

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Tuesday through Friday
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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

JANUARY 26, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Jan. 27
02:30 pm	All Saints Guild Hand & Foot, Upper Hall
Tuesday	Jan. 28
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	Jan. 29
10:00 am	St. Anthony Guild Meeting, Classroom D
01:00 pm	Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	Jan. 30
09:30 am	Rosary Makers, Classroom B
09:45 am	Guild 5 Business Meeting, 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	Guild 3 Business Meeting, Classroom D
06:00pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Jan. 31
Saturday	Feb. 1 First Saturday Mass & Devotions
09:00 am	Mass
04:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	Feb. 2
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom B

PARISH BREAKFAST

On Sunday, February 2, the Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to a Parish Breakfast after both Masses. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage patties, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, juice, coffee tea and water. Cost of this breakfast is a **good will offering payable by CASH or CHECK**. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for planning purposes. All breakfast proceeds are used to help fund Knight charitable activities throughout the year. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*



AR CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual men's conference held in the Diocese of Little Rock will be Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. It features speakers who impact men's lives with their passion for Christ and His Church. Free registration at arcatholicmen.com

SHJ CALENDARS FOR 2025

The 2025 calendars are available to parishioners this weekend in The Narthex after all Masses. Please take one per family. Our benefactor this year is The Ike Eisenhower Insurance Agency.



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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (also known as Candlemas Day) is Sunday, February 2. You are invited to bring candles that will be blessed at the beginning of both Masses in the Narthex There will be liturgical candles that can be purchased after Masses.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Don't miss the stories that matter to your faith. *Arkansas Catholic*, your award winning diocesan newspaper, brings you inspiring local Catholic news, thoughtful commentary and spiritual enrichment each week. For less than the cost of a monthly streaming service you can have *Arkansas Catholic* delivered to your door. The print edition is \$32/year (\$30 for seniors). There is a February offer for new print subscribers - receive a free copy of "Lenten Gospel Reflections 2025" by Bishop Robert Barron. It is a perfect companion for you Lenten journey.

- ⇒ Pick up an envelope
- ⇒ Visit arkansas-catholic.org
- ⇒ Call **501 664-0125**

Free digital editions at <https://digital.arkansas-catholic.org> to sign up.

A stronger faith connection is a mere subscription away.



LOSH GOLF TOURNEY SAVE THE DATE

The 2025 LOSH Charity Golf Scramble will be on Monday, April 28 at Isabella Gold Course. Specific details to come!



CASA

"Religion is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (James 1:27, NAB) The *Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal 2025* kicks off next weekend, February 1 & 2. A portion of your CASA gift goes to Catholic Charities here in Arkansas. Help reach your world with the love of Christ. Please return our CASA gift/pledge in the envelopes that were sent to your home or those provided at the church.

***O sing a new song to the Lord;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
Strength and honor in his holy place.***

cf. Psalm 96 (95): 1,6

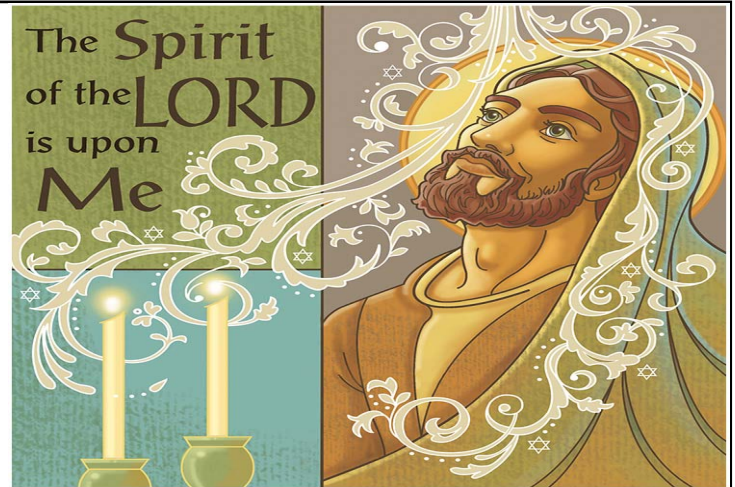
PASTORS COLUMN

For some who are reading this pastor's column, this will be a review. For others it will be new to read. For all, I pray it will be an inspiration and a source of reflection and appreciation for what so graciously is offered at every Mass we attend.

