

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.....	09:00 a.m.
Wednesday.....	05:00 p.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.

ADORATION

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

CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.....	08:40 to 08:55 a.m.
Wednesday	04:30 to 04:55 p.m.
Saturday	03:15 to 03 :45 p.m.

JANUARY 8, 2023

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	January 9
09:00 am	Mass
09:45 am	LOSH General Meeting, Lower Hall
10:00 am	K of C 4th Degree Officer's Meeting, Classroom D
Tuesday	January 10
10:00 am	KofC Blood Drive, Village United Methodist
11:30 am	Fit 'n Balanced Fitness Class, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Fit 'n Balanced Fitness Class, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Chair Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
01:00 pm	Mat Yoga, Upper Hall
05:00 pm	Men's Club Monthly General Mtg, Lower Hall
Wednesday	January 11
10:30 am	Caregiver Support Group, Classroom D
01:00 pm	Spades, Upper Hall
05:00 pm	Mass
06:00 pm	REY - PreK/8th Grade, Classrooms
Thursday	January 12
09:00 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom B
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
Friday	January 13
Saturday	January 14
11:00 am	Parish Baby Shower Collections, Narthex
04:00 pm	Centering Prayer Group, Classroom C
Sunday	January 15
08:00 am	Parish Baby Shower Collections, Narthex
10:00 am	Mass
	Mass

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

As we begin the new calendar year, please note the following changes for daily Masses. The Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Masses (and Masses that occasionally occur on Mondays and always on first Saturday) will return to 9:00am. The Wednesday Mass will return to 5:00pm. Your patience and understanding are appreciated as a number of factors went into this decision and, as with almost anything, the reality is "you can't please everyone."

D.R.E. RESIGNATION

For those who do not know, Cathy Kraus has resigned for personal reasons as our Parish Director of Religious Education. We are in search of a part-time replacement for her. Rose Harrington is temporarily in charge of our REY (Youth Education Ministry). Please call **Fr. Bill at (501 209-2502)** if you are interested in this D.R.E. position.

PARISH LIFE EMPLOYEE WANTED

Sacred Heart Parish is looking to employ someone (a parishioner) to work part-time in the area of Parish Life. This will include being on the Parish Life Commission and working together with our parish organizations i.e. LOSH, Men's Club, Singles and the Knights on "parish sponsored" social events when it comes to coordinating the help that these groups provide for activities. Responsibilities include ordering supplies as needed and supporting those who lead our parish life activities (card groups, Singles etc...). The hours will average up to 20/week but will be on a flexible schedule. Wages are paid hourly. Please call **Fr. Bill 501 209-2502** if interested and/or for more information.

ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL

FORMED.org now offers a four part video series which examines the origin of death, the afterlife and the powerful reality surrounding the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. "Eternal Rest..." presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it. Simply go to FORMED.org click on "sign up as a parishioner" and then type Sacred Heart of Jesus Hot Springs Village. Provide your name and email address and you are there. Scroll down the page and you will locate the referenced video series.

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; And kingship is in his grasp, and power and domination.

cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

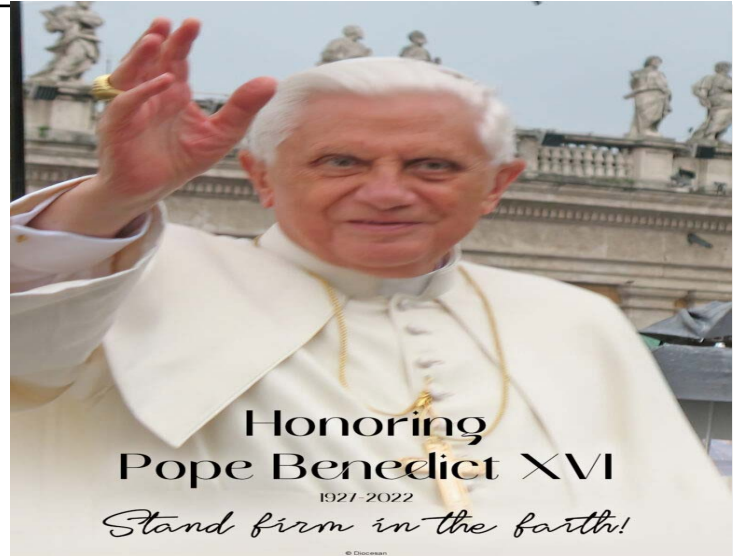
PARISH BABY SHOWER

Our spiritually adopted babies, due this month, are always showered with gifts by you. We thank you. The last day for the unwrapped gifts in the crib or cash (checks payable to Sacred Heart) is January 16. Of course, any gift is welcome, however, there are specific needs for newborn diapers and sizes 2-6, baby wipes, clothing, onesies, formula, jackets (0-2T) and sleepers.. All money and donated items will be delivered to the following three local charities: Catholic Charities Adoption Agency, Change Point and New Beginnings. LOSH members may bring their gift to the January 9 meeting.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

I have always been impressed by what is said in the Church's rite of the "Vigil For The Deceased" in the invitation to prayer which says "My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather (Name) to himself." This statement not only reminds us of our belief in the Communion of Saints and the reality of our faith which assures us of continued connection and affection toward and with them, but it also emphasizes God's focus in life and after our life on earth on the good we do. God is not dwelling on the bad we do or have done, but instead is ready to forgive and forget our faults and bring us to his kingdom of eternal love and peace. Upon the passing of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, on New Year's Eve at the age of 95, there were plenty in the media who spoke critically of his time as our pope. Some (if not many) of those remarks definitely reflected the thoughts and religious and secular views of the person who shared their reflections (which are biased in one direction or another). While I cannot, in one pastor's column, list the many blessings that came to the Church especially during his relatively short reign (about 8 years), I choose to give thanks to God and remember all the good he did in keeping us true to the Catholic Faith Tradition, and serving with great distinction as he followed the long and distinguished pontificate of Pope (now Saint) John Paul ii. He had to accept the fact that the media within (and especially outside the Church) would dissect every word he spoke in public, and draw conclusions that were often not true to what he said. He travelled to various countries (including ours) and spoke of the love of God for all people while rightly speaking out for those who were poor and vulnerable (in imitation of Jesus Christ)! History will indeed remember and applaud his humility, especially in his decision to resign as pope due to age and deteriorating health. In this time in history, when people are living so long (as he did), he paved the way for future popes who reach an age with declining health of mind and/or body (but not of spirit) to do as he did, and devote the rest of their life in large part to prayer for God's people and the world. Those of us whose heritage is German are no doubt thankful to God for choosing someone who was proud of being German and even more so, a Catholic and disciple of Jesus Christ, and whose younger years reflected a strong faith and courage in rejecting (and even deserting as a forced soldier) the ways of the "Third Reich". I'm confident (as I hope all of us are) Jesus said in part when Benedict XVI resigned as pope and completely when he breathed his last breath " *Well done, good and faithful servant...enter the joy of your Master.*" (Mth 25:23).



FORMED

Traditionally, in this country, the new year is an opportunity to begin a program of improvement through exercise and weight loss. In this parish we offer programs to aid in accomplishing these goals. In addition, we also have a free program to improve our spiritual lives. Sign up for FORMED where you are able to access discussions, videos, studies books and movies on a variety of subjects. Browse the offerings to check and see what may interest you and then share your discovery with our parishioners. Register today at FORMED.org/signup.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE



Village United Methodist Church, 200 Carmona Rd., is hosting the next Arkansas Institute Blood Drive 8:00am - 2:00pm Tuesday, January 10. ***There is an urgent need for blood at this time.*** Previous donors will have received a reminder email while new donors should contact **Connie** at **501 922-4891**. Thank you in advance for your "gift of life."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Is Jesus calling you to sit with Him in Blessed Silence? Is He calling you to maybe just give Him a try? We have ONE perfect available hour for you to experience just what this Blessed Silence is all about: 8:00 pm on Saturday. We can schedule you for any duration from one to fifty two weeks! Check you calendar and then call **Don Ritter** at **224 659-5001** to schedule your special time devoted to Jesus. 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. 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

