

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## 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 29, 2024**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 30</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 31 New Year's Eve</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 1 New Year's Day</b> Parish Office Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 2</b> Office Closed 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
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 3 First Friday Mass &amp; Devotions</b> 09:45 am COR Group, Classroom D
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 4 First Saturday Mass &amp; Devotions</b> 09:00 am Mass 010:00 am St. Elizabeth Guild Breakfast, Upper Hall 11:00 am Annette Bono Funeral Mass 04:00 pm Mass - Epiphany if the Lord
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 5</b> 08:00 am Mass - Epiphany of the Lord 10:00 am Mass - Epiphany of the Lord

## 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.

## MEN'S CLUB 50/50 SUPER BOWL SQUARES

The 50/50 will work like your typical super bowl squares. The per square donation is \$20 and payout is as follows:

1st quarter: \$200, 2nd quarter: \$250

3rd quarter: \$200 and final score: \$350

You are allowed a max of 5 squares per person. Family members/relatives can participate. Our goal is to fill two boards (200 squares). If squares remain the final week in January, then you may purchase additional.

***This Men's Club fundraiser is to increase our financial donations to our selected charities.***

Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church, memo line: 50/50 raffle squares. Please indicate name and how many squares for each person. All checks mailed to: David Banaszynski 22 Fachado Way HSV, AR 71909 prior to the January 25 deadline. Numbers will be drawn by Men's Club Board Officers on January 27. Completed boards with all numbers will be sent to each Club's representative on January 29, 11 days prior to the Super Bowl. If you have any questions please contact Dave Banaszynski at **401-332-5999** or email [davidbanaszynski@gmail.com](mailto:davidbanaszynski@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for your participation!!

## MASS FOR LIFE

On January 19, 2025, Bishop Anthony B. Taylor will preside at the annual diocesan Mass for Life at noon at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, 617 Louisiana St., Little Rock. Prior to Mass, beginning at 11:20 am, there will be a Rosary for Life and a time of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited. Please join in our prayers for the legal protection of unborn children and for an end to the grave evil of abortion. After Mass, a grab-and-go lunch will be provided to make it easier for all to attend the Arkansas Right to Life's annual March for Life which begins at 2:00 pm.

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY CROCK POT DINNER

There will be a parish crock pot dinner on Sunday, January 5, in the Lower Hall. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex. Please indicate what your contribution will be. We will gather at 4:00 pm and the meal will begin around 4:30 pm. After we enjoy our meal and fellowship we will play bingo. Those choosing to play, please bring a gift valued between \$10 - \$15 for prizes. Come and join the fun!



## FOOD BASKET PICKUP

A truck full of food and presents were loaded by Mountain Pine students December 17th, made possible by Sacred Heart parishioners!!



A huge thank you to all those who volunteered and helped out!

## PASTORS COLUMN

I am sure all of us, if asked, could come up with names of people (and even ourselves) who have a hard time saying no when asked to do something. A more positive way to look at this is that there are people who seem to always say yes when something is asked of them. Dwayne Garret, who along with his wife Debbie (or Deb as she is called), admits that he is one of those persons (and I would say Deb is as well). He says that after he and Deb were welcomed by Bill and Diane Patterson to the parish, through our welcoming committee ministry, that they, when asked, not only became part of that ministry as "Welcomers", in a short time they agreed to head up that ministry, which they did with wonderful results (including starting a newcomer's dinner which was held once or twice a year. Through the invitation of others (Bob Honzik, Tom Donnelly, and Bill Nosek), Dwayne became an usher at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, a perpetual adorer and a 4th degree Knight. He felt blessed by helping in a variety of service projects of the Knights including Meals on Wheels, fundraising efforts to help people in need, soliciting sponsors for the St. John's Golf Tournament and the Campaign for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. He has joined others at the March for Life in Little Rock, helped at Special Olympics in Searcy, and has become a visitor of our homebound Knights of Columbus who appreciate someone visiting them in their homes. He has been inspired to get more and more involved with Jackson House and currently serves on the board of directors there.

Deb has gotten involved in both behind the scenes ministries such as Helping Hands (as a sunshine card sender to parish shut-ins) and leadership positions (as she is currently the President of LOSH. She is not only a faithful Eucharistic Adorer, but she is a division leader in our Eucharistic Adoration Ministry (in the 6 hour period in the mornings every day). She coordinates a Holy Hour among some members of her guild and is a Member of the National Eucharistic Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a blessing for her (and others) that she is a frequent participant in daily Mass.

From all that I've shared with you about Dwayne and Debbie, I hope you see as I do, a couple who puts the Lord first, in their spiritual lives and practices and from this flows their willingness to say "yes" to serving the Lord and others with a smile on their faces. One other thing that I have noticed and appreciate about them is their flexibility when it comes to working with me and others. They are always "up to the task" in a variety of ways! God bless you, Dwayne and Debbie.

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Though you've only been parishioners here for around 6 years, it seems like much longer and I pray with all that you do (and I'm sure will be doing going forward) that you continue to be a blessing and be blessed for years to come!



## GIFT OF ADORATION



Sometimes it can be hard to still our souls in Jesus' presence.