For the 18th day in the "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory", Matthew Kelly starts with a question: "What do I get out of it?" We all are guilty at times of deciding whether to do something or be involved in something based partly or entirely on whether or not I benefit from it. Of course, from a Christian perspective we should be Christ-like in looking to do things for the benefit of others and thereby for the glory of God. When it comes to our coming to and participating in Mass with our minds, hearts and voices turned firstly to God, we can be a wonderful example to others of how important it is to join together in the most powerful prayer we have, "THE MASS" and give God the honor, glory, praise and thanksgiving that is befitting to the God who created us (The Father), who redeemed and saved us (the Son, Jesus Christ) and who is ready to guide and sanctify our lives (The Holy Spirit). Time spent before and after Mass can also be of benefit to others and ourselves in the fellowship we share with each other.

It is okay, however, for us to recognize and celebrate the many benefits that come to each of us (which are many) at every Eucharistic celebration especially when we encounter Jesus one on one in the reception of Holy Communion. Matthew Kelly says (and I hope we all agree) that each time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus gives us the extraordinary gifts to help us live the life we were made for. He then lists some of the fruits and gifts that flow into our soul each time we receive the Eucharist. I ask that you read, contemplate, and then give thanks for these; *friendship with Jesus, desire to know and do the will of God, cleansing of venial sin, hunger for virtue, grace to avoid sin in the future, a heart that listens to the Holy Spirit, and a desire to know and love God.*

Kelly says that these gifts and the fruits that flow from the Eucharist (including time spent in Eucharistic Adoration) can (and hopefully will) lead to having better relationships, doing our best work, and have more clarity about every decision we make in our lives. If you haven't started the "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" I pray that you choose a day to start and stay with it to the finish. I know that when taken seriously it can transform you in ways that you can never appreciate until you finish it.



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GIFT OF ADORATION



"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices." St. Teresa of Avila

There is a need for regular Adorers on Sunday at 7 - 8:00 pm and 8 - 9:00 pm, Saturday 12:00 - 1:00 am and 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

Christ the King Church in Little Rock will host this one day retreat from 8:00 am-3:00 pm Saturday, February 1. "*Women of Hope, A Day Retreat*" provides a simple and sacred day of retreat in which women can be filled with Jesus, the author of hope. The day will fill your souls and transform your heart. All women in the Diocese of Little Rock are invited. Lisa Cotter is the feature speaker. Franchelle Jaeger will be retreat guide and Sarah Kroger is to lead praise and worship. The event will include Mass with Bishop Taylor, reconciliation, adoration, presentations, music and lunch. An evening preparation will be offered from 5:15 pm to 8:00 pm Friday, January 31. It will include quiet meditation, reconciliation, guided reflection, adoration and benediction. The cost is \$70per person. Register at womenofhope.org.

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

- Due to the January General Meeting cancellation. Lois Oswald from Make-A-Wish is rescheduled for April
- Jan. 27 Guild 2 Hand & Foot 12:30 pm, Upper Hall
- Jan 31 Women of Hope in Little Rock.. Contact Cathy Raney cathy.raney@gmail.com or womenofhope.org
- Feb. 3 LOSH Board Meeting 9:45 am, Upper Hall
- Feb. 10 General Meeting 9:45 am, Lower Hall. Guest Speaker Kathy Sanders about Oklahoma City bombing, and forgiveness.

Something extra (Feb. 10) fund donations for golf tournament snacks.:

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers this weekend are donated by:



- ◇ Millie Connelly IMO Donna Connelly
- ◇ Pat & Mary Rankin IMO Dan & Joan Rankin
- ◇ 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.

