

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES

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| 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

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

CONFESSION

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| 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

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Monday | Nov 25 |
| 10:00 am | Bereavement Session, Classroom D |
| 12:30 pm | All Saints Guild Hand & Foot, Upper Hall |
| Tuesday | Nov 26 |
| 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 |
| Wednesday | Nov 27 |
| 12:00 pm | Thanksgiving Meal Set-up, Lower Hall |
| 01:00 pm | Singles Hand, Knee & Foot, Upper Hall |
| 01:00 pm | Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall |
| Thursday | Nov 28 |
| | Thanksgiving Day, Parish Office Closed |
| 09:00 am | No Mass |
| 11:00 am | Thanksgiving Day Mass |
| 12:00 pm | SHJ Thanksgiving Meal, Lower Hall |
| Friday | Nov 29 |
| | Parish Office Closed |
| | COR Group, Classroom D |
| Saturday | Nov 30 |
| 04:00 pm | Mass |
| Sunday | Dec 1 |
| 08:00 am | Mass |
| 10:00 am | Mass |

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 Angels or unreturned gifts.



VOTE

Pastoral Council elections are this weekend. Please remember to place your vote.

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.**

SACRED HEART THANKSGIVING DINNER



Please join us for Thanksgiving dinner at 12 noon in the Lower Hall. Chef Johnna will be preparing a delicious meal consisting of roasted whole turkey and gravy, cornbread dressing, sweet potato louse, green bean casserole, corn pudding, ambrosia salad, fresh cranberry sauce, rolls & butter. There will also be coffee and tea. For dessert, we are asking those of you who would like to, bring a dessert. This will provide a wonderful array of delicious desserts for all to share. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you plan on sharing a dessert. The cost is \$15 per person. The sign-up sheet will remain in the Narthex through *Sunday, November 24* with a basket available for you to place your checks. If paying cash, please use an envelope and put your name on it. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship.

READERSHIP SURVEY

Arkansas Catholic is conducting an online readership survey with readers of the print and/or digital editions. The survey will take about 5 to 6 minutes to complete, covering various topics related to articles and advertising in the diocesan newspaper and its digital platforms. All readers 18 years old and older are invited to complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZPZ6ZZ3>. One winner of a \$250 Amazon gift card will be chosen from those who completed the survey and shared their contact information with us. No purchase is necessary to enter the sweepstakes. The survey will be open until Dec. 8th. The winner will be randomly drawn on or around Dec. 10th.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This weekend, November 23/24, is the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Through this appeal, you help people living in poverty and struggling on the margins of society by giving them a hand. One fourth (25%) of the funds received remain with Catholic Charities of Arkansas to assist our poor and vulnerable. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS

The sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Indiana, would like to thank you. We appreciate your in-kind donations of cancelled US and foreign stamps. Your donation makes a world of difference! Thank you for support of our ministry. You are in our prayers. God Bless!

PASTORS COLUMN

While we are blessed to witness so many couples in our parish who have been married for so many years (40, 50, 60, or even more), the reality is that the success rate of marriage in the United States is still only about 50%, (including 41% of first-time marriages). This is tragic and obviously affects many more people than the couple themselves starting with their children. As many of you have concerns about your children and grandchildren when it comes to the civil dissolution of so many marriages, I want to share with you what Matthew Kelly shares in one of the chapters of his book, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory", a book that I hope to have in everyone's hands by Christmas this year. On Day 17, he makes a claim about married couples in a city in Bosnia-Herzegovina that is hard to believe. There are approximately 30,000 inhabitants in the city of Siroki-Brijeg and there has not been a single recorded case of divorce there in recent memory! This is a country in which Catholics have experienced much suffering due to religious persecution. Through this they have learned and are passing on an EPIC lesson, sacrifice and salvation are inseparably connected. In part, this has played itself out through the development of a unique wedding ritual (which I was introduced to and used at the wedding of one of my nephew's (Zach) to his now wife (Alyssa). On the day of their wedding, the couple brings a crucifix to church where it is blessed by the priest during the wedding ritual and these words are said to the couple: "You have found your cross. And it is a cross to be loved, to be carried, a cross not to be thrown away. During the exchange of vows, the bride places her right hand on the crucifix and the groom places his hand over hers. The priest places his stole around their hands, and therefore around the cross too. After exchanging their vows, the first kiss is not between them, but rather both kiss Jesus on the cross, and only afterward kiss each other. After the ceremony is over the newly married couple takes the crucifix to their home and display it prominently somewhere in their home and daily (and consciously) bring their hopes, dreams, struggles, worries, gratitude and sorrows and lay them at the foot of the Cross of Jesus Christ! They kiss the cross every night before they go to bed, and when they have children and the children are old enough, they too kiss the cross each night after their parents do. Kelly says in this booklet, "Love and sacrifice are inseparable. Suffering and salvation are inseparable! In a fallen world, broken by selfishness, and bent out of shape by pride, greed, wrath, envy, lust, sloth and gluttony, love requires sacrifice." (pg. 83) Jesus's life was a life of love and sacrifice which culminated in his death on the cross and brought redemption and salvation to the human race!

