

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

JANUARY 5, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Jan. 6
09:30 am	LOSH Board Meeting, Upper Hall
Tuesday	Jan. 7
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	Shawl Ministry, Classroom D
05:00 pm	KofC Monthly Council Mtg., Lower Hall
Wednesday	Jan. 8
09:00 am	Finance Council Meeting, Classroom D
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom A
11:00 am	Caregiver Support Group, classroom D
01:00 pm	Singles Game Day, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	Jan 9
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
06:00pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Jan 10
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
Saturday	Jan 11
04:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	Jan 12
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom B

SHJ ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

Every year Sacred Heart parishioners have donated money and items to two pregnancy help centers. One of the best ways to be pro life is to help mothers who make the decision to keep their baby. Change Point in Hot Springs and New Beginnings in Benton both serve these mothers (and fathers). The crib will be in the Narthex from January 11 through January 20. Items needed right now include formula (Similac Advanced 360, Similac Total Care and Gerber Extensive HA formula), crib sheets, size 2,4,5 & 6 diapers. An envelope will also be available if you prefer to make a cash donation.



MEN'S CLUB JANUARY MEETING

The January meeting for the Sacred Heart Men's Club will be on Tuesday January 14 at 5:00 pm in the Lower Hall. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will take place at 5:00 pm. The 5:45 pm dinner, catered by Chef Johnna, will be southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. Cost is \$15. The program speaker will be HSV General Manager Kelly Hale. Make meal reservations by phone at **501 922-1767** or email to rushharrison68@gmail.com by **5:00 pm Sunday, January 12**. No shows will be billed for the meal cost.

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

Join us today for a parish crock pot dinner on Sunday, January 5, in the Lower Hall. Sign up sheets are 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!



HEARTFELT THANKS!

I would like to express my overwhelming, sincere thanks for all this congregation has done for me and my family during the difficult times through Bob's illness, death and funeral. Friends brought food, called to check on me and offered assistance and prayers. From the LOSH ladies of Guild 2 for the wonderful dinner they prepared and served to family and friends after the service to the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, servers, lectors, ushers and Men's Club, I thank you. My church family has been with me every step of the way. I couldn't feel more loved and supported. Father Bill, thank you for always being there with prayers, support and Christian Love. Rick Darnell, thank you for stepping up to do the live streaming for my family and friends unable to attend. Thank you Lynne Border-Koon and the Resurrection Choir. The music was beautiful. Blessings to you all. *Renee Steinpreis and family*

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your 2024 Contribution Statements are available for pick up at the church office Tuesday through Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm or call the office **501 922-2062** to request your statement be mailed.

PASTORS COLUMN

Before deciding the subject matter for this pastor's column, I gave some thought to the fact that this is the first column of the new calendar year. As such, I want this column to touch on an important topic that potentially speaks to almost all of you, and be both an invitation for some and an affirmation for others.

The topic is the ministry of Eucharistic Adoration here at Sacred Heart Church. I say it's a ministry because anything that we do that is a commitment to the Lord, and is focused firstly on giving praise and thanks to God with words and/or with our presence with the Lord, is doing God's work as a faith-filled disciple. It also is a great blessing to those who say "yes" to participating in this ministry as can be attested to by most of our adorers some of whom have been doing it as a regular or sub for up to 10 years.

I would like to share with you the testimony of one of our Eucharistic Adorers:

" Eucharistic adoration—a journey from intimidation to comfort."

When I first walked into the chapel for adoration, I felt a wave of nervousness wash over me. The stillness felt heavy, and I questioned whether I belonged there. Would I know how to pray? What if I just sat there, frozen? That sense of dread was palpable.

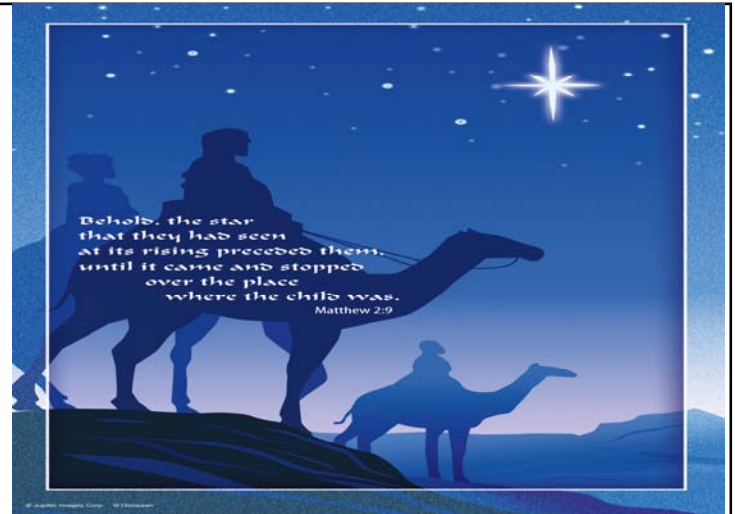
As I sat in silence, something remarkable happened. I began to realize that adoration isn't about perfection; it's about presence. It's not about saying the right words, but rather about being open to the love of Christ.

