

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Feb. 17
09:30 am	Patriotic Rosary
10:00 pm	Guild 4 Birthday Boxes, Classrooms A & B
03:00 pm	Family Assistance Meeting, Classroom D
Tuesday	Feb. 18
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
03:00 pm	Guild 6 Book Club, Classroom D
Wednesday	Feb. 19
01:00 pm	Singles Hand, Knee & Foot, Upper Hall
01:00 pm	Spades and Table Games, Upper Hall
01:30 pm	Choir Practice
02:30 pm	K of C 3rd Degree O & D, Classrooms A & B
Thursday	Feb. 20
09:00 am	Village Cancer Walk Mtg., Classrooms A & B
09:30 am	Rosary Makers, 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 4 Funeral Committee Mtg., Classroom D
06:00pm	COR Group, Classroom D
Friday	Feb. 21
09:45 am	COR Group, Classroom D
Saturday	Feb. 22
04:00 pm	Mass
Sunday	Feb. 23
08:00 am	Mass
10:00 am	Mass
11:15 am	Youth Faith Formation, Classroom B

HARVEY'S CHAPEL

Harvey's Chapel Baptist Church Closet in Mountain Pine needs donations of clothing, kitchen utensils, linens, small appliances, and small household items to distribute at no charge to the needy within their community. Please use bags and boxes (not too large) and in good shape for the elderly handlers and place them in the closet to the left of the church's main entrance for pick up and delivery. For large donations or with questions or to arrange a pick-up please call **501 472-5113**. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated!
Linda & Tom Luyet

K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 1 after 4:00 pm Mass in the Church Lower Hall. Come enjoy spaghetti and meatballs with sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee and water. The refreshment center will be open and carry outs will be available. This dinner's price is a *Good Will* offering. All net proceeds benefit local Knight's charities. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for planning purposes or contact Mike Gonda at img573@comcast.net for more information.



CATHOLIC ARKANSAS SHARING APPEAL

"But I will show you a more excellent way." (1 Corinthians 13:1). Love never fails. It is so much more than a mere emotion. Love opens our hearts (and our lives) and allows us to selflessly consider others ahead of our own needs, wants and desires. The same selfless love brought Jesus to the cross and it calls each of us to follow Him by reaching out to others that are in need. The Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal is a way for each of us to share in God's incredible love for the world by giving your financial support to others that need it so much. Become a CASA supporter today. Return your CASA gift/pledge in the envelopes that were sent to your home or those provided at the church.

K OF C CHARITY GOLF FOR ST. JOHN STUDENTS

Announcing the 17th Annual Knight's of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament benefitting St. John's School student financial assistance. There are currently 28 students that are experiencing a superb education due to this charity. Since the beginning of this event, over 330 children have been helped by this charitable donation. This year the tournament is scheduled to take place on July 12, 2025 at the Granada Golf Course. Please enter as soon as possible in order to guarantee a spot. Six teams missed out last year! Entry forms are on the credenza in the A & E hallway or can be obtained from the Sacred Heart website at www.hvsacredheart.com or the HSV K of C website at www.hsvkofc.org. This tournament cannot be successful without the wonderful business and individual hole sponsor support. With interest in being a hole sponsor or donor, the sponsorships begin as low as \$100. For any tournament, sponsor/donor or entry information please contact **Scott Krantz** at **512 626-7711** or scojean@yahoo.com.

ARKANSAS CATHOLIC - STAY CONNECTED

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PASTORS COLUMN

Last Sunday evening, I sent out a robocall that indicated that I had preached two very different homilies that weekend, one at the Saturday evening Mass and one at the two Sunday Masses. I remember indicating that the one on Saturday included the topic of immigration in our country. I said that after Saturday's Mass, and after hearing from a few parishioners, that the topic of immigration, that recently has included a call for "mass deportation" of those who are in our country without legal status, is complex and elicits strong emotions in some, and a homily is probably not the best place to try to speak about it from a Christian perspective.

After I attended a priest deanery meeting that previous Thursday afternoon, I found myself concerned about what some of our priests, especially our young priests "might" have to deal with in the future due to a directive that had been in place for over a decade that was recently rescinded that federal agents could not enter "sensitive" locations in search of people from other countries who did not have legal status in our country. This included churches and schools. Such a move, I believe, should be of concern to faith-filled people because in this country we hold dear the right and space we have for worship, religious education and even social gatherings, that should not be entered by law enforcement personnel unless given permission by those in charge of such facilities. I pray that a change will take place sooner than later that will once again respect and protect religious and school facilities from being entered by federal officials (unless in severe and life-threatening circumstances) without permission being granted. I hope you took time to read our bishop's recent letter that was in last week's bulletin about recent developments when it comes to those who are living in our country from other countries. One of the things I want to highlight that our bishop said (and that was similar to what Pope Francis recently communicated to the bishops of our country) is that our Catholic faith and its Tradition calls on us in this and every instance that involves human life (including of course the infant in a mother's womb) that our first focus and priority should ALWAYS be protecting and respecting the dignity of the person regardless of their status as determined for instance by their country of origin. When we start by looking at everyone as precious because they are made in the image and likeness of God and are loved by him, then we are hopefully going to treat them with dignity and respect, including and perhaps especially those who are poor and vulnerable (in imitation of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord). Seeking to develop and have the mind and heart of Jesus, will undoubtedly lead us to deal with the migrant in a way that first gives honor and glory to God and seeks what is truly most beneficial for the common good.



