

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 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Dec 9
09:00 am	Mass - Immaculate Conception of Mary
10:00 am	LOSH Christmas Brunch/General Mtg., Lower Hall
04:00 pm	Mass - Immaculate Conception of Mary
Tuesday	Dec 10
10:00 am	Fit 'n Go Fitness, Lower Hall
10:00 am	Food Basket Inventory, Upper Hall
11:30 am	Chair Stretch & Balance, Lower Hall
11:30 am	Mat Stretch, Strength & Balance, Classrooms A & B
05:00 pm	Men's Club Meeting, Lower Hall
Wednesday	Dec 11
09:00 am	Parish Life Meeting, Classroom D
11:00 am	Caregiver Support Group, Classroom A
12:00 pm	Food Basket Inventory, Upper Hall
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 12
09:30 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom B
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
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	Gifts/Mt. Pine Students, Classroom D
06:00 pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Dec 13
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom C
09:45 am	Liturgy Commission Meeting, Classroom D
03:00 pm	Advent Reconciliation
Saturday	Dec 14
09:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	LOSH Bake Sale, All Classrooms
04:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	Dec 15
	LOSH Bake Sale, All Classrooms
	Parish Breakfast after both Masses
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom B

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.



ANGEL TREE

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

Return the wrapped gift to the tree with the Angel tag taped to the top and the Angel information showing. Another label will be placed over the original to hide the package's contents. Thank you for your support of the Angel Tree program and helping provide gifts for children this Christmas season.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY



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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Our Advent Reconciliation service will be this **Friday, December 13, starting at 3:00 pm** with a brief Liturgy of the Word service. Up to nine priests will be available for individual reception of the Sacrament until 5:00 pm. Come and make straight the way of the Lord as we continue our preparations for the celebration of the Incarnation and the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS MEAL

Sacred Heart will once again offer an opportunity for parishioners and guests to enjoy delicious food (from Chef Johnna) and fellowship on Christmas Day in the Lower Hall. We will soon advertise the menu and cost and start getting commitments to participate in this annual gathering. Be on the look out for more details!



FOOD BASKET

For those volunteers delivering Christmas Food Baskets, please note that Men's Club members will be available December 14 & 15 from 1-3:00 pm to load your cars. You will need the letter and number ID of your family. The men will load all presents and non-perishable food into your vehicles. Location is the Lower Hall entrance.

START 2025 WITH SOCIABLE SIX!

Our Sociable Six will return for the months of January, February and March 2025. Three couples will be grouped together and then arrange among themselves to share a simple brunch, lunch or dinner at alternate homes, once each month. Participants will enjoy getting to know their fellow parishioners in an informal setting. It is a great way for newcomers to get acquainted with members of our parish family. To sign up call **Nancy or Howard Emery 815 861-0820** or email emeryfam@hotmail.com. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Final sign up for this session is Dec. 27. You will receive a letter/email with the three couples in your group the first week of January.

PASTORS COLUMN

I am sure that at least some, and perhaps many of you would agree with me that the words "life-changing" in regards to something or some things are often overstating the reality of "it" a little or a lot! Having said this, I am now going to use these words (life-changing) when it comes to a recent book by Matthew Kelly that is going to be given out as a Christmas present from the parish to those who join us for one of our Christmas Masses this year. In one of the later chapters of the book, he recalls the story of Jesus' "Presentation in the Temple" (a mystery of the rosary) by Mary and Joseph. He speaks about their "obedience" to the Jewish Law, which given who Jesus was (as they understood it through the words of an angel about him), one could argue that they really didn't have to obey that law. The fact is, however, that they did obey it and in this (and I'm sure many other instances of obedience to God's law that are not reported in the Gospels) they are an example to us of the importance for us and everyone to follow God's laws without question or hesitation because we know God's requirements are for our own good and help us on our journey to heaven.

Kelly tells his readers that the word obedience comes from the Latin word obedire which means "to listen deeply" which is what Mary, Joseph and Simeon did as they saw the wisdom of God and surrendered to His will. In presenting obedience as the virtue of the day he says that it is "simply doing what God asks, even when you would prefer to do something else, or think there is a better way. "Obedience to God and obedience to a virtue seeking earthly authority are both profound blessings that liberate the soul and make peaceful acceptance possible."