Something extra: return the Filly Feed Bags and don't forget about the Parish Baby Shower.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ♦ Jan. 17 O&D Meeting, Tuesday 4:00pm, Upper Hall
- ♦ Jan. 22 AR March for Little Rock
- ♦ Jan. 24 Assembly 2316 Meeting 5:00pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Feb. 5 Parish Breakfast after each Mass

FOURTH DEGREE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Fr. Victor A Bieberle 4th Degree Assembly will meet Tuesday, January 24 in the Lower Hall. Come for the 5:00pm Patriotic Rosary, 5:45pm meal and meeting to follow. We will have a presentation on Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner". Sir Knight Ed Doyle will inform us of what we did not learn in history class. An email sign up for the meal is forthcoming. When received, please respond to register for the meal ASAP by calling **Sir John Weidert at 501 915-0719.**

PREPARATION FOR MASS

Almighty eternal God behold, I come to the sacrament of your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as one sick to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of eternal brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. I ask, therefore, for the abundance of your immense generosity, that you may graciously cure my sickness, wash away my defilement, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, clothe my nakedness, so that I may receive the bread of Angels, The King of kings and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such condition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intentions are conducive to the salvation of my soul. Grant, I pray that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Lord's body and Blood, but also the reality and power of that Sacrament. O most gentle God, grant that I may so receive the Body of your Only Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took from the Virgin Mary, that I may be made worthy to be incorporated into His mystical body and to be counted among its members. O most Loving Father, grant that I may at last gaze forever upon the unveiled face of your beloved Son, whom I, a wayfarer, propose to receive now veiled under these species: Who lives and resigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.



MEN'S CLUB JANUARY MEETING

The first 2023 meeting for the Sacred Heart Men's Club will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. All male parishioners or male spouses of parishioners are welcome to attend. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will take place at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall followed by social time. The Refreshment Center will open upon completion of The Chaplet. Dinner will be served before 6:00pm. The dinner will be prepared by Chef Johnna and includes green salad with rolls and butter, garlic herb baked chicken breast, wild rice pilaf, roasted mixed vegetables and pineapple cake for dessert. Cost remains at \$15. Please email your reservation to russharrison@suddenlink.com by Sunday, January 8.

THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Support Group meets once a month on the second Wednesday of each month in Classroom D from 10:30am - 12:30pm. A light lunch is provided. You are welcome to attend even if you do not have the care receiver living in your home with you. WE also have trained men and women from our parish who will come to your home in order for you to attend the meeting. Call **Evelyn 501 204-4134** or **Maureen 228 342 -0491** for more information.

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	Rose Harrigan	Education	501-915-0314
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Sandy Darnell	Liturgy	501-7251296
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Ann Bowman	Liturgy	501-922-6619
Pat Kalisz	Building Complex/ Equipment	630-926-6637	Mark Leslie	Parish Life	501-226-0074
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	Pietro Tomassi	Social Justice	501-282-4427
			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.

Kathy Boehlein*	Patricia Goodson	Marty Sack*
Lois Bonfiglio	Betty Hoepner	Bobbie Starcevich
Leo Cepicky	Bill Hurley	Bobi Stewart
Rose Drake Campbell	Mickey Jordan	Jack Wallisch
Theresa Drumwright	Lucine Lakebrink	Kathi Wilkinson Jones*
Stephen Earley	Kevin Pfenning	
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

Jan	7	4:00 pm	COLLEEN TWARDOWSKI	TOM TWARDOWSKI
Jan	8	8:00 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	DCN BERNIE BAUER	M/M BILL NOSEK
Jan	9	9:00 am	LOSH INTENTIONS	LOSH
Jan	10	9:00 am	BEA WIESEN	MARY ZELHOFER
Jan	11	5:00 pm	HENRY SCHAUD	CHRIS CASH
Jan	12	9:00 am	RAYMOND BENEDICT	M/M RICK MEYERS
Jan	13	9:00 am	JOANNE DEJANOVICH	PHYLLIS MELENSON
Jan	14	4:00 pm	EDWARD AKE	LEW AKE
Jan	15	8:00 am	FOR THE PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	JUANITA MILLER RUCKER	LORI BERGSTROM