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Whether it be married life, single life, or religious life, Jesus and his example are there for us to reflect on and imitate daily and all of us can and should literally or figuratively kiss the cross every day and experience the many blessings that come to married couples and individuals whose love is given first to Christ and then to others in Christ-like ways!

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.



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](tel:832-231-7469)

FORMED

Dr. Tim Gray wrote a book that delves into the biblical origins for each of the sacraments. Gray helps readers understand that Christ's deliberate acts were to inaugurate these sacred signs. He does this by guiding his readers through the Gospels. Go to "Sacraments in Scripture" by Tim Gray on your subscription to Formed to obtain this book. If you haven't signed up for your free parish subscription to Formed, go to FORMED.org and register.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This special collection is taken up in all parishes nationwide *Nov. 30/Dec. 1*. 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](tel:501-664-0340).

HELP WITH LIVESTREAM

Wanted: One or two parishioners to assist with live streaming Sunday Mass and funerals on a rotating basis. With one or two additional volunteers, the responsibility may be only one weekend a month. Funerals vary as family requests are made for this service. Training and a detailed step - by - step "User Guide" will be provided. Contact [Shawn Clark](tel:713-419-4353) at [713 419-4353](tel:713-419-4353) if interest. Thank you for your help!



LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

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

- Nov. 27 LOSH team will set up and clean up for the Thanksgiving dinner.
- Registration for "Women of Hope" retreat at Christ the King Church in Little Rock Jan. 1 and Feb. 1 will be available Dec. 1 at www.womenofhope.org.
- Dec. 9 Losh Christmas Brunch. Make sure you have your ticket.
- Recognition of Blue Ribbon (20 years) and Gold Star (25 years) recipients
- Check out the LOSH page on the SHJ website for pictures and calendar information updates

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers this weekend are donated by:



- * Bill Connelly IMO Millie Connelly
- * Betty/Dick Hoepner, 60th Anniversary
- * Joan/Dan Murphy, 7th Anniversary
- * Evelyn/Tom Donnelly, 59th Anniversary
- * Marie Radcliffe IMO William Schank

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



- ♥ Keith & Patricia Faust, 25 years on Nov. 25
- ♥ Ron & Carol Ostendorf, 58 years on Nov. 26
- ♥ Don & Ann Dierks, 64 years on Nov. 26
- ♥ Tom & Evelyn Donnelly, 59 years on Nov. 27
- ♥ Mark & Rebecca Hittner, 42 years on Nov. 27
- ♥ Butch & Deb Grigone, 10 years on Nov. 28
- ♥ Steve & JoAnn Frazier, 34 years on Dec. 1

* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.

GIFT BEARERS

The following parishioners have volunteered to bring up the gifts this weekend at 5:00 pm 10:00 am:

- ** Dan and Joan Murphy
- ** Iliana and Al Pineda

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ Dec. 3 Monthly Council Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ◆ Dec. 5 Free Throw Shooting Competition, Jessieville H S Sporting Complex
- ◆ 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

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

SINGLES CORNER

Sign up in the **Singles Book** and join us for lunch at the Sunset Grill at 11:30 December 13: Muses Voices of Angels, cost is \$25. Checks made payable to Susan Harrell no later than December 9. Last chance to enjoy the Muses with our group discount. Sign up in the **Singles Book** to join for dinner at 4:00 pm at Granada Mexican Grill.

December 17: Singles Christmas party at The DeSoto Club 2 - 5:00 pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Contact Debbie or Susan before December 10 or email singles.hsvsacredheart@gmail.com.

Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope."

---Pope Benedict XVI

2024 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Knights of Columbus 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign has ended. We would like to thank all parishioners who donated. The following organizations are the recipients of your generosity: Change Point Pregnancy Center in Hot Springs, New Beginnings Pregnancy Resource Center in Benton, Arkansas Pregnancy Resource Center in Little Rock and Arkansas Right to Life in Little Rock. If you have a bottle that you have not returned, please bring it back to the church with or without a donation. There will be a basket in the Narthex.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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| 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.

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| 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

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| Nov | 23 | 4:00 pm | CODY, MARK, SHAWN OSTENDORF | M/M RON OSTENDORF |
| Nov | 24 | 8:00 am | JIM MILLER | RITA MILLER |
| | | 10:00 AM | SHJ PARISHIONERS | FR. BILL ELSER |
| Nov | 25 | 9:00 am | FRANCES CALDWELL | ALAN/MARY SENANDER |
| Nov | 26 | 9:00 am | LUCINE LAKEBRINK | MIKE LAKEBRINK |
| Nov | 27 | 4:00 pm | TONY CIFELLI | RON/DARLENE BARTA |
| Nov | 28 | 11:00 am | DAVE/KATHLEEN WITCHGER ** | FRANK BENDA |
| Nov | 29 | 9:00 am | NICK AMRHEIN ** | PHIL/KATERI AMRHEIN |
| 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 |

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