The Catholic Church's leaders are one of, and really the most important of the "virtue seeking earthly authorities" that we are blessed to have hopefully as an important and respected presence in our lives. Besides affirming the importance of the Commandment of "Keeping Holy the Sabbath" by requiring us to participate in Masses every Sunday of the year, they require the same when it comes to certain "Holydays" of the year. Three of those occur in less than a month's time starting with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary *THIS MONDAY*, December 9. These "Holydays of Obligation" call for obedience in participating in Mass that day. I pray that in this and in other things we will readily and even joyfully follow the example of Mary, Joseph, Simeon and of course Jesus himself, in obedience to God, and live securely in the peace of Christ on those days and every day!



GIFT OF ADORATION

In the Silence of Eucharistic Adoration
Let Him transform your heart. Jesus waits for you. Come rest in the presence of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The racing mind finds calm and the restless heart discovers direction. Spending even one hour in His presence has a ripple effect bringing clarity, strength and a renewed spirit into every aspect of life. The peace you've been searching for is closer than you think waiting in the silence of Adoration.
Cynthia Norlin



Contact Mike Ritch regarding PEA [832 231-7469](tel:832-231-7469)

FORMED

Are you looking to enrich your Advent experience this year? Start each day of Advent by listening to Dr. Michael Barber's short Advent reflections on his video series "The True Meaning of Christmas". You will learn where many of your favorite Christmas traditions originated by watching the twenty short episodes. In less than seven minutes you will be inspired to make this Advent one of you most meaningful preparations for Christmas. You may register for our free parish subscription at FORMED.org.



Sacred Heart Singles Ministry enjoyed the Village Players adaptation of "A Christmas Carol".



LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

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

- Dec. 9 Rosary 8:30 am, Mass 9:00am. LOSH Christmas Brunch/General Meeting 9:45 am, Lower Hall
- Dec. 12 Guild 3 St. Mary 9:00 am Mass followed by breakfast at Debra's
- Dec. 14/15 LOSH Bake Sale after all Masses

Please continue to deposit aluminum cans to recycle container in church parking lot.

**Something extra: empty Filly Feed bags available at December LOSH meeting. Return filled at January meeting

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers this weekend are donated by:



- ◇ Susan Harrell IMO Emma Stovall
- ◇ Walter/Judy Free, 63rd Anniversary
- ◇ Donald/Jeanne Combs IMO Mattie Combs

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



- ♥ Chris & Jackie Midolo, 43 years on December 17
- ♥ Walter & Judy Free, 64 years on December 17
- ♥ Happy Belated to Bob & Bonnie Lennen, 33 years on December 7

* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.



GIFT BEARERS

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



Gil & Mary Duran

Sign up to present the gifts at Mass in the white binder located in the Narthex. With questions, call **Marian LaVelle** at **501 209-2435**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ 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
- ◆ Jan, 3 Samaritan Ministries
- ◆ Jan. 7 Bi-monthly Blood Drive
- ◆ Jan. 7 Monthly Council Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall

** To join the Knights call **Bob Ward** at **501 416-1479**

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.hvsSacredHeart@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.

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**.

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 hvsacredheart@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	Betty Hoepner	Audrey Sitkowski
Nick Amrhein*	Theresa Drumwright	Hoa Huynh*	Jeffrey Smith*
Dennis Becker	Mary Gerau*	Georgia Janush	Mary Szczepaniak*
Brenda Benson	Ken Gordon	Alice Justus	Robert Steinpreis
Tony Bertrand*	Tim Gray*	Vivian Le*	Tillie Tylka
Annette Bono*	Larry Gremillion	Diane Prescott	Darin Wells*
William J. "Bill" Butler	John Guida	Don Prescott	
Evelyn Donnelly	Joan Hardt	Rustie Seghers	



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

Dec 7	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
Dec 9	9:00 am	GUILD 6 INTENTIONS	ST. TERESA GUILD 6
		EMMA STOVALL	SUSAN HARRELL
Dec 10	9:00 am	ROSEMARY TAYLOR	MARGARET URIDGE
Dec 11	4:00 pm	ALBERTINE LUYET	TOM/LINDA LUYET
Dec 12	9:00 am	DEL SCHEID	DIEGO/TERESA MICELLI
		DECEASED MEMBERS/ FAMILY	ST. MARY GUILD 3
Dec 13	9:00 am	TONY CIFELLI	MARK/KACKY LESLIE
Dec 14	4:00 pm	JOLENE COOK	LEW AKE
Dec 15	8:00 am	SUSIE CARDENAS	JAIME CARDENAS
	10:00 am	BETTY GONDA	MIKE/LINDA GONDA
		SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER

** = LIVING