Slowly, the intimidation began to fade. I allowed myself to breathe, to listen, and to simply be. I found that in those moments of quiet, I could experience God's presence in a profound way. The chapel transformed from a place of anxiety to a sanctuary of peace.

What began as a daunting experience became a source of delight. I discovered that vulnerability is a gateway to deeper connection. As I opened my heart, I felt enveloped in God's love—a comfort that reassured me I was exactly where I needed to be.

Written by: Cindy Norlin

Please consider at the start of the new year joining so many in the parish in this ministry as a regular or sub and experience blessings that will be many for you, your family, your parish family and others that you can pray for in the presence of the Lord!! Call **Mike Ritch 832 231-7469** to get started.



GIFT OF ADORATION



"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going...I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am my Father, and you in me, and I in you. John 14:1-4, 18-20

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**

K OF C BLOOD DRIVE



The next Arkansas Blood Institute Blood Drive supported by the K of C and hosted by Village United Methodist Church, 200 Carmona Rd., is 8:00 am -2:00 pm Tuesday, January 7, 2025. **There is an urgent need for blood at this time.** Previous donors with emails have been sent an email reminder. New donors may contact **Debbie at 913 209-8571**. Thank you in advance for your "gift of life."

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**.



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

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

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. Thanks in advance for your participation!!

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



♥ Joseph & Donna Yadron, 63 years on January 6

* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.

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

cf. Baruch 5:5

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ 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
- ◆ Jan. 19 AR March for Life Mass Cathedral of St. Andrew, LR 12:00 pm
- ◆ Jan. 19 AR March for Life State Capitol, LR 2:00 pm
- ◆ Jan. 21 Assembly 2316 Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING

The January 7 monthly Knights of Columbus meeting will begin with praying the at 5:00 pm. As of now, there is one candidate to be Exemplified. We may have Tiffany Bishop to speak on CASA. The Granada Grill will cater a delicious meal of a taco bar with beef and chicken, hard and soft shells, rice and beans, lettuce, pico, cheese, onion, tomatoes and salsa. For dessert, Fr. Bill's ice cream. Meal cost is \$15.

Please call or email **Mark Leslie** 501 226-0074 or pops.leslie@verizon.net and let him know if you will be attending and would like a meal. If bringing a guest, please provide their name. Mark will be set up to take dues and hand out 2025 membership cards.



9 DAYS FOR LIFE AND DAY OF PRAYER

Please join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, from January 16 through January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more at www.9daysforlife.com.

On January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance.

For more information: respectlife.org/January-22

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	Marian LaVelle	Liturgy Chair	501-209-2435
Bob Honzik	Stewardship	501-922-2702	Alison Kordsmeier	Liturgy	501-463-8625
Murray Claassen	Stewardship	501-908-4346	Larry Helton	Parish Life	903-278-9761
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	Jackie Fox Tomassi	Social Justice	501-282-3427
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 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	Theresa Drumwright	Hoa 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

Jan	04	4:00 pm	DECEASED MEMBERS OF GUILD 4	ST. ELIZABETH GUILD
Jan	05	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	JOHN PAUL WARREN	PHILIP ISGRIG
Jan	06	9:00 am	BOB STEINPREIS	ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD
Jan	07	9:00 am	SUSIE CARDENAS	PHYLLIS MELENSON
Jan	08	4:00 pm	JAN LIPSMeyer	DC. LARRY LIPSMeyer
Jan	09	10:00am	ANDY CARNEY** & ROSEMARY TAYLOR	MARGARET URIDGE
Jan	10	9:00 am	TAUNIE STROMER**	MARIE RADCLIFFE
Jan	11	4:00 pm	JUNIOR WILKEN & MARY ZELHOFER	KAY WILKEN
Jan	12	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	JOHN KOLODZIEZYK	JIM/LORI BERGSTROM

** indicates living