Your reward will be great in heaven

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GIFT OF ADORATION



There is a need for regular Adorers on Monday from 12:00 - 1:00 am (until April 1) and 2:30 - 4:00 am, Thursday 4 - 5:00 am and Saturday 12:00 - 1:00 am.

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

FORMED

Ash Wednesday occurs on Wednesday, March 5 this year. Your parish provided subscription to Formed has already provided entries to help you prepare to get the most out of your Lenten experience. One of these offerings, "How to Lent", a new short four part series will help you plan ahead and be ready for Lent. Sign up today to experience both Lent and Easter in the best way. Visit FORMED.org for this and more resources.

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

This weekend the special collection will be taken up in parishes across Arkansas for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. These countries and the former Soviet Union endured decades of communist oppression. Also emerging from the years of communist rule is the church, which suffered grave wounds to its spiritual life and its ability to serve. Now, it is vigorously involved in rebuilding the faith of its people. Proceeds from this collection, sponsored by the bishops of the United States, are used for things such as supporting religious education programs, training seminarians, expanding social ministries and rebuilding churches, convents and schools. For more information, contact the Stewardship and Development Office at [501 664-0340](tel:501-664-0340).

***Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold
to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.***

cf. Psalm 31 (30):3-4



LADIES OF SACRED HEART CORNER

- Thanks to Kathy Sanders for sharing with LOSH her experiences and information on the Oklahoma City bombing and Forgiveness.
- Thank you, Sharon Henry, for our monthly "Growing in Grace".
- March 10 General Meeting will have Lakey Goff as our Guest Speaker from Little Rock's Right to Life Living Wall.
- March will be "Monday Undies" for Something Extra.
- Continue recycling your beverage cans

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER



- ♦ Feb. 17 President's Day Flags, 8: 30 am Patriotic Rosary, following 9:00 am Mass
- ♦ Feb. 19 O & D Meeting 2:30 pm, Classroom D
- ♦ Feb. 20 St. Francis House, Little Rock SF 3:30 pm
- ♦ Feb. 27 Bow Ties for Babies Fundraiser (Benton Event Center) 5:30-9:00 pm
- ♦ Mar. 1 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 pm, Lower Hall
- ♦ Mar. 4 Bimonthly Blood Drive-Village United Methodist 8:00 am-2:00 pm
- ♦ Mar. 4 Monthly Council Meeting 5:00 pm, Lower Hall

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful altar flowers this weekend are donated by:



- ♦ 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 **Mark Lukasavige** at 314 443-9257.

AARP SAFE DRIVER PROGRAM



This is a new program. Improve your driving skills and be a safe driver. The program will take place Friday, February 28, 2025 from 11:00 - 3:30 pm in the Upper Hall. Sign up for this one day course in the A & E Hallway. On program day bring your Driver's License and AARP card along with a CHECK payable for \$20. Non AARP members should bring a check for \$25. Contact **Gene Widlowski** at 501 922-4145 with questions. Upon course completion, you may qualify for a discount on your auto insurance.

ROCK, POP, DOO WOP & A LITTLE LOVE

Join Voices Rising for an afternoon of nostalgia. Revisit the days of sock hops, AM radio and the music of your life as this 17 voice ensemble shares golden oldies such as "I Only Have Eyes For You" and "Too Marvelous For Words", "The Banana Boat Song", "Mister Bojangles" and "Do Wah Diddy Diddy!" The show is today, February 16 at 3:00 pm at the Village Bible Church. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. See Bill Lamoureux or Maureen Morgan for tickets. You may also purchase at the door prior to the concert. See you there!



Spring Magnificat Brunch

Saturday, March 1
10:00am-1:00pm

St. Joseph Spiritan Center



Guest Speaker: Fr. Emanuel Tanu
'God With Us'

Tickets: \$20, includes brunch

Register online: tinyurl.com/4awdmjth

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

Deadline to register February 21st

Questions: Contact Jalisa, jvalde1@aol.com, 501-514-0965

JANUARY REGULAR COLLECTIONS

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$37,224.00
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE	\$5,056.00

JANUARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS	\$2,532.00
BABY SHOWER	\$475.00
CALIFORNIA WIDFIRE COLLECTION	\$12,072.00

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	501-282-2030
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
Nick Amrhein*
Darlene Barta
Dennis Becker
Tony Bertrand*
Buddy Dixon*
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*

Patti Svitak*
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

Feb	15	4:00 pm	BOB STEINPREIS	RON/DARLENE BARTA
Feb	16	8:00 am	SUSIE CARDENAS	JAIME CARDENAS
			SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER
		10:00 am	JUDY HEASER	ALAN HEASER
			CARL SUTTOR	ANNA SUTTOR
Feb.	17	9:00 am	JOHN GUIDA	JIM/CAROLE HALLORAN
Feb	18	9:00 am	GORDON WILSON	KAREN/RICK MEYERS
Feb	19	4:00 pm	PAT GARROTT	FLOYD GARROTT
Feb	20	9:00 am	DANIEL MUNROE	LORRAINE MUNROE
Feb	21	9:00 am	KATHY GONDA	MIKE/LINDA GONDA
Feb	22	4:00 pm	BOB STEINPREIS	CIFELLI FAMILY
Feb	23	8:00 am	MARVIN YOUNG	TOM/CATHY AMENT
		10:00 am	SHJ PARISHIONERS	FR. BILL ELSER

** indicates living