

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	05:00 p.m.
Sunday	08:00 a.m.
.....	10:00 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil (with obligation)	as announced
Holy Day.....	09:00 a.m.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration	All hours
.....	7 days a week

CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	08:40 to 08:55 a.m.
Wednesday	04:30 to 04:50 p.m.
Saturday	04:00 to 04:45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Sept 23
12:30 pm	All Saints Card Group, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	WWP Bible Study, Classrooms A, B & D
01:00 pm	Cancer Walk T-Shirt Distribution
06:00 pm	WWP Bible Study, Classroom A
Tuesday	Sept 24
10:00 am	Guild 4 Work Event Mtg., Classrooms A & B
10:00 am	Fit 'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Chair Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Mat Stretch, Strength & Balance, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Cancer Walk T-Shirt Distribution
Wednesday	Sept. 25
09:00 am	Finance Council Meeting, Classroom D
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom C
10:00 am	Book Reflection, Classrooms A & B
11:00 am	James Bertrand Funeral Mass
01:00 pm	Guild 6 Social Game Day, Classroom D
01:00 pm	Singles Hand, Knee & Foot, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall
03:00 pm	Book Reflection, Classrooms A & B
06:00 pm	Music Appreciation Dinner, Lower Hall
Thursday	Sept 26
09:30 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom B
10:00 am	Fit 'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
11:00 am	LOSH Card Party Meeting, Classroom D
11:30 am	Chair Stretch, & Balance, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Mat Stretch, Strength & Balance, Upper Hall
06:00 pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Sept 27
09:45 am	Social Justice Commission Mtg, Classroom D
Saturday	Sept 28
05:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	Sept 29
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom D

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING

The October 1 meeting will be in the Lower Hall with the praying of the Rosary at 5:00 pm. The Great Wall will be our caterer serving broccoli beef, General Tso chicken, fried rice and a shrimp dish. There is not a scheduled guest speaker for this meeting. Meal cost is \$15. Deadline for online signup is Friday, September 27 at 4:00 pm. If you have not registered online contact [John Weidert 501 915-0719](mailto:John.Weidert@att.net) or hsvjdw@att.net before 4:00 pm Sunday, September 29.

BEWARE OF SCAMS AND FRAUD

There has been a recent increase in reports of fraudulent email and text solicitations for financial support, usually in the form of gift cards. These requests present themselves as if they are Fr. Bill and some of these fake addresses appear quite realistic. To minimize fraudulent impact, this is a reminder that our church/priest will *NEVER* make such appeals to our parish community. Delete these requests immediately without opening or responding. You may also report to the church office at [501 922-2062](tel:5019222062).

RED MASS 2024

The 30th annual Red Mass will be celebrated *Friday, October 4, 2024* at 12:00 pm at Christ the King Church, 4000 N Rodney Parham Rd. in Little Rock. We will pray for our judicial system, bench, bar, law professors and students, civic and public officials. A luncheon honoring Reginald Rogers will follow in the CTK Ministries Building. Tickets are \$25. For reservations mail checks to St. Thomas More Society of AR, PO Box 1426, North Little Rock 72115-1426. For more information contact [Connie Brown Phillips](mailto:Connie.Brown.Phillips@gmail.com) at cbphillipslaw@gmail.com or [501 680-6919](tel:5016806919).

FALL 2024 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Sacred Heart Grief Support Group is for those who have faced or are facing challenges in their lives, perhaps the death of a loved one, a spouse, sibling, or child. If you have experienced other events in your life that have shaken your ground such as serious illness, divorce or something that has made you view life differently, the SHJCC Bereavement Ministry's Grief Support Group is a safe space where we can learn and grow together. We are grateful you have survived and will assist in helping you reclaim your life, increase happiness and be inspired to be the person you were born to be. This Fall 2024 our Grief Support Group will meet on September 30 and the Mondays of October between 9:30 and 11:30 pm in Classroom D. We will use a program titled *Grieving with Great Hope* produced by the Good Mourning Ministry. It comes to us via FORMED; a free subscription to us as SHJ parishioners. To register, contact the SHJCC Bereavement Ministry [Deacon Gary Christoff](mailto:Deacon.Gary.Christoff@gmail.com) via email goforit542@gmail.com or phone [573-645-6814](tel:5736456814) or [Bob Hoffmann](mailto:Bob.Hoffmann@gmail.com) bobhoffmann64@gmail.com or [501-922-3611](tel:5019223611). You may also register by calling the Parish office [501-922-2062](tel:5019222062).

CATHOLIC MAGAZINE EXCHANGE

In the library is a marked basket to bring good Catholic magazines you receive and may like to share. Bring yours in and take one you would like to read. This is an "exchange/share" not an opportunity to dispose of unwanted periodicals. The goal is quality literature for our parishioners. Please no *Give Us This Day* or *The Word Among Us*.