MEN'S CLUB SUPERBOWL 50/50

Thank you to all who contributed to our 50/50 fundraiser. Both boards sold out!! Numbers will be drawn by Men's Club Board members on January 27. Completed boards to reps by January 29.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



- ♥ Joseph & Shirley Lemmler, 68 years on February 2
- ♥ Pietro & Jackie Tomassi, 34 years on February 2
- ♥ Jack & Bernadette Christ, 19 years on February 3

* Call the church office to provide your anniversary date.

GIFT BEARERS

What an honor to carry the wine, hosts, and offerings at Mass for consecration. Gift Bearers actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory. No special skill or permanent ministerial duty required. It enables us to appreciate how God invites man to participate in bringing to fulfilment his handiwork. Sign up in the white binder in the Narthex to be a part of this beautiful and significant part of Mass.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ◆ Feb. 2 Parish Breakfast after both Sunday Masses
- ◆ Feb. 4 Monthly Council Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ◆ Feb. 7 Samaritan Ministries
- ◆ Feb. 14 4th Degree Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance
- ◆ Feb. 17 President's Day Flags, 8: 30 am Rosary, 9:00 am Mass
- ◆ Feb. 19 O & D Meeting 2:30 pm, Classroom D
- ◆ Feb. 27 Bow Ties for Babies Fundraiser (Benton Event Center) 5:30-9:00 pm

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

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

Today's special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas. The support the Dioceses of Little Rock receives from this national collection helps the Diocesan Council for Black Catholics and other ministries, events and formation to encourage the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. This collection has supported evangelization programs in almost every diocese in the United States for more than 130 years. For additional information, contact the Stewardship and Development Office at 501 664-0340.

MEETING ROOM RESERVATIONS

When planning a meeting/event, please review our Parish Calendar on www.hvsacredheart.com to ensure date availability and that upcoming events are reserved properly. This parish has MANY ongoing/recurring and special events and we strive to make certain rooms or halls are reserved to accommodate and coordinate all parish groups. Please utilize the **Room Reservation** form available in the office, the A & E hallway or print a copy from the website. You'll find the form under the Parish Information tab. The last sub-tab is Forms. Once completed, drop your request at the office or scan and email to hvsacredheart.com.

AARP SAFE DRIVER PROGRAM

Improve your driving skills and be a safe driver. Open to AARP members and non-members alike. Detailed information coming soon.

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 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
Nick Amrhein*
Darlene Barta
Dennis Becker
Brenda Benson
Tony Bertrand*
Evelyn Donnelly
Tom Donnelly

Theresa Drumwright
Mary Gerau*
Ken Gordon
Tim Gray*
Larry Gremillion
Joan Hardt
Betty Hoepner

Hoa Huynh*
Alice Justus
Vivian Le*
Rustie Seghers
Audrey Sitkowski
Jeffrey Smith*
Mary Szczepaniak*

Tillie Tylka
Darin Wells*
Pat Widlowski



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	25	4:00 pm	DON PRESCOTT	FRANK BENDA
Jan	26	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	ELAINE REYNOLDS	WALLY/MARGE NEWBURN
Jan	27	9:00 am	GOODSON FAMILY**	PHYLLIS MELENSON
Jan	28	9:00 am	NO MASS	
Jan	29	4:00 Pm	NORA BIDDLE	DICK BIDDLE
Jan	30	9:00am	WILLIAM SCHANK	MARIE RADCLIFFE
Jan	31	9:00 am	BOB STEINPREIS	FRANK BENDA
Feb	1	9:00 am	NAMES ON REMEMBRANCE TREE	FR. BILL ELSER
		4:00 pm	PAT GARROT	BOB/HELEN GORDON
			JOHN MIERZWIAK	BOB/BETTY MIERZWIAK
Feb	2	8:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
			FR. VICTOR BIEBERLE	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	DAVID TEBBE	SHIRLEY TEBBE

** indicates living