

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

295 Balearic Road
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas 71909

FR. WILLIAM A. ELSER, Pastor

Cell: 501-209-2502 e-mail: frbillelser@gmail.com



Church Office 501-922-2062
Tuesday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

website: www.hvsacredheart.com
e-mail: hvsacredheart@gmail.com
Parish EIN#: 71-0522822

Deacon Larry Lipsmeyer 501 922-3283
Deacon B.J. Bowen 501 831-1742
Deacon Gary Christoff 573 645-6814

MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.....	09:00 a.m.
Wednesday.....	04:00 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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	08:40 to 08:55 a.m.
Wednesday	03:30 to 03:50 p.m.
Saturday	03:15 to 03:45 p.m.

OR by appointment with the Pastor

DECEMBER 1, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Dec 2
12:30 pm	All Saints Guild Hand & Foot, Upper Hall
Tuesday	Dec 3
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
01:00pm	Shawl Ministry, Classroom D
05:00 pm	K of C Monthly Council Mtg., Lower Hall
Wednesday	Dec 4
09:00 am	Education Commission Mtg, Classroom D
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
01:00 pm	Singles Hand, Knee & Foot, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	Dec 5
09:30 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom 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	Guild 6 Social Game Day, Classroom D
06:00 pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Dec 6 First Friday Mass & Devotions
Saturday	Dec 7 First Saturday Mass & Devotions
09:00 am	Mass
04:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	Dec 8
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom B

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

On Monday, December 9, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception and its significance in God's plan of salvation for the world. ***It is a Holyday of Obligation.*** We will celebrate this Mass on Monday, December 9 at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.



PHOTO PICK-UP

Please pick up your loved one's photos this weekend from the memorial table in front of the sanctuary. Thank you.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This special collection is taken up in all parishes nationwide *this weekend*. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests have spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their communities without adequate savings for elder care or retirement. Your gift provides for those who have given their entire life. For more information call **501 664-0340**.

MEN'S CLUB DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting for the Sacred Heart Men's Club will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. Wives/significant others are welcomed to this holiday meal and program. The 5:45 pm dinner, catered by Chef Johnna, will include your choice between crab stuffed salmon with lemon caper tarragon sauce or smoked beef tips with hunter's sauce. Both come with salad, fresh asparagus, scalloped potatoes and cranberry gingerbread nut cake. This will be a sit down dinner complete with handsome waters. The program will be a guest speaker from the Animal Welfare League. There will also be a few Christmas songs including the "12 Days of Christmas". ***The meal cost is \$20 and your check should be made out to Sacred Heart of Jesus with "Men's Club dinner" on the memo line. Also include your meal choice with your check.*** Mail checks to Bob Bowman 16 Isabella Way, HSV, AR 71909 to be received by Sunday, December 8. If you are late call Bob at **501 922-6619**.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Join us on Sunday, December 15, for a Knights of Columbus parish breakfast following both Masses. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage patties, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, juice, coffee, tea and water. Please provide a good will offering (***cash and checks made payable to K of C to be accepted***). All proceeds are used to fund Knight charitable events throughout the year. Thank you.



ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

Sacred Heart of Jesus has two committees available to parishioners who have a need for assistance. Helping Hands is available to help registered parishioners with emergency situations and during unforeseen circumstances providing temporary assistance until permanent solutions are found. Also, the Family Assistance committee is available to help with other issues such as economic problems or need for services. If you, a parishioner or non-parishioner you know is searching for answers/solutions, please call **Fr. Bill 501 209-2502** and he will discuss how our parish can help.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up in the Narthex. Volunteers will be available this weekend to help you sign out your Angel(s). Return the wrapped gift to the tree with the Angel tag taped to the box with the information showing. Another label will be placed over the original to conceal the package contents.

Deadline for returning all gifts is Sunday, Dec. 8.

This date is firm to allow our volunteers time to inventory all returned gifts and to shop for unclaimed Angles or unreturned gifts.



PASTORS COLUMN

I was visiting with a parishioner the other day and she shared with me that she has not filled out and turned in her "Funeral Planning Form" in part because she wonders if she does so it might somehow hasten her death. She said she knows that is silly (or just an excuse) but she is one of many who choose not to make any plans for their funeral or place of interment while they are still alive. It is indeed harder for some than others to face the reality of our mortality. The Church gives us the last few weeks of the Church year and the first week of the new Church year (the 1st Sunday of Advent) to speak to all of us of the end of time (or perhaps of our time here on this earth) when the glorified Christ Jesus will come.

