Webster 32 Alteza Dr. HSV, AR 71909** any time during the months of December & January. No entries will be permitted after January 29. The Super Bowl is Sunday, February 12. Numbers will be drawn by the Men's Club Board Members on January 30 at our board meeting. Completed boards with all numbers will be sent to each Club's representative on February 1. Thanks in advance for your participation.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

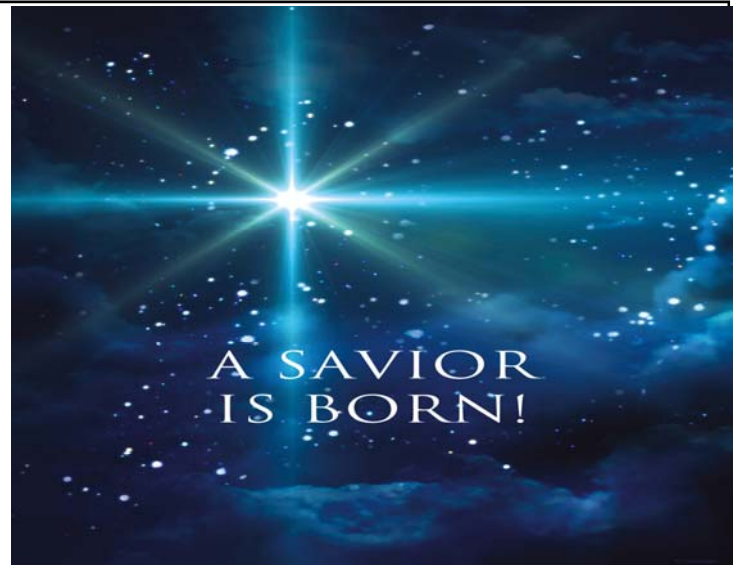
The collections from all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be exclusively for the Clergy Welfare Fund. This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirmed priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or illness calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity that they continue to share with us.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Women of Sacred Heart, gift yourself a Christmas present for 2023. There will be two Walking with Purpose Bible studies beginning January 16. The first course, "Opening your Heart," is a 22 week study that began in 2019 and is open to all women in our parish. In addition, "Touching the Divine," a more advanced study, based on John's Gospel, with the same timeline, will also be available. Each program is \$40 for the book and each will be separated into two or three segments of 6-7 weeks long. Registration begins at the church the weekend of Dec. 17/18 and ends the first weekend of January. If unable to register here, mail your check (WWP on memo line) to **Paula Doyle at 10 Vecilla Lane, HSV, AR 71909**. Please indicate which study you plan on attending. With questions you may email pauladoyle70@gmail.com or call her at 501 922-5771.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

More than a few of our parishioners fondly remember parishioners Phil and Marlene Carl who moved away from the parish and Village a number of years ago. Every Christmas a visit to their home was a special treat as they had a collection of creches spread all over their house. It was indeed a pleasure for me and others to see the various artistic expressions of Jesus in a manger with Mary and Joseph on either side of him humbly praising and thanking God for the most wonderful gift God ever gave humanity, His Son, Jesus Christ! I am blessed to have in my possession a small, but beautiful creche that belonged to my grandmother which is close to 100 years old. She, my Uncle Jim, and others, including myself, always enjoyed setting it up and looking at it during the Christmas Season (and now that it's with me, all year long). It's uniqueness is in the fact that it includes a shepherd, a sheep dog and a whole flock of sheep. I have to admit that this year, for the first time, I have come to a new insight about this scene that perhaps was in the mind of the one who created this creche with its figurines so long ago. It now speaks to me of the adult Jesus who speaks of the "Good Shepherd" who never leaves his flock untended. We hear in the Gospel of Luke (2:15-20) that the shepherds heeded the voice of the angels who announced the Savior's birth to them and decided "to go to Bethlehem to see this thing that the Lord has made known to us." (Lk 2:15). Like the "Good Shepherd," Jesus Christ, or in this case shepherds from their field, they took their flock with them in order to see the baby who was lying in the manger. I am reminded now every time I look at my grandmother's creche scene of not only the great truth of our faith that God came down from heaven to share in our humanity and redeem and save us, by his passion, death and resurrection, but also that Jesus, the Good Shepherd never leaves us, but is always at our side to lead and guide us to heaven. Maybe as we look at the creche at home, at our church, or at other places, we can (and perhaps should) look more deeply at what or who is there and ALL THAT HE TAUGHT AND DID that hopefully makes our lives joy-filled, love-filled and hope-filled every day! A Blessed Christmas Season to all of us! Be assured of my prayers for all of you in this wonderful parish family!



FORMED

Celebrate the birth of Christ by enjoying the beauty of Christmas with the Annie Moses Band on Formed. This family ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites. Simply use the search on Formed to find "O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses Band."