*"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations..."* St. Francis de Sales

There is a need for regular Adorers on Sunday at 7 - 8:00 pm and 8 - 9:00 pm

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

***The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the infant  
lying in a manger.***

*Luke 2:16*

## DECEMBER 31 TAX DEADLINE

For Income Tax purposes, your donations must be received by December 31 for them to be included in the year end contribution statement. Donations made from IRAs should be made payable to Sacred Heart Church. Your generosity is much appreciated!



## LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

- Jan. 6 LOSH Board meeting, 9:30am , Upper Hall
- Jan. 13 LOSH Rosary and Mass 8:45am, General Meeting, 9:45am, Lower Hall Speaker Lois Oswald from Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Something Extra - Parish Baby Shower items
- Return your Oaklawn Filly bags.
- Jan 31st/Feb 1st Women of Hope Retreat. Registration is still open at [womenofhope.org](http://womenofhope.org)

Remember to recycle your aluminum beverage cans at the bin in the large church parking lot.

### 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.



### GIFT BEARERS

One of the ways you can participate at Mass is to bring up the gifts and present them to the Lord. If every family would take one Sunday a year to present the gifts, all the Masses would be filled! Please consider taking a moment and sign up for a Mass in the white "Gift Bearers Book" in the Narthex. The 2025 pages have been added and are ready for your name.



### HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



- ♥ Kyle & Bonnye Carter, 4 years on December 31st
- ♥ Ron & Pat Cuba, 64 years on December 31st

\* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.

### EXERCISE CLASS ADJUSTED SCHEDULE

Enjoy (in moderation) the remainder your holidays and be ready to jump start the new year with classes resuming Thursday, January 2.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ♦ Dec. 28/29 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
- ♦ Jan. 15 4th Degree O & D Meeting 1:30 pm, Classrooms A & B
- ♦ Jan. 15 O & D Meeting 2:30 pm, Classrooms A & B
- ♦ Jan.18 Spaghetti Dinner, Lower Hall
- ♦ Jan. 18 District Midyear Mtg., KofCHall, Hot Springs
- \*\* To join the Knights call **Bob Ward** at 501-416-1479

### 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](mailto: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.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Has your address, email or phone number changed? Please inform the church office if your contact information has changed. Change of Information forms are located in the Narthex or call the office at 501 922-2602 ext. 10.

### SYMPOSIUM on HUMAN TRAFFICKING & PORNOGRAPHY IN ARKANSAS

Saturday, January 25 7:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Christ the King church, Little Rock

Attendees will hear from experts:

Fr. Jeffrey Bayhi, Fr. Chuck Swanson, Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, Former Scitlan Yard Inspector Kevin Hyland and Cyber Specialist Kevin Mecalf  
Free breakfast & lunch, 5:00 pm Mass  
Register for this free symposium at [dolrtaskforce.org](http://dolrtaskforce.org)

### 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	Lou Ann Kemper	Education	469-323-2505
Carolyn Bowers	Administration	501-915-8022	Sandy Darnell, Chair	Liturgy	602-418-3414
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Marian LaVelle	Liturgy	501-209-2435
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Mark Leslie	Parish Life	501-226-0074
Pat Kalisz	Building Complex/ Equipment	630-926-6637	Becky Jordan	Parish Life	901-605-0333
Russ Harrison	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-1767	Marge Newburn	Social Justice	501-922-9047
Larry Lipsmeyer	Cemetery/ Columbarium	501-922-3283	Pietro Tomassi	Social Justice	501-282-4427
Larry Stein	Finance	501-226-5105	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](mailto: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	Theresa Drumwright	Hoang Huynh*	Mary Szczepaniak*
Nick Amrhein*	Mary Gerau*	Georgia Janush	Tillie Tylka
Dennis Becker	Ken Gordon	Alice Justus	Darin Wells*
Brenda Benson	Tim Gray*	Vivian Le*	
Tony Bertrand*	Larry Gremillion	Diane Prescott	
William J. "Bill" Butler	John Guida	Rustie Seghers	
Evelyn Donnelly	Joan Hardt	Audrey Sitkowski	
Tom Donnelly	Betty Hoepner	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, at 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	28	4:00 pm	WILLIAM SCHANK	MARIE RADCLIFFE
Dec	29	8:00 am	SUSIE CARDENAS	ALL SAINTS GUILD 2
		10:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
Dec	30	9:00 am	MARGIE SHEPPARD	HELPING HANDS
Dec	31	9:00 am	WENDY ROBINSON	M/M RICK MEYERS
		4:00 pm	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
Jan	01	10:00am	MARGARITE ERNST	ALLEN FAMILY
Jan	02	9:00 am	CHRISTOPHER TEBBE	SHIRLEY TEBBE
Jan	03	9:00 am	BERNADETTE KERNEN	SISSI ARNOULT
Jan	04	9:00 am	DECEASED MEMBERS OF GUILD 4	ST. ELEZABETH GUILD
		4:00 pm	NAMES ON REM. TREE	FR. BILL ELSER
Jan	05	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	JOHN PAUL WARREN	PHILIP ISGRIG

\*\* indicates living