Trusting always in God's mercy, we nevertheless are called to be ever attentive and ready for His coming. This of course, means doing His work as his disciples daily, of spending time with the Lord in public worship and private prayer and living each day in joyful hope of his coming.

It is the best time of the year for me to promote EVERY-ONE taking the time to think about our transition from this life to eternal life with the Lord, and make decisions that speak of our faith, hope in and love for the Lord in what we want after we take our last breath in this world. While it is truly a blessing in more ways than one for a person to make such decisions (and the more details we choose the better), I encourage everyone to at least make it clear in writing what you want your family to do after you have died starting with the funeral home you want them to use. There are two funeral homes nearby (Carruth) or in the Village (CedarVale) and good ones in Hot Springs and Benton. It doesn't hurt to find out what services they provide and the cost of those services. The costs do, in fact vary, and may need to be of consideration when making a decision of who will care for your mortal remains and what is done before the funeral takes place. In our times, and especially given the uniqueness of many of our parishioners living far from family, one needs to decide if you want your body intact for the funeral and burial or if cremation is chosen, whether to have the funeral first with the body present (which the Church urges, but does not require us to do) and whether we will be interred in a cemetery or if we have chosen cremation, in a cemetery or columbarium. We now have our 5th columbarium in place and plenty of niches available for purchase (call Gary Wolfer at 501 204-1192).

I would hope that you would also take time to make decisions about scripture, songs and who you wish to be involved in your funeral Mass (and whether you wish for a rosary to be prayed for the happy repose of your soul either the before or the day of your funeral before the Mass of Resurrection begins).

continued

PLEASE, if you haven't done it, get a funeral planning form from the credenza in the hallway leading to the administration wing of our building or from Gina in the office and fill out some or all of it and return it to the office so we can make a copy or copies and keep at least one copy on file here. I am available to meet with anyone who wants to answer questions or help in any way as you address this issue in anticipation of "The End" which ushers in the beginning of your new life that will never end thanks to Jesus Christ and our faith in him!



GIFT OF ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration offers a sacred time of stillness. By spending time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, it allows us to step away from the noise and busyness of daily life. It provides an opportunity to lay burdens before God, pray for loved ones and seek guidance. In this quiet space, hearts are open to a deeper awareness of God's presence and love. This stillness provides peace to the heart, calms anxieties and bring clarity to the mind. Eucharistic Adoration is a gift that invites us to pause, reflect and engage in a deep personal connection through prayer and reflection.



Cynthia Norlin

Contact Mike Ritch regarding PEA 832 231-7469

FORMED

Dr. Tim Gray prepared a talk for Advent on the "Augustine Talks" videos called "Advent - Rethinking the Season". It will take you on a journey of renewal to make certain your heart is ready for the coming Christ. Advent being the season of anticipation for Christmas, it is important that we are prepared to welcome the greatest gift that God gives us on Christmas day, his son, Jesus. Dr. Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to prepare us to live the "pre-season" of Advent well instead of concentrating only on gifts, decorations and entertainment. Listen to his talk on Formed by registering for our free parish subscription at FORMED.org.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Support Group meets once a month on the second Wednesday of each month in Classroom D from 11:00am - 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. 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 information.





LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

Upcoming Events General meetings: Jan 17, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 10 & May 12

- Dec. 1 Registration begins LR "Women of Hope" retreat at www.womenofhope.org.
- Dec. 2 LOSH Board Meeting 9:45 am, Upper Hall
- Dec. 9 Losh Christmas Brunch/General Meeting. Tickets from Guild Captains.
- Dec. 14/15 LOSH Bake Sale

Thank you all for a successful Card Party Fund raiser. Please deposit ONLY aluminum cans in recycling trailer.

ALTAR FLOWERS



There will be no altar flower donations for the first two weekends of Advent, November 30/December 1 and December 7/8.

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**.

GIFT BEARERS

The following parishioners have volunteered to bring up the gifts this weekend at 5:00 pm



** Dan and Joan Murphy

Sign up in the white binder located in the Narthex or call **Marian LaVelle** at **501 209-2435**.