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

cf. Isaiah 9:1,5; Luke 1:33

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A very Merry and Holy Christmas to all our adorers and substitute adorers. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Blessed Sacrament in the past year. Adorers are needed for the following hours: Sunday 1:00pm- 2:00pm (beginning January 1), the start of Monday 12:01am - 1:00am, (January & February commitment), Wednesday 6:00am - 7:00am and 7:00am - 8:00am and Saturday 7:00am - 8:00am and 8:00pm - 9:00pm. Additional information on Perpetual Eucharistic Adorations is available from **Kathy Clark**, Coordinator at **203 816-7737** or one of the division leaders listed on the home page of the PEA website www.shjea.com



LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

- ♥ Jan. 3 (Tues) LOSH Board Meeting 9:15am, Classrooms A & B
- ♥ Jan. 9 LOSH General Meeting 9:45am. Janet Dixon from New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Benton will speak.
- ♥ Feb. 7/8/9 LOSH Retreat at Subiaco - registration forms due back at Jan. 9 meeting

A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to all participants in the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Basket Program. Your generous donations of time and money have made this a very successful ministry within our parish. "You must all be reaping the blessings of knowing that you have helped others." Matthew 25:35-36.

Marie Hylden
Food Basket Chair

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers this weekend are traditional holiday poinsettias that were paid for by our parishioners.



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.

GIFT BEARERS

The following parishioners have volunteered to bring up the gifts this weekend at the 04:00 pm, 12:00 am and 10:00 am respectively.



- ◆ Dominique/Gina Biondillo & Giese Family
- ◆ Deb & Butch Grigone
- ◆ Linda Cox & Nancy Webster

You can sign-up to present the gifts at Mass in the white binder located in the Narthex. If you have questions, call **Marian LaVelle** at **501-209-2435**.

CHURCH CALENDARS

The new church calendars for 2023 are available for parishioners this weekend December 24/25 in the Narthex after all Masses. Please take one per family. Also, note that Cedarvale Funeral Home generously sponsored our calendar for this year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ Dec. 31 K of C New Year's Eve Dance 5:15 pm, Lower Hall
- ◆ Jan. 3 Monthly Council Mgt., 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ◆ Jan. 7 Spaghetti Dinner, Lower Hall
- ◆ Jan. 17 O&D Meeting, Tuesday 4:00pm, Upper Hall
- Jan. 22 AR March for Little Rock

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPAGHETTI DINNER



The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 7, starting after 4:00pm Mass in the church Lower Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Tom Donnelly and crew for only \$10 with net proceeds benefitting local charities. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex or contact **Mike Gonda** at img573@comcast.net or call **501 226-3102** for additional information. A generous serving of pasta with meat marinara sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert will be made available with condiment and coffee service tables. There is a free will donation to cover costs. A refreshment center shall provide wines, beers, sodas and other beverages for your satisfaction. There is enough seating for 180 attendees. If paying with a check, please make payable to the Knights of Columbus.

EXERCISE CLASSES CANCELLED

The usual exercise classes will NOT be conducted this week (December 26-30) due to Christmas and the opportunity to provide our instructors a well deserved break before the classes resume at the beginning of the new calendar year. Please consider starting to participate in these classes in the new year and be blessed physically, mentally and even socially for the time and effort that you put forth.

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 NEW		
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 hsvsacredheart@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.

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| <i>Kathy Boehlein*</i> | Patricia Goodson | Marty Sack* |
| Lois Bonfiglio | Betty Hoepner | Bobbie Starcevich |
| Leo Cepicky | Bill Hurley | Bobi Stewart |
| Rose Drake Campbell | Mickey Jordan | Julian Tylka |
| Theresa Drumwright | Lucine Lakebrink | Jack Wallisch |
| Stephen Earley | Kevin Pfenning | Kathi Wilkinson Jones* |
| Jackie Fayman | Don Prescott | |
| Joyce Field | Joan Rankin Aykens | |



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 or Marvin Young 915-8028; 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, Marvin 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	24	4:00 pm	COLLEEN TWARDOWSKI	TOM TWARDOWSKI
Dec	25	12:00 am	MEMBERS OF AARON FAMILY	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	JOANNE DEJANOVICH	DANA HERMAN
Dec	26	8:30 am	BEA WIESEN	MARY ZELHOFER
Dec	27	8:30 am	DOLORES WASACK	DEJANOVICH FAMILY
Dec	28	4:00 pm	JOSEPH DEJANOVICH, SR	DEJANOVICH FAMILY
Dec	29	8 ;30 am	DCN BERNIE BAUER	ROSE HARRIGAN
Dec	30	8:30 am	LOSH INTENTIONS	ST. THERESA GUILD
Dec	31	4:00 pm	CATHERINE WILDRAUT	JOANNE DEJANOVICH
Jan	1	8:00 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	MARGUERITE ERNST	ALLEN FAMILY