SAVE THE DATE - EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

If you haven't already done so, make plans to attend and experience blessings that come from a day of Eucharistic recollection and reflection on *Saturday, October 12*. Our presenter will be Stephen Binz, a Catholic scripture scholar who once led the Little Rock Scripture Study program, is a popular speaker and is the author of over two dozen books. He has led pilgrimages to biblical sites and sacred places throughout the world. The day will begin with 9:00 am Mass and include three talks from Steve, time for reflection and lunch. Our time together will conclude by 3:00 pm.



PASTORS COLUMN

Recently, Pope Francis made some "comments" when asked by reporters on a plane back from his 4 nation missionary journey in Asia, that sound blunt when it comes to our current presidential election here in the United States. Since what I (and some of you) read about his comments, was reported through the filter of particular journalists' bias on subjects and candidates, one has to be careful about reflecting on what the pope said. One quote from the pope has him say in regards to the two main presidential candidates that "Both are against life, be it the one who kicks out migrants or be it the one who kills babies." There are some, of course who might conclude or want to argue that since he spoke of migrants first, that according to its place in what he said, it is the first and most important issue that should be considered before going to the polls to vote. That, of course, should not be concluded. Instead, it should be pointed out that the pope has not mixed words when it comes to the intrinsic evil" of abortion since it kills a human being. "Performing an abortion is killing a human being. Whether you like the word or not, this is killing." "The Church does not allow abortion because it is killing. It is murder" This is backed by the bishops of the United States that the issue of abortion is the "preeminent priority" for American Catholics in general and in those who are hopefully planning to exercise their right and duty to vote. This is stated clearly in its published teaching "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" which I urge you to pull up online and read or re-read before making choices of what and who to vote for in the upcoming election. Asked what voters of the United States should do at the polls, Pope Francis firstly recalled the civic duty to vote. He said "One should vote, and choose the lesser evil. Who is the lesser evil, the woman or the gentleman? I don't know. Everyone in their conscience should think and do it" I assume he's referring to voting and voting not from a "feeling" but from a properly formed conscience that seeks "THE TRUTH" from God that we have through divine revelation (the bible) and the Tradition of the Church. It is not up to the pope, our bishops, priests, and deacons who teach and preach in public to tell the Catholic (or the whole electorate) who to vote for! It is important that the Church's leaders make it clear that the right to life and dignity of the human person from conception until natural death comes first and only after this, other issues that promote the common good, solidarity and subsidiarity as presented by our Church's teachers and teachings. PLEASE take the time to read these inserts which will continue over the next four weeks in our bulletin.

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I believe, if given the chance to clarify or expand on what he said, that the pope would refer not to the candidates as evil, but rather the positions they hold and/or act on which are against life as being evil and bringing harm (in one instance death) to human beings. I hope and pray we all discern what is the greater evil and speak out at the polls and long after the election is over and the winners are sworn into office.



ADORERS NEEDED

At this time we have the following hours unfilled. These need at least one adorer assigned:

Mon. 2:30 am - 4:00 am Lori Vincent
337-654-2871

Mon. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Jerry/Alison Kordsmeyer
463-8325 or 282-2030

Thur. 9:00 am - 10:00 am Debbie Garrett
512-460-9903

FORMED

If you haven't yet taken a journey to the Holy Land with Dr. Tim Gray on the Formed series, "Bread of Life" now is the time for you to spend less than ten minutes watching an episode of this informative series. The episodes will enhance your understanding of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Contemplate what it means that Jesus is fully present in the Eucharist in this exciting series. Get your free subscription to Formed by going to FORMED.org to register as a parishioner.

AUGUST REGULAR COLLECTIONS

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$46,468.00
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$4,905.00

AUGUST SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL	\$2,424.00
BABY BOTTLE	\$20.00

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Mass presided by Bishop Taylor will be *Sunday, Oct. 6* at 1:00 pm at the Shrine of Divine Mercy/St. Edward Church, 801 Sherman St. Little Rock. Eucharistic Adoration and confessions from 11:20 - 11:50 am at the Cathedral and from 3 - 4:00 pm at the Shrine. "Tacos for Respect Life" in the St. Edward parish center after Mass.



LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

Upcoming Events General meetings: Oct 14, Nov 11, Jan 17, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 10 & May 12

- ◆ Sep. 23 Guild 3 St. Mary 9:30 am breakfast at Maderas Gardens Clubhouse. Check email for more info.
- ◆ Sep. 29 Guild 5 St. Michael the Archangel celebrating "Michaelmas" at 10:00 am IHO their patron. A traditional bouquet of Asters will adorn the Altar. All Guilds invited. Check email for more info.
- ◆ Nov. 15 Fall Card Party
- ◆ Dec. 19 President's Brunch
- ◆ Dec 14/15 Christmas Bake sale
- ◆ Apr 7 Golf Tournament
- ** Collecting school supplies in the Narthex

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ Oct. 1 Monthly Council Mtg, 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ◆ Oct. 4 Samaritan Ministries
- ◆ Oct. 4-6, CPID Tootsie Rolls Gates
- ◆ Oct. 6 Adoration for Life Cathedral of St. Andrew, 11:20 am
- ◆ Oct. 13 Parish Breakfast after 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses
- ◆ Oct. 14 Columbus Day: Flags, Rosary and Mass
- ◆ Oct. 15 4th Degree Officer Meeting 3:00 pm, Classroom A
- ◆ Oct. 16 Council O & D Meeting 2:30 pm, Classrooms A & B

SACRED HEART MEN'S RETREAT 2025

As you begin planning your 2025 activities, all men of the parish should set aside **March 17 - 20**. These are the dates of our annual Sacred Heart Men's Retreat at the St. John's Center in Little Rock. Back by popular demand, our retreat leader will be Fr. Stephen Gadberry. You won't want to miss these spiritually uplifting presentations from this dynamic young priest. With questions, please call Ed Doyle at **501 922-5771**.

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.*

SOCIABLE SIX!

Our Sociable Six program will return for the months of October, November and December 2024. This program is very simple and flexible. Three couples will be grouped together and then arrange among themselves to share a simple dinner, lunch or brunch at alternate homes, once each month. Participants will enjoy getting to know their fellow parishioners better in an informal setting. It is a great way for newcomers to get acquainted with the members of their parish family. To sign up or if you have questions call **Nancy or Howard Emery at 815-861-0820** or email emeryfam@hotmail.com. Please provide your names, address, phone number and email address. Final signup date for this season is Sept. 29th. You will receive a letter/email with the three couples in your group the first week of October.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Bereavement Support	Gary Christoff	573-645-6814
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	Mike Ritch	832-231-7469
Youth Faith Formation	Lou Ann Kemper	469-323-2505

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers this weekend are donated by:



- ⇒ Jackie Tomassi IHO Pietro Tomassi
- ⇒ Jim/Carolyn Pfenning, 10th Anniversary
- ⇒ Larry Lipsmeyer IMO Jan Lipsmeyer
- ⇒ Marie Radcliffe IMO William (Bill) Schank
- ⇒ Dan Murphy IMO Kathy Murphy and Matt Murphy

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

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



- ♥ Terry & Kathy Schlimgen, 54 years on Sept. 24th
- ♥ Larry & Mary Wand, 48 years on Sept. 25th
- ♥ Patrick & Priscilla O'Malley, 5 years on Sept. 25th
- ♥ Wally & Marge Newburn, 59 years on Sept. 25th

* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.

GIFT BEARERS

The following parishioners have volunteered to bring up the gifts this weekend at 10:00 am:



Terry & Kathy Schlimgen

Contact **Marian LaVelle** at **501 209-2435** or sign up in the book in the Narthex if you'd like to bring up the gifts.

PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL			PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
David Witchger	Grounds, Chair	501-922-9058	Deb Troxel	Education	515-314-6955
Carolyn Bowers	Administration	501-915-8022	Lou Ann Kemper	Education	469-323-2505
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Sandy Darnell, Chair	Liturgy	602-418-3414
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Marian LaVelle	Liturgy	501-209-2435
Pat Kalisz	Building Complex/ Equipment	630-926-6637	Mark Leslie	Parish Life	501-226-0074
Bill Patterson	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-8631	Becky Jordan	Parish Life	901-605-0333
Larry Lipsmeyer	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-3283	Marge Newburn	Social Justice	501-922-9047
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 hvsSacredHeart@gmail.com

Sick List - Names in bold italics have been recently added. A * next to last name Indicates non-parishioners.

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.

Lew Ake
Nick Amrhein*
Dennis Becker
Tony Bertrand*
Vivian Botkin
William J. "Bill" Butler
Evelyn Donnelly

Tom Donnelly
Theresa Drumwright
John Guida
Joan Hardt
Betty Hoepner
Georgia Janush
Alice Justus

Norman Lubbers
Diane Prescott
Don Prescott
Kenny Seghers
Audrey Sitkowski
Jeffrey Smith*
Mary Szczepaniak*

Darin Wells*



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: **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 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

Sep	21	5:00 pm	JOHN PAUL CALHOUN	CINDY CALHOUN
			CHUCK GRAY	JANE GRAY
Sep	22	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	EDWIN/ISABELLE OSTENDORF	M/M RON OSTENDORF
			KATHY MURPHY & MATT MURPHY	DANNY MURPHY
Sep	23		NO MASS	
Sep	24	9:00 am	ARLENE GEIDT	HELPING HANDS
Sep	25	11:00 am	JAMES BERTRAND FUNERAL	FR. BILL ELSER
		5:00 pm	ERNST MEYER	CHRISTINA BRAHM
Sep	26	9:00 am	NORA BIDDLE	FRANK MORGAN
Sep	27	9:00 am	ELAINE REYNOLDS	HELPING HANDS
Sep	28	5:00 pm	WALTER/ANN HAUS	M/M RON OSTENDORF
Sep	29	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	CECIL GRATTAFIORI	GRATTAFIORI FAMILY