A TIMELY REFLECTION

"No room at the inn" is one of the most famous phrases from the Bible. When Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem walking in the center of God's will, about to fulfill the ancient prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures, the door slammed in their faces. They went to a manger/lamb birthing station and there was born the Lamb of God, King of the Jews, Messiah and the Light of the world. It doesn't matter how close to God or how much you walk in the center of His will, you will still come up against closed doors. When the door closes in your face and you hear the words "there's no room at the inn", know for sure that God has something better in store. Trust the Lord. Stand in faith and persevere in hope. When the door closes to you, in the Lord, know and have confidence that there is something better and more beautiful waiting to bless you as you don't give up. Persevere for there is yet a manger in Bethlehem.
-Jonathon Cahn

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ Dec. 3 Monthly Council Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall. Fraternal Benefits Night
- ◆ Dec. 5 Free Throw Shooting Competition, Janesville H S Sports Camp
- ◆ Dec. 6 Samaritan Ministries
- ◆ Dec. 15 Parish Breakfast following both Masses
- ◆ Dec. 18 O&D Meeting 2:30 pm, Classrooms A & B
- ◆ Dec. 31 Consecration to the Holy Family

SINGLES CORNER

You are cordially invited to attend the Sacred Heart Singles Ministry party.

Date: December 17 at 2:00 pm

Place: DeSoto Country Club

Cost: \$20 pp Purchase tickets by Dec.10. Contact Debbie or Susan or email Singles.hsvsacredheart@gmail.com.

Menu: Caesar salad, Italian buffet to include lasagna Bolognese, sausage & peppers with penne, four cheese ravioli, pasta primavera and for dessert, Italian cream cake. Water, coffee and tea included. Other beverages available for purchase.

** Optional participation in the Dirty Santa gift exchange. Gift value \$15-20.



KNIGHTS DECEMBER MEETING

The December 3rd, 2024, Knights meeting will start at 5:00 PM with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Following the Chaplet there will be a 3rd Degree Knight Exemplification. After the Exemplification, the Refreshment Center will be open, and there will be a period of time before dinner welcoming our new Brother Knights. Dinner will be catered by Home Plate Café and Bakery. The menu includes champagne chicken, green beans almondine, herb roasted potatoes, roll and cobbler for dessert. The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up with **Mark Leslie** at **501 226-0074** or email pops.leslie@verizon.net. Sign up deadline is 4:00 pm Sunday, December 1. **There will be no online sign up.**

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

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
Russ Harrison	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-1767	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	Tom Donnelly	Georgia Janush	Mary Szczepaniak*
Nick Amrhein*	Theresa Drumwright	Alice Justus	Robert Steinpreis
Dennis Becker	Mary Gerau*	Vivian Le*	Tillie Tylka
Brenda Benson	Tim Gray*	Diane Prescott	Darin Wells*
Tony Bertrand*	John Guida	Don Prescott	
Annette Bono*	Joan Hardt	Rustie Seghers	
William J. "Bill" Butler	Betty Hoepner	Audrey Sitkowski	
Evelyn Donnelly	Hoa Huynh*	Jeffrey Smith*	



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** 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 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

Nov	30	4:00 pm	JAN LIPSMEYER	PHYLLIS MELENSON
Dec	1	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 AM	DEL SCHEID	AGNES SCHEID
Dec	2	9:00 am	MIKE/RUTH KERWIN**	SHJ PARISHIONER
Dec	3	9:00 am	TONY CIFELLI	RICK/KAREN MEYERS
Dec	4	4:00 pm	ELAINE REYNOLDS	MAUREEN HALLORAN-MORLEY
Dec	5	9:00 am	PETE GONDA	MIKE/LINDA GONDA
			FRANK NAHLEN	DENISE ROMAGNANO-NAHLEN
Dec	6	9:00 am	SUSIE CARDENAS	BUTCH/DEB GRIGONE
Dec	7	9:00 am	NAMES ON REMEMBRANCE TREE	FR. BILL ELSER
		4:00 pm	PAT AKE	LEW AKE
			LORI CEPICKY	CANDY CHEW
Dec	8	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	FRANK NAHLEN	DENISE ROMAGNANO-NAHLEN